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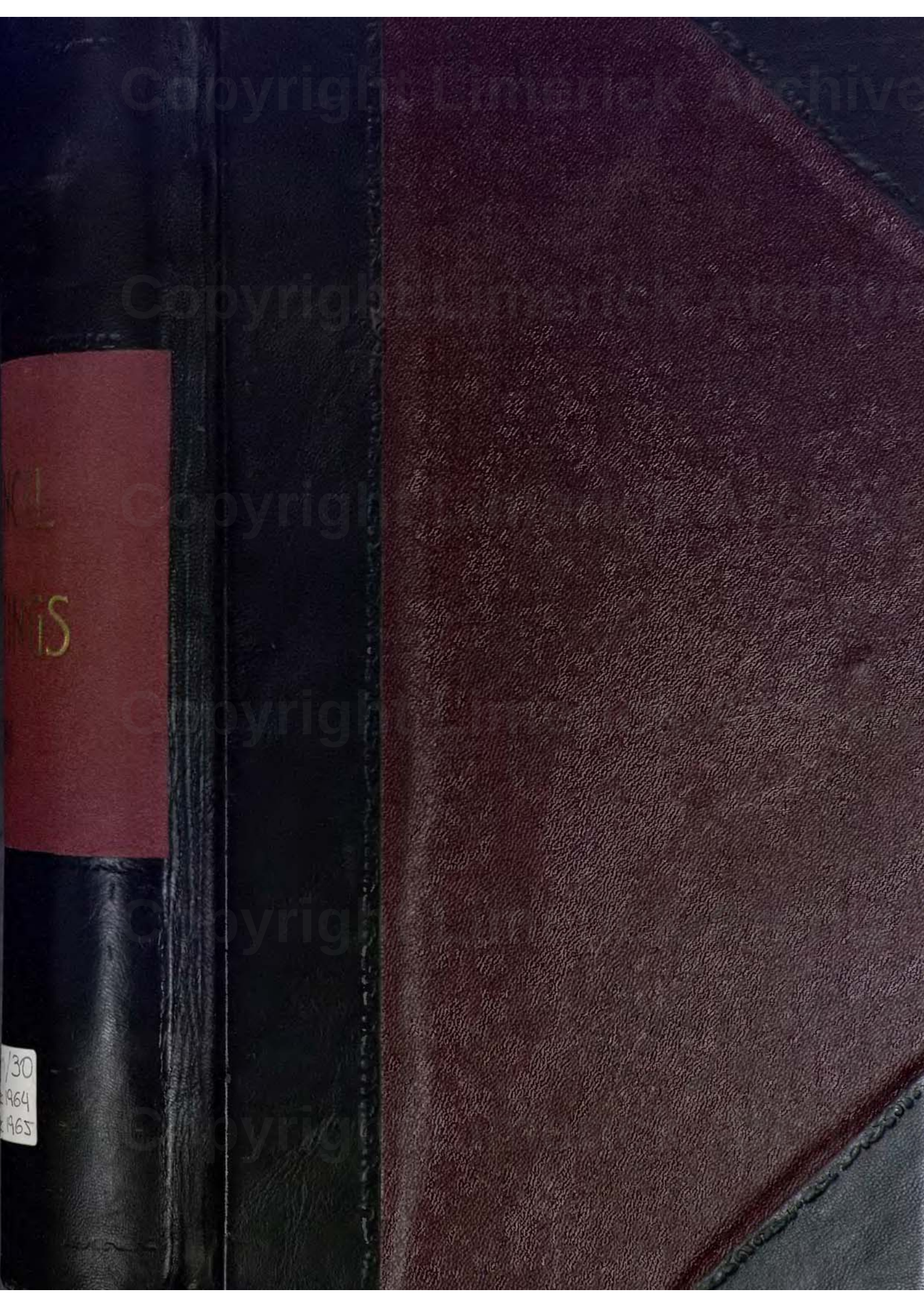

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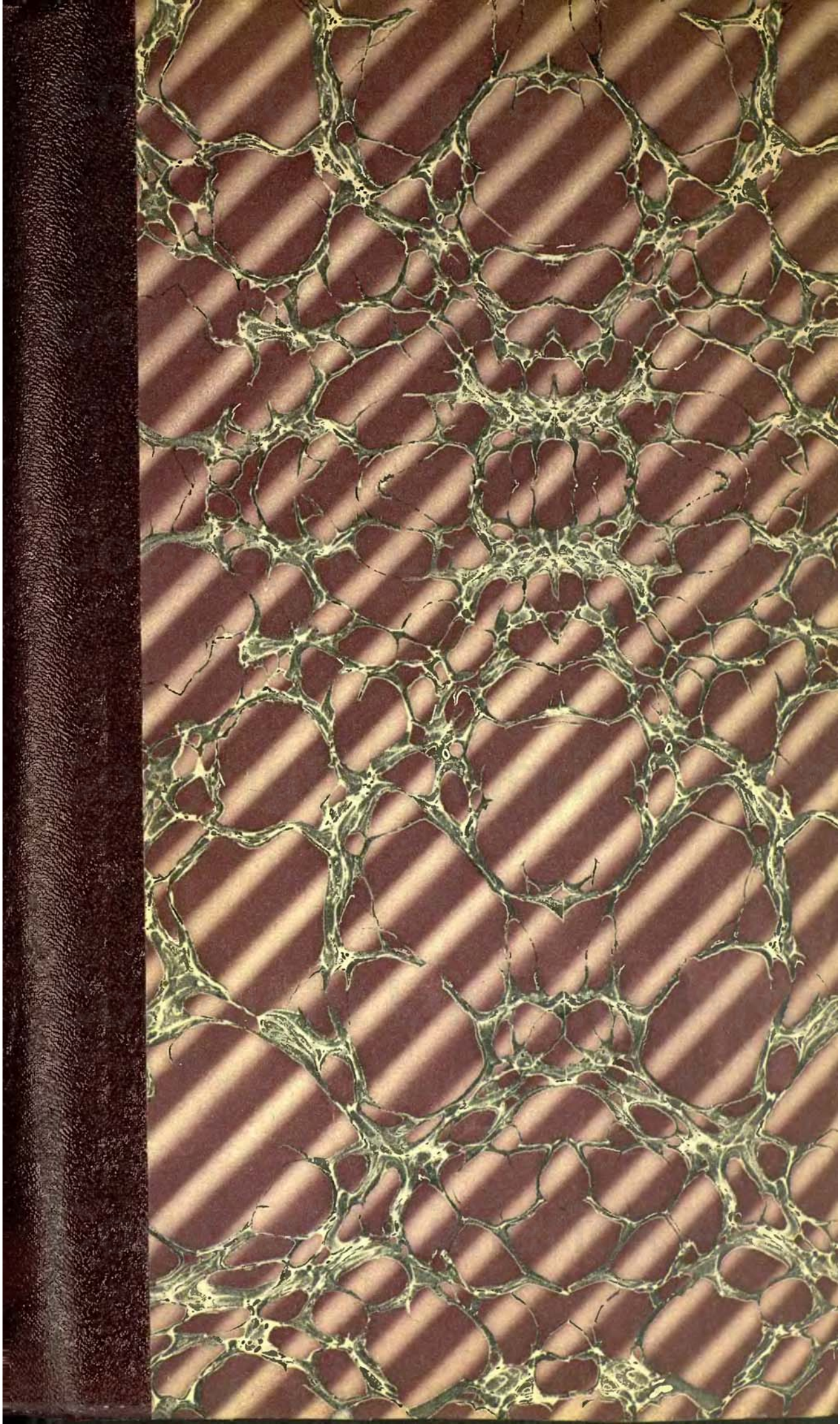

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BARDAS LUIMNIGHE.

Oifig Cleirigh na Cathrach,
Arus na Cathrach,
Luimneach.

3th January, 1965.

Notice is hereby given that a Quarterly Statutory Meeting of the Limerick City Council will be held in the County Courthouse, Merchant's Quay, (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 12th January, 1965, at 7.30 p.m. to dispose of the following business:

1. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 18th December, 1964.

2. To read general correspondence.

3. To consider Monthly Financial Statement and Departmental Reports for December, 1964.

4. Housing (and any reports in connection therewith).

5. To further consider reports on the Capital cost and Revenue expenditure and receipts on the St. Mary's Park, Killeely and Prospect Housing Schemes.

6. To approve of the borrowing by way of loan of the following.
(a) for Supplementary Grants under Housing (Loans & Grants) Act, 1962 ... £30,000

(b) for Reconstruction and Improvement Grants ... £25,000.

7. To consider circular G. 1/65 of the 4th January, 1965, from the Department of Local Government re rate of interest on borrowing from the Local Loans Fund.

8. To consider, and if so decided, to approve of revised scales of remuneration for certain officers of the Corporation (copy of City Manager's report herewith).

9. To consider the Auditor's report on the accounts of the Corporation for the year ended 31st March, 1963.

10. (a) to fix a date between 15th January and the 5th February, 1965, for a meeting of the Council to consider the demand and provisional estimate of the Limerick Health Authority,

(b) to fix a date for the meeting of the Planning Committee postponed from the 5th January, 1965.

11. To authorise the affixing of the Corporate Seal to any documents presented for sealing.

12. To receive notice of new works (if any).

13. Any other matter that may be legally considered at this meeting.

Your attendance at this meeting is requested.

Tomas MacLiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

To/ Each Member of the City Council.

5. SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.	31/3/1964	31/12/1964	31/12/1963
Arrears of Instalments due by Borrowers	£5,466	£6,878	£5,230

6. WATER CHARGES.	Current Year	Last Year
Arrears due on 30th November	£1,035	£4,335
Debited for Collection during month of December	£2,243	£4,627
Total for Collection	£3,278	£8,962
Collected and lodged during month of December	£1,530	£6,213
Balance outstanding at end of December	£1,748	£2,749

7. REVENUE ACCOUNT.	Current Year	Last Year.
Amount due To Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of December	£212,685	£170,202
Paying Orders issued but not cashed at end of December	33,092	48,236
TOTAL DEBIT BALANCE	£245,777	£218,438

8. CAPITAL ACCOUNT.	Current Year	Last Year
Amount due To Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of December	£377,958	£79,971

9. GAS ACCOUNT.	Current Year	Last Year
Amount due per Bank Pass Book No. 1. Revenue A/C to end of December	£152,277	£143,272
" " " " " " No. 2. do do.	12,314	15,872
" " " " " " CAPITAL A/C do.	3,668	£154,719

In pursuance of Section 16(2) of the Limerick City Management Act 1934, I have caused to be prepared by the City Accountant the foregoing statement of the financial position of the Corporation of Limerick on the last day of December with the corresponding figures for the same month and period last year.

Date: 7th January, 1965.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

8th January, 1965.

The approval of the City Council is sought to a proposal to submit for the sanction of the Minister for Local Government the following revised salary scales, with effect from the 1st October, 1963:

Office	Existing Scale	Proposed Scale
City Engineer	£2,115 x £72½ - £2,405	£2,300 x £100 - £2,800
City Solicitor	£2,115 x £72½ - £2,405	£2,300 x £100 - £2,800
Architect (Senior)	£1,770 x £57 - £2,115	£2,025 x £72½ - £2,460
Chief Fire Officer	£1,350 x £57 - £1,635	£1,725 x £67½ - £2,100
Architect Grade I	£1,350 x £57 - £1,635	£1,725 x £67½ - £2,100
Cleansing Superintendent	£760	£865
Storekeeper	£550 x £30 - £850	£600 x £30 - £700 x £35 - £1,035
Resident Engineer	£18.10s. to £20.10s. p.w.	Range £21 to £25.10s. p.w.
Clerk of Works	£12.10s. to £18.10s. p.w.	Range £17 to £21.10s. p.w.
Gas Engineer	£1,940 x £65 - £2,265	£2,115 x £85 - £2,625
Gas Foreman	£800 x £25 - £1,000	£925 x £30 - £1,165

The cost of the above proposals will be

up to 31/3/1965 ... £3,200

for year ending 1965/66 ... £2,300

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

To/ His Right Worshipful the Mayor
and each Member of the City Council.

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF LIMERICK

Ennis,

16th October, 1964.

An tAire Rialtais Aitiuil,
Teach an Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath.

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Corporation of the County Borough of Limerick for the year ended 31st March, 1963. Certified copies of the Abstracts of Accounts are enclosed.

Receipts, expenditure and closing balances on Revenue Account (excluding transactions of the Gas Department) for the year under audit and for the preceding year, 1961/62, are as follows:-

Year	Receipts	Expenditure	Debit Balance
	£	£	£
1961/62	820,036	819,943	16,154
1962/63	842,507	896,230	69,877

RECEIPTS:

Details of receipts for the same years are set out hereunder:-

Year	Municipal Rate	Government Contribution in lieu of Rates	Increase of rents of small Dwellings	State Grants	Other Receipts	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1961/62	343,914	7,647	85,387	156,586	226,502	820,036
1962/63	369,501	8,136	90,412	127,617	246,841	842,507

Increased receipts in the year under audit over 1961/62 arose mainly under the headings of Municipal Rate and associated revenue (i.e., increases in rents of small dwellings and Government Contribution in lieu of rates); Housing Rents; Repayments by Borrowers on Housing Loans; Housing Subsidy; Recoupable Expenditure and Water Rents and were more than sufficient to offset lower receipts under the headings of Road Fund and Cheap Fuel Scheme Grants.

RATE COLLECTION:

The comparative state of the rate collection is shown below:-

Year	Municipal Rate in £.	Total for Collection	Percentage Collected	Percentage Irrecoverable	Percentage Arrears.
	s. d.	£			
1961/62	50. 6	376,101	92.24	1.10	6.66
1962/63	53. 6	401,387	92,42	1.16	6.42

Every effort should be made to secure a further improvement in the collection.

RENT COLLECTION:

Particulars of the rent collection are as follows:-

Year	Number of Houses	Total for Collection	Percentage Collected	Percentage Irrecoverable	Percentage Arrears
	£	£			
1961/62	4,194	193,434	97.86	0.21	1.93
1962/63	4,241	211,246	98.09	0.07	1.84

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS INSTALMENTS:

Details of the collection or instalments on the repayments of Housing Loans are set out hereunder:-

Year	Total for Collection	Percentage Collected	Percentage carried Forward
	£		
1961/62	66,591	95.38	4.62
1962/63	77,965	95.14	4.86

Every effort should be made to secure an improvement in this collection. Receipts in 1962/63 in respect of redemption of old advances amounted to £1,300 which was credited to the Stock Redemption Fund Account, while a sum of £24,616 received as special redemption on new loans was credited to the Capital Account.

WATER RENTS:

Particulars of the water rent collection for the years under review are as follows:

Year	Total for Collection	Percentage Collected (including Allowances)	Percentage Carried Forward
	£		
1961/62	18,408	99.85	0.15
1962/63	19,947	98.86	1.14

GROUND RENTS:

The collection of ground rents (a large proportion of which do not fall due until the 1st March annually) in respect of sites leased by the Corporation was as under:-

Year	Total for Collection (less allowances)	Collected	Arrears
	£	£	
1961/62	2,777	2,034	743
1962/63	2,884	1,913	971

The necessary steps should be taken to obtain an improvement in this collection and also in the collection of lease, wayleaves and Miscellaneous Rents.

EXPENDITURE:

The expenditure for the years under comparison is classified as follows:

Service	1961/62	1962/63
	£	£
Roads	62,924	65,534
Health Services	163,079	178,440
Public Assistance Service	14,600	17,454
Sanitary	101,438	118,085
Housing	321,496	343,553
Vocational Education	15,123	14,795
Unemployment Assistance	12,444	12,636
Other Purposes	128.839	145,733
Totals	819,943	896,230

Excess expenditure on the amounts originally estimated was authorised by resolution of the Council in accordance with Section 11 of the City County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

The principal increases in expenditure as compared with 1961/62 occurred under the headings of Health and Public Assistance Services; Demand of the Limerick Health Authority; Scavenging; Water Supply; Housing Repairs and Loan Charges in respect of Housing of the Working Classes and on moneys raised for the purpose of making Housing Loans; Salaries and Retiring Allowances; Parks and Open Spaces; Bank Interest; Cheap Fuel Scheme: Fire Brigade and Materials Expense Account.

Debit Balance and Overdraft Interest:-

The net debit balance increased from £16,154 at 31st March, 1962 to £69,877 at the end of the year under audit and shows a further substantial increase in the subsequent financial year. It is, therefore, again necessary to draw attention to the grave need for levying a rate sufficient to cover the net revenue expenses of the financial year and for making due provision for the debit balance. Expenditure on overdraft interest (including overdraft on Capital Account) increased from £5,439 in 1961/62 to £8,048 in the year under audit.

Expenditure on Roads:

The amount expended out of revenue on the construction and maintenance of roads averaged £126 per mile in 1962/63 (£132 per mile in 1961/62).

Net Charge in respect of the provision of Houses:

The net charge on revenue in respect of the provision of houses averaged £14.2.9. on 4,241 houses (£16. 3. 7. per house on 4,194 houses in 1961/62.

Capital Account:-

Payments on Capital Account during the year under audit were as follows:-

Purpose	1962/63
	£
Roads	16,191
Sanitary Services	75,361
Housing (including Supplementary Grants)	220,092
Small Dwellings Acquisition Act Loans	199,082
Fire Brigade	449
Machinery Expense Account	1,959
Grant Foile Luimnighe Theatre	6,000
New City Hall Transfer Dormant Balance	222
People's Park House	85
Total	519,641

The net debit balance on Capital Account at 31/3/1963 amounted to £184,201.

Capital Debt:

The Corporation's total indebtendness on foot of loans and stock (inclusive of Gas Department) amounted to £5,324,876 at 31/3/1963 (£5,000,202 at 31/3/1962.

Gas Department:

The accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1963, show a net loss of £8,934 compared with a net profit of £2,609 for the previous year. A reserve of £3,000 was provided for repairs in the year under audit (nil in 1961/62) while the reserves for general stores stocks were increased from 20% to 25%.

A summary of the Revenue Account for the year under audit and for the preceding year is as follows:-

Receipts	1961/62 £	1962/63 £	Variations £
Gas Sales	127,628	141,568	- 13,940
Residuel Products	44,911	50,638	- 5,727
Other Receipts	5.747	4.728	- 1.019
	178.286	196.934	- 18,648

Expenditure	1961/62 £	1962/63 £	Variations
Manufacture of Gas	116,014	138,021	- 22,007
Distribution of Gas	21,308	27,314	- 6,006
Rent, Rates and Insurance	4,038	4,834	- 796
Management	31,478	29,963	- 1,515
Pension, Retirement Grants etc.	2,839	5,049	- 2,210
Loss on Applicances and Fittings account		687	- 687
	175.677	205.868	- 30.191

	1961/62 £	1962/63 £	Variations £
Net Profit for year	2,609		
Net loss for year		8,934	11,543

The quantity of gas sold during the year was 1,067, 866 Therms, an increase of 60,110 Therms, or 6% on that of the previous year.

The cost of coal carbonised for 1962/63 shows an increase of £13,573, due to increased production, to the higher cost of coal and to the fact that there was a decline in the yield of gas per ton, arising from the increased use of the old Horizontal Retorts. Repairs and Maintenance of Works Plant etc., and increased wages were the other main causes of the increase in the cost of manufacture of gas.

Details of expenditure (including expenditure on Modernisation of Dock Road Plant) capitalized during the year are as follows:-

	£
Plant and Machinery	1,115
Mains and Services	5,459
Reconstruction Dock Road Premises & Plant	55,444
Office equipment	83
Reconstruction 35, O'Connell Street	1,125
	63,226

The Balance Sheet at 31st March, 1963, shows that Bank Overdraft has increased by £78,559 (of which £54,835 represents capital expenditure which has since been financed by loan) while sundry creditors are reduced by £24,785 as compared with the previous year. On the Assets side the principal increases are Gas Works £55,444, Premises £1,125, Residuals £1,138, while there is a reduction of £4,770 in Coal Stocks, £3,407 in Plant and Machinery, and £1,913 on Fittings. The balance of accumulated profits to date now stands at £10,814.

General

The current premiums on the Corporations Insurance Policies and Fidelity Bonds of Officers have been paid.

The Accounts were presented for audit in a satisfactory manner and I desire to express appreciation of the co-operation received from the City Manager and Town Clerk and the officials of the Corporation during the conduct of the audit.

Mise, le meas,

Michael Moran.

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Corporation of Limerick,

Town Hall,

Limerick.

15th December, 1964.

	Prospect Housing Scheme	Kileely Housing Scheme
Capital Cost of Scheme	£201550	£171792
Total Revenue Expenditure on Scheme to 31/3/1964.	£421954	£391881
Total Revenue Income from Rent & Rates to 31/3/1964.	£168735	£186057
Total deficit for period.	£253219	£205824
Average Annual Deficit	£11510	£8233
Deficit was financed as follows:-		
Housing Subsidy	£113444	£132664
Rates Contribution	£139775	£73160
Total Cost of repairs on Scheme.	£48714	£37810
Average Annual Cost of Repairs for last ten years.	£3956	£2960
Average Annual Cost of Repairs for last five years.	£5095	£3068

Total Deficit on the combined housing schemes of St. Mary's Park, Prospect and Kileely. -

		Subsidy	Rates	Total
Total Deficit	1952	£18055	£14393	£32448
	1956	£17714	£15274	£32988
	1960	£16813	£14729	£31572
	1964	£16054	£18882	£34936

Signed _____

City Accountant.

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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CUSTOM HOUSE

DUBLIN

G.306/4
Circular No. G.1/65

4th January, 1965.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that the Minister for Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935, has given a direction under Section 12 of the Act fixing at 6½ per annum the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund made on or after 1st January, 1965.

Mise, le meas,

To each Local Authority.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK

ITEM 2.

To/

Planning Committee.

"DEVELOPMENT PLAN" - (PROVISIONAL PLAN)

The Department of Local Government's Circular PD.2, copy attached states that it is most desireable to prepare a provisional plan forthwith without waiting for the detailed surveys.

The preparation of this plan will precipitate a number of decisions and it is possible that on more nature reflection with the detail available from the surveys that it will be necessary to depart appreciably from the provisional plan.

The provisional plan while having no legal standing will serve as a useful basis on which to prepare the Development Plan and it is accordingly recommended that the Corporation agree to it's preparation and submission to the Department of Local Government with a proviso that nothing contained therein is to prejudice the Council's rights in relation to the preparation of the Development Plan.

N. C. BRENNAN, B.E.,
City Engineer.
31st December, 1964.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK

I T E M I.

To/

Planning Committee.

- DEVELOPMENT PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT

1. Aerial Survey - Department of Local Government has been requested to give approval for Aerial Survey.

2. Plan for road improvements has been commenced.

3. Preparation of "Land use Map" has been commenced.

4. "Conditions of Buildings" survey is progressing.

5. Proposal for Arthur's Quay has been sent to the Department of Local Government for approval in principle.

N. C. BRENNAN, B.E.,
City Engineer.
31st December, 1964.

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Limerick City Council

The monthly meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on the 18th December, 1964. The Roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members answered :

Aldermen : J. Carew, S. Coughlan, T.D., G. E. Russell.

Councillors : F. Glasgow, P. Kelly, P. Kiely, M. Lipper.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Engineer ; City Solicitor ; Architect ; City Accountant.

An apology was received from Councillor O'Sullivan for inability to attend.

At the outset, in the absence of the Mayor, Alderman Coughlan was unanimously moved to the chair.

ITEM 1 :

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kelly, " That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 9th November, of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

Proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, " That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 17th November, 1964, of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Ald. Carew, " That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 24th November, 1964, of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Ald. Carew, " That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 26th November, 1964, of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

ITEM 2 :

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, " That the minutes of the meeting of the Tenders Committee held on the 17th November, 1964, of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

ITEM 3 :

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Ald. Carew, " That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 1st December, 1964, of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

ITEM 4 : CORRESPONDENCE.

Submitted communication dated 15th December, 1964, from the Limerick County Council stating that the Council had adopted the suggestion made by the City Council that the itinerancy problem be examined on a regional basis. The County Council has appointed

thirteen members to act on the proposed joint committee. It was stated that replies had not so far been received from Clare, North Tipperary or Kerry County Councils. Noted.

The Council were informed that sanction had been received to all the relief schemes submitted. Noted.

The Council had been informed that approval had been received to the cheap fuel scheme and the scheme was in operation since the 7th December. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 17th December from the Staff Officer, Housing, stating that 22 dwellings in St. John's Scheme had been handed over and that arrangements were being made to have them let. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 27th November, 1964, from the Secretary, Department of Local Government, asking local authorities to support the "Buy Irish" Campaign to the fullest extent. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 12th November, 1964, from the Department of Local Government on the subject of driving tests, and the letter dealt in length with two individual cases where the Council had made representations and the letter pointed out that the position whereby a person taking up residence in this country must undergo the appropriate driving test was in accordance with international usage. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 24th November, 1964, from the Department of Local Government stating that the opinion expressed by the City Solicitor regarding the powers of the Council vis-a-vis the Manager in connection with staff appointments appeared to be correct, that is, that the Council have control over the creation of permanent offices and variations in the number of permanent offices, but that the executive functions in relation to appointment, control, etc., of officers or servants are excluded from the scope of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 7th December, 1964, from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Local Government, copy of which had been circulated prior to the meeting, stating that the Minister was grateful to the Council for the invitation to attend the meeting but regretting that owing to pressure of business he was unable to accept the invitation. The letter pointed out that the Minister intended to visit Limerick on the 15th December to introduce Dr. Nathaniel Lichfield. Invitations to attend a function in connection with this matter would be sent to members of the City Council.

Submitted acknowledgment of vote of sympathy passed by the Council from Mr. Michael J. Lee. The same was ordered to be noted in the minutes.

ITEM 5 :

Submitted departmental reports and financial statement for the month of November, 1964. Noted.

ITEM 6 : HOUSING.

Submitted report from the City Accountant giving details of the Capital cost of the St. Mary's Park Housing Scheme, the total revenue expenditure on this scheme and the total income from rent and rates to the 31st March, 1964. The Council asked that this report and similar information with regard to Prospect and Killeely be re-submitted to

the next meeting.

Sewerage at Greystones :

Ald. Russell said that the temporary sewerage arrangements at Greystones were not working effectively. He had received complaints of rat infestation in the area. The City Manager said that the matter would be investigated by the health authority and by the City Engineer without delay.

Roadway at Ballinacurra :

Alderman Carew and Alderman Russell referred to Press reports about a crux between the Corporation and the County Council regarding the completion of the roadway at Ballinacurra at the borough boundary. He asked the Manager to state the position from the Corporation's side. The Manager said that he had seen the Press reports. He had not authorised any Press release by the Corporation in connection with this matter and he understood that the County Manager was in a similar position with regard to his staff. The matter was covered by an agreement between the Corporation and the County Council that the County Council would carry out the work on behalf of the Corporation as soon as possible. He proposed to have discussions with the County Manager shortly with regard to this and a number of other matters.

Bullfield Housing Scheme :

In reply to the Chairman, the Architect stated that owing to defective workmanship it was necessary to have portions of six houses in the Bullfield Housing Scheme taken down and rebuilt.

Housing (Loans and Grants) Act :

In reply to Ald. Russell, the City Manager said that the Corporation was making enquiries regarding the availability from sources other than the local loans funds for monies which would enable the Corporation to make loans to persons whose incomes exceeded the limit of £1,040 prescribed by the Minister.

Proposed visit of Minister to Limerick :

The Chairman said that the Minister had stated at the reception in Cruises Hotel on the 15th December, 1964, that he would visit Limerick early in the New Year, to discuss with the Council the housing problems of the Corporation. After a brief discussion it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Ald. Russell, " That we invite the Minister for Local Government to attend the meeting of the General Purposes Committee (Whole House) of the Limerick City Council to be held on the 26th January, 1965, for the purpose of discussing with the Committee problems relating to housing in Limerick."

ITEM 7 :

Proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Ald. Russell and unanimously resolved, " That the Limerick City Council appoint representatives to discuss with the Limerick County Council the purchase by the Corporation of the Fairgreen or portion thereof for housing and other purposes; that the following representatives be appointed :

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. Danagher,
Alderman J. Carew,
Alderman S. Coughlan, T.D.,
Alderman G. E. Russell,
Councillor J. P. Liddy."

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ITEM 8 :

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kelly, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby given pursuant to Section 12(1)(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934, to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £200,000 for the purpose of making loans under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962."

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kelly, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of overdraft of a sum of £250,000 on the Municipal Fund Revenue Account up to the 31st March, 1965."

" That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12(1)(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934, to the borrowing by way of overdraft of a sum of £453,500 (Housing) on the Municipal Fund Capital Account for the period ending 31st March, 1965."

" That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12(1)(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934, to the borrowing by way of overdraft of a sum of £40,000 (Sanitary) on the Municipal Fund Capital Account for the period ending 31st March, 1965."

" That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12(1)(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934, to the borrowing by way of overdraft of a sum of £157,000 on Municipal Fund Gas Revenue No. 1 Account for the period ending 31st March, 1965."

" That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12(1)(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934, to the borrowing by way of overdraft of a sum of £12,000 on Municipal Fund Gas Revenue No. 2 Account for the period ending 31st March, 1965."

" That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12(1)(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934, to the borrowing by way of overdraft of a sum of £30,000 on the Municipal Fund Gas Capital Account for the period ending 31st March, 1965."

" That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of overdraft of a sum of £75,000 (Additional) on the Capital overdraft for quarter ended 31st December, 1954."

ITEM 9 :

Submitted copy of Annual Scheme for Vocational Education for the year 1965/'66, together with the C.E.O's report thereon, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kelly, and unanimously resolved: " That having considered the report of the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Limerick Vocational Education Committee dated 30th November, 1964, and enclosures on the Financial Scheme for 1965/'66, we note that the local contribution is in excess of the contribution for the year 1964/'65 by the sum of £2,619 0s. 0d. which represents an increase of 2.3d. in the £ in the rateable valuation of the County Borough of Limerick. We approve of such excess and direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister for Education."

ITEM 10 :

Submitted report dated 11th December, 1964, from the City Manager

on the operations of the Gas Department, copies of the report had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. The report gave details of the accounts for the half-year ended 30th September, 1964, which showed a net profit for the half year of £1,351 despite a reduction of 8% in the quantity of gas produced. The factors responsible for this reduction were: that 1964 was warmer than 1963, there had been a loss of consumers to a competitive industry and there had been two increases in the price of gas in twelve months. The recession in the sales, it was felt, was temporary and measures were being taken to reopen the sales campaign with a view to elimination of loss on the appliances account. Ald. Russell welcomed the report. He strongly advocated an intensive advertising and sales campaign. It was obvious from the financial returns and from the picture in the monthly departmental reports that the finances of the Gas Department were very tight. The Chairman said that unfortunately gas had a bad image in the city. The management of the Works was now excellent and the job of the Gas Department was to convince the citizens that gas was an efficient and competitive fuel. The City Manager said that it was true to say that the financial position was very tight but he was now able to say that the Works was able to produce gas to meet any likely demand. As indicated in his report the sales campaign would be re-opened shortly.

ITEM 11 :

Submitted report dated 11th December, 1964, from the City Manager on the provision of Engineering services by the Corporation for the Limerick Health Authority. Having considered the reports, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, it was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kelly, and unanimously resolved :

(a) "That the Corporation approve of the making of an agreement with the Limerick Health Authority pursuant to the provisions of Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, whereby the Corporation will provide such Engineering Services as the Corporation itself provided prior to the 1st July, 1960, in pursuant of its powers and duties as Health Authority for the County Borough of Limerick, to include also such similar services in respect of St. Joseph's Hospital, and the Regional Hospital, Dooradoyle."

(b) "That having considered the report dated 11th December, 1964, from the City Manager and enclosures we approve of the creation by the Corporation, subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government, of one additional office of Assistant City Engineer (Mechanical) to be designated for wholetime work with the Limerick Health Authority; the cost to be recouped the Corporation by the Limerick Health Authority."

ITEM 12 :

Submitted report dated 11th December, 1964, from the City Manager, copy of which had been circulated to the members prior to the meetings with regard to wage increases to members of the Fire Brigade and certain other employees, and to reduction in hours for certain employees of the Corporation.

Proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and unanimouly,

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resolved: "That having considered report dated 11th December, 1964, we approve of the increases in wages proposed for certain employees of the Corporation as set out therein and of the reduction in hours for certain employees as set out in the report. We note the cost involved and approve of the extra expenditure necessary in the current financial year."

ITEM 13 : Public Lighting—Greenhill/Tankfield.

Submitted report of the deputation from the City Council which met the district Manager of the E.S.B. on the 13th November, 1964, regarding public lighting in the Greenhill/Tankfield Housing Scheme. Noted.

ITEM 14 :

Submitted Auditor's report on the accounts of the Limerick Health Authority for the year ended 31st March, 1963. Noted.

ITEM 15 :

Proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and unanimously resolved: "That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing" :

S.D. Advances—Mortgages : Michael Kennedy, Singland ; Robert Kelly, 73 Wolfe Tone Street ; Bernard Spain, Park ; John Brosnahan, Singland ; Michael Hassett, Singland ; Mgt. B. Slattery, Clareview ; John Brett, Clareview ; Patk. N. Moloney, Park ; Jas. P. Kirby, Clancy Strand.

S.D. Transfers—Discharge : M. Sexton, Summerville Ave., Folio 218L Co. Limerick. **Assignment and Release :** Lynch to Looney—11 Greystones 11 ; Ryan to Keane and Keane—Premises, 17 Mayorstone Park.

Watergate C.P.O. : Reps. Jameson to Limerick Corporation Conveyance from Messrs. Lloyds Bank Ltd.

Shop Site at Garryowen : Patrick O'Callaghan—Lease.

Limerick Corporation 3½% Redeemable Stock 1956/'72.

Stock Certs. : 1844—Mrs. Elizabeth McKeon.
1845—Richard O'Callaghan.
1846—Michael Comerford.
1847—Timothy Mulcahy.
1848—Mrs. Mary J. Kenny.
1849—Mrs. Monica O'Donnell.
1850—Mrs. Eileen Corr.

Demolition Orders : 3 Fogarty's Range ; 10 Myles Street ; 9 Myles Street ; 11 Maddens Lane ; 10 Maddens Lane ; 9 James Street ; 14 Garvey's Range ; 8 Summer Street.

Closing Orders : 5 Assembly Mall ; 51 Athlunkard Street. Determination of Closing Order in respect of first floor of No. 11 Cecil Street.

Tenant Purchase Schemes—Lease and Mortgage :

Nicholas Street : Thomas Sheehan, 8 Nicholas Street ; Stephen Bourke, 9 Nicholas Street ; John Phayer, 10 Nicholas Street.

Rossa Villas : Fionnuala Fitzgibbon, 12 Rossa Villas ; Denis O'Dwyer, 3A Rossa Villas.

Quins Cottages : Henry O'Neill, 38 Quins Cottages ; Patrick O'Brien, 44 Quins Cottages.

Re Loan £50,000 (from Local Loans Fund) to repay (Watermain Clonlara to Clareville).

ITEM 16 :

Proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Alderman Carew, "That approval be given to the following new work which the Corporation propose to carry out, namely, the cleaning of a drain which bounds Corporation property at Clare Street and runs through Corporation property at Garryowen; estimated cost of the work £300."

CONCLUSION :

The Chairman conveyed Christmas greetings to the Members of the Council, Manager and staff of the Corporation. Alderman Russell on behalf of the Council members, and the City Manager on behalf of the staff reciprocated.

A TRUE RECORD.

TOMAS MacDIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR,
ALDERMEN, AND MEMBERS OF THE
LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

To be considered at the Meeting of the
Council

TO BE HELD ON 12th JAN., 1965

For Four Weeks ended 26th DEC., 1964

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1.—HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.

Greenhill/Tankfield Housing Scheme.
Site Works 100% complete
Development 90% complete
155 houses completed, and handed over.

St. John's Housing Scheme.
Work proceeding on the construction of 86 houses.
Site Works 72.8% complete,
Development 72.6% complete.
Superstructure 70.8% complete. 44 houses roofed and tiled. 12 houses to ground floor level.
22 houses completed and handed over.
No. of men employed 76; 44 unskilled ; 33 skilled.

Roxboro Road Housing Scheme (Bullfield).
Work proceeding on the construction of 254 houses.
Site Works 52.6% complete.
Development 26.8% complete.
Superstructure 29.0% complete.
82 houses roofed and tiled. 20 houses to wall plate level. 23 houses to first floor joist level. 86 houses to sub floor level.
22 houses foundations completed.
No. of men employed, 178; 86 skilled ; 92 unskilled.

Convent Field Janesboro' Housing Scheme. No. of houses 65.
Draft plans revised and forwarded to the Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil.

Watergate.
No. of flats 104.
Draft plans for flat units and blocks of flats completed and submitted to Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil. Structural design under way.

South Hill Housing Scheme.
Revised draft scheme for the layout of housing scheme to accommodate 150 houses in course of preparation.

Housing Letting—

No. of first lettings	22
Number of houses re-let	8
No. of houses vacant 31/12/64	2

2.—HOUSING MAINTENANCE.

Items of Repair attended to in Month of December, 1964.

Strand Barracks Area	209	Complaints taken	...	357
Garryowen Area ...	111	" "	...	142
Prospect Area ...	240	" "	...	380
Ballynanty Beg Area ...	214	" "	...	240
Janesboro ...	120	" "	...	150
TOTAL	894			1269

3.—ROADS. —No. of men employed 23. 1 skilled, 22 unskilled.

Relief Schemes in progress. No. of men employed 69 ; 1 skilled, 68 unskilled.

4.—SANITARY SERVICE WORKS.

Rosbrien Pumping Station—Preparations being made for testing of pumps. Connection to sewer in progress. No of men employed—4.

Clonlara Water Main.
2480 yards of 18" Raw Water main laid. Work progressing satisfactorily. No. of men employed—20.

5.—VETERINARY INSPECTION.

INSPECTION OF PRIVATE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES STALLS, Etc.

	Inspected	Condemned Whole	Partial	Tubercular	%	Other Diseases
Cattle	247	—	30	6	—	—
Calves	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep	1329	—	—	—	—	—
Pigs	14	—	—	—	—	—
Sows	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Visited by Inspector	Weight of Food Condemned Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Private Slaughter-houses ...	107	—	4	2	—
Stalls, Shops, etc.	90	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	197	—	4	2	—

6.—MILK AND DAIRIES ACT : VETERINARY LABORATORY, etc.

Number of Milk Shops Inspected	—
Number of Milk Cars Inspected	6
Total Number of Tests carried out...	26
Number of Reductase Tests	—
" " failures	—
" " Gerber Tests	10
" " failures	—
" " Coliform Tests	—
" " failures	—
" " Plate Counts	10
" " visits to approved Milk Shops	—
" " Cows examined	120
" " Dairy Yards Inspected	14
" " Phosphotase Test	6
" " Phosphotase Test of failures	—

7.—GAS DEPARTMENT. December, 1964

Make of Gas for month	94437 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1963	105579 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1962	107230 Therms
Sale of Coke for month	400 Tons
Sale of Coke same month last year	379 Tons

	Crude Gallons	Refined t.	c.	a.
Sale of Tar for month	83	203	0	0
Sale of Tar for same month last year ...	34	91	0	0

Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of month—

	Revenue No. 1	£152,277 4 8
do	Revenue No. 2	£12,314 8 5
Credit do	Capital A/c.	£3,667 18 0

Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of same month last year—

	Revenue No. 1	£143,272 8 11
do	Revenue No. 2	£15,872 1 4
do	Capital A/c.	£154,718 10 3

Number of Men employed at end of month	59
Number of Men employed at end of same month last year ...	— 74

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8.—PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Statistical Return for Period from 25th Nov. to 24th Dec., 1964

BOOK STOCK—

Total number of books in stock 24/11/64	26,139
Number of books added during above period	104
Number of books withdrawn	50
Total number of books in stock 24/12/'64	26,193

		Number	% of Total Issue
2.	BOOK ISSUES—		
	Fiction	2439	37.13%
	Non-Fiction	1578	24.03%
	Reference	178	2.71%
	Juvenile	2373	36.13%
	TOTAL ...	6585	100%
	Average Daily Issue	253	
3.	BORROWERS—		
	Tickets in use—Adult Fiction	1285	
	" " " Adult Non-Fiction	1235	
	" " " Juvenile	1212	
	TOTAL ...	3732	
	Newsroom—Average daily attendance	6	
	Museum—Total attendance for month	1042	
6.	Art Gallery—Total attendance for month	158	

TOMAS MAC DIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk

McKerns Printing, Limerick

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

FINANCIAL POSITION ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1964.

1. EXPENDITURE — MUNICIPAL FUND

	Current Year	Last Year
From 1st April to 30th November	£805,582	£741,258
For the month of December	82,310	72,508
Total Expenditure to date.	£887,892	£813,766

2. RECEIPTS

	RATES		RENTS		ALL OTHER SOURCES		TOTAL	
	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year
From 1st April to 30th Nov.	£322,309	£284,798	£159,881	£144230	167,466	£141,570	£649,656	£570,593
For the month of December	22,452	20,418	21,191	18,091	68,624	54,915	£112,267	£93,424
Total Receipts to date.	£344,761	£305,216	£181,072	£162,321	£236,090	196,485	£761,923	£664,022

3. RATE COLLECTION

	CURRENT WARRANT	CURRENT PERCENTAGE	LAST YEAR'S WARRANT	LAST YEAR'S PERCENTAGE
	£483,857	100.00%	£428,441	100.00%
Collected to 30th Nov. £322,309				
Discounts 1,055	£323,864	66.92%	£286,208	66.81%
Balance outstanding at 1st Dec. 1964	£159,993	33.08%	£142,233	33.19%
Collected for month of December 1964	£22,452	4.64%	20,418	4.76%
Balance outstanding at 31st Dec. 1964	£137,541	28.44%	£121,815	28.43%

Transferred to Rate Mortgage A/c	to 31/12/1964	£15,295	to 31/12/1963	£15,295
Paid " " " "	to 31/12/1964	£ 446	to 31/12/1963	

4. HOUSING RENTS:

	31/3/1964	31/12/1964	31/12/1963
Arrears	4,643	£5,295	£5,026

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall.

1st January, 1965.

A proposal to continue Henry Street to Honan's Quay is being put forward for the consideration of the Planning Committee. Having considered the City Engineer's report thereon the City Manager recommends the proposal for the approval of the Committee subject to a Road Fund Grant being made available to cover the cost of the scheme including the cost of the acquisition of the property which will be necessary for the carrying out of the work. It may be necessary for the Corporation to acquire land in excess of the actual needs for road purposes, in which case the balance could be leased, sold, developed or otherwise utilised for purposes acceptable under the development plan. The attached report dated 31st ultimo from the City Engineer gives the reasons for the proposal to continue Henry Street to Honan's Quay.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager & Town Clerk.

To/ His Worship the Mayor
and to each member of the Limerick City Council.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Accountant's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

9th December, 1964.

Re: St. Mary's Park Housing Scheme

The following information is supplied in reply to a question raised at a recent meeting of the City Council

Capital Cost of the Scheme	£177741
Total Revenue Expenditure on Scheme to 31/3/1964	£540638
" " Income from Rents and Rates to 31/3/1964	£249289
Total Deficit for period	£291349
Average Annual Deficit	£10404

Deficit was financed as follows:

Housing Subsidy	£185431
Rates Contribution	£105918
Total cost of Repairs on Scheme	£75550
Average Annual Cost of Repairs for last 10 years	£4863
" " " " " " 5 "	£5929

Signed T. COLLERY.
City Accountant.

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ITEM 3.

To/
Planning Committee.

"DEVELOPMENT PLAN"

SPECIFIC ITEM :

"New Street from Henry Street to Honan's Quay".

This item is raised now as the Corporation has been requested by property owners to let it's decision on this proposal be known without delay.

It is recommend that provision be made in the Development Plan for the construction of a new street between Sarsfield Street and Honan's Quay in line with Henry Street for the following reasons:

(1) This new street will permit traffic coming from the Ennis Road and wishing to proceed southwards to turn left through the new street, left again along Honan's Quay and under Sarsfield's Bridge. As all these are left hand turns, it will be possible to permit a continuous flow of traffic.

This will relieve the congestion at present caused by the right hand turns at Henry Street and O'Connell Street. (Note: It will be possible to provide additional headroom under Sarsfield Bridge by lowering the level of the existing roadway by a few feet).

(2) This new Street will also allow direct access for traffic from the Ennis Road into the proposed new carpark at Arthur's Quay.

(3) When the proposed development of Arthur's Quay is completed, this new street will permit cars travelling northward towards Watergate Area and beyond to do so without passing through the Sarsfield Street/O'Connell Street junction.

(Note: A plan of this street will be available to the committee).

N. C. BRENNAN, B.E.,
City Engineer,
31st December, 1964.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK

ITEM 4.

To/
Planning Committee.

"DEVELOPMENT PLAN"

Re - Section 19(2) (a) (ii) - Objectives for securing the greater convenience and safety of road users and pedestrians by the provision of parking places or road improvements or otherwise.

- Car-Parking -

Limerick City is primarily a trading and commercial centre for a large hinterland with consequential large periodic inflows of vehicles into the centre from surrounding areas.

There is a considerable capital investment in property in the centre of the City and if this is to be used efficiently and economically, it will be necessary to provide adequate parking space within the area otherwise inconvenience to shoppers and others will tend to limit the frequency of visits to the city centre.

This may result in the provision of "out of town" shopping centres as has happened elsewhere with consequential waste.

As previously reported, it is estimated that the increase in off-street carparking spaces required will increase by approximately 2,000 cars in the next 15 years for an area within a radius of 400-yards of the city centre.

Query (1) - Does the Committee agree in principle that the Development Plan should reserve land close to the City Centre to provide adequate car parking space for the future? Yes.

Query (2) - Does the Committee agree in principle that where there is a choice that the order of selection of sites for car parks should be as follows -

(a) suitable land not already built on, Reasonable. Subject to proximity.
(b) Derelict Areas,
(c) Other properties.

Query (3) - Does the Committee agree that the Plan should require persons carrying out new developments in the City Centre to reserve a percentage (to be determined later) of the site area for car parking

(a) in connection with owners business, ∴ Feasible?
(b) for public parking.

Query (4) - If the answer to Query 3(a) or (b) is yes, does the Committee agree that the private firms should be required to reserve this space where there may be no vehicular access immediately but where such access can become available by the imposition of like requirements in adjoining properties and where all the areas can become integrated to form a combined car park. ? Feasible

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(ITEM 4 - Cont'd).

Section 19(3) - Third Schedule - Part I. 7.

- Roadwidths -

The trend since the last war has been to reduce the width of carriageway on new streets (roads) laid out by private developers, many of the widths being less than the widths laid down in older Bye-Laws.

At the end of the war, because of shortage of materials, the Bye-Law standards were relaxed and it is not uncommon for Local Authorities to approve of New Streets with widths of 16-feet, 18-feet and 20-feet.

With double parking of cars on these streets serious obstructions have been caused and ambulances and fire engines have been delayed on occasions in other cities.

Query (5) - Does the Committee agree that the width of carriageway on New Streets (roads) on new developments should be increased?

Query (6) - If the answer to Query (5) is yes, does the Committee agree with the following:-

(a) that where a street is a short cul-de-sac not exceeding 100-feet that the width of carriageway should be not less than 16-feet; Yes

Very minimum

(b) that where a street is a cul-de-sac exceeding 100-feet in length but not exceeding 300-feet in length that the width of carriageway should be not less than 20-feet. Yes

(c) that for other streets the width of carriageway should be not less than 24-feet. Yes

(d) that a turning circle be provided at the end of each cul-de-sac of diameter not less than 50-feet between kerbs. Yes

(e) that where a street (road) is to become a major road that the developer should in addition to providing the width of carriageway required above, also provide such extra land as the planning authority may require for future widening of the carriageway. Yes

Already limited in Caherdavin.

(f) that all streets be provided with a footpath on either side of the carriageway and adjacent thereto of a width of not less than 6-feet; provided that where it would be in the interests of good planning, the Planning Authority may modify this requirement in special circumstances. Yes

(g) that all road and street junctions be laid out so as to facilitate the flow of traffic and give adequate vision to road users and pedestrians of approaching traffic. Yes

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK

ITEM 4. (Cont'd).

Section 19(2) a(ii) - Section 19(3) - Third Schedule Part I. 7(b).

(h) that where a developer proposes to construct a number of exits on to a heavily trafficed road or street he shall, if required to do so by the Planning Authority construct a service road so that the vehicles coming from the individual exits shall not come directly on to the heavily trafficed road or street.

Section 19(3) - Third Schedule Part I.7-Also Public Health(Ireland)Act,1878.

(i) that where a person converts an existing public road into a street that he shall with the consent of the Road Authority bring such road up to the standard required for new streets, or in the case where the Road Authority is not willing to give the consent, he shall pay to the Road Authority the cost of bringing the road up to the standard required for new streets and the Road Authority will have a contractual obligation to bring such road up to the required standard as soon as may be after the payment to it of the full cost of the work;provided that where a person builds houses on one side only of the existing public road, he shall be liable only for the completion of one half of the street between its final planned centre line and the front boundaries of the properties constructed.

Section 19(3) - Third Schedule - Part I.8.

(j) that where a person lays out a new street or road so that there are unpaved areas on or adjoining such street or road. he shall level, grade such areas, plant and protect grass, trees and shrubs on or adjoining such road in accordance with details on the approved plans or in the absence of details on plans, in accordance with specifications attached as conditions to permissions.

(k) that where a person lays out a new street or road he shall provide artificial lighting on or adjoining such street or road of a standard approved by the Road Authority or Sanitary Authority for similar classes of streets or roads in its area.

Section 19(3) - Third Schedule - Part I. 7 (a).

(l) that where a person lays out a new road or street he shall lay out the line to conform with lines on the Development Plan or in the absence of lines on the Development Plan he shall layout such road or streets to conform with conditions attached to permissions.

(m) that where a person lays out a new road or street he shall layout the levels to conform with levels shown on the Development Plan or in the absence of such levels on the Development Plan he shall layout such roads or streets to conform with conditions attached to permissions.

(n) that where a person constructs a new street or road he shall pave such street or road in accordance with the Bye-Laws or in the absence of Bye-Laws, he shall construct the street in accordance with specification attached as conditions to permission.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK

ITEM 4. (Cont'd).

Re: Section 19(2) (a) (ii) - Cont'd.

Query (7) - Does the Committee agree in principle that off street car parking spaces should be provided in new housing developments so as to reduce the number of cars parking on the public carriageway.

Query (8) - If the answer to Query (7) is yes, does the Committee agree with the following:-

(a) that each new dwelling should be provided with a 9-foot wide gateway or means of access.

(b) that each new dwelling should be provided with a paved area beyond the line of the public street or road of sufficient size to accommodate one car.

(c) that the footpath in front of each gateway or means of access to each new dwelling should be so constructed as to permit a car being driven off the carriageway.

(d) that gateways and exits to be so designed as to give a view of approaching traffic to drivers of vehicles emerging from exits.

Query (9) - Does the Committee agree in principle that in addition to the carparks of one car per house mentioned above, that private developers should be required to provide an area for off-street car parking for miscellaneous vehicles such as visiting cars, second car in house, etc. in private developments.

Query(10) - If the answer to Query (9) is yes, does the Committee agree that the developer should provide carparks at say one per ten houses.

Query(11) - Does the Committee agree that Schools, Hospitals, Public Institutions, Sports Clubs or other places where large number of people visit should be required to provide exits and entrances to and from public roads so as to facilitate the flow of traffic and avoid obstruction of the public road.

H. C. BRENNAN, B.E.,
City Engineer.
31st December, 1964.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK

ITEM 5.

To/
City Manager & Planning Committee.

Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963.

Section 50 of the above acts authorises the Planning Authority to plant trees, shrubs or other plants on land for the purpose of enhancing the amenities or natural beauty of any land.

The Corporation owns certain lands which are low lying and liable to flooding such as the land around the Corporation scheme at the "Island Field".

Subject to the Planning Committee's approval, it is recommended that the Corporation explore the possibility of planting this area and other similar areas with "commercial" trees.

The planting of commercial trees in this area would

(a) provide a shelter for the Corporation Housing Scheme,
(b) enchance the appearance of the area,
(c) make a commercial proposition of providing an amenity.

Section 19(a) (o)
"Development Plan".

QUERY - Does the Committee agree that low lying areas which are liable to flooding should be reserved on the Development Plan for afforestation (including land in private ownership) subject to expert advice as to the suitability of the land for this purpose.

Section 19(3) - Third Schedule - I(b).

QUERY - Does the Committee agree in principle that land should be reserved for caravan or camping sites.

(Note:- The sites could be screened by trees so as not to be an injury to amenity and could be provided on low lying land not suitable for building or commercial purposes. If the answer to the above query is yes, specific sites will be selected and put forward for approval).

N. C. BRENNAN, B.E.,
City Engineer.
30th December, 1964.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

1st January, 1965.

A meeting of the Planning Committee (Whole House) will be held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday 5th January,1965, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

B U S I N E S S.

1. To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 1st December, 1964, as adopted by the City Council on the 18th December,1964.

2. Development Plan.
To consider circular P.D.2 dated 9th December, 1964, from the Department of Local Government re provisional development plan and copy of the report of the 31st December, 1964, from the City Engineer thereon.

3. To consider progress report dated 31st December, 1964, from the City Engineer.

4. To consider report from the City Manager on a proposal to continue Henry Street through to Honan's Quay and the City Engineer's report thereon.

5. To consider the City Engineer's report dated 31st December, 1964, on the following matters for inclusion in the Development Plan.

Car parking,
Road widths etc.
Tree planting by the Corporation.

6. To consider the extent to which the Corporation should exercise its' powers to provide facilities for the establishment of industry in the City.

7. To consider the extent to which the Corporation should exercise its' powers to provide facilities for the provision of sites for private housing development.

Your attendance at this meeting is requested.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

To/ His Worship the Mayor,
and each member of the Limerick City Council.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

Planning Committee.

A meeting of the Planning Committee (Whole House) was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Monday 1st December, 1964, at 7.30 O'clock p.m. when the following members were present:

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful Cllr. J. Danagher, Mayor,

Aldermen: S. Coughlan, T.D., and G.E. Russell,

COUNCILLORS: F. Glasgow; P. Kelly; P. Kiely; J. Kirby; T. Lawlor; J.P. Liddy; M.D. Lipper.

An apology for unavoidable absence was received from Ald. Carew and Cllr. Mrs. Condell.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk; Assistant Town Clerk; City Engineer; City Accountant; City Solicitor; Staff Officers- Engineer's , Town Clerk's and Rates Departments.

ITEM L. - Appointment of Vice Chairman;

It was proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Lipper "That Alderman Coughlan be appointed Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee (Whole House).
It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Liddy be appointed Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee (Whole House).
A poll was taken and the voting resulted as follows:

For Ald. Coughlan: The Mayor, Ald. Coughlan, Ald. Russell, Cllr. Kelly, Cllr. Kirby, Cllr. Lipper, (6).

For Cllr. Liddy: Cllr. Glasgow, Cllr.Kiely, Cllr. Lawlor, Cllr. Liddy. (4)

The Mayor accordingly declared Ald. Coughlan to be Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee.

ITEM 2 - Definition of Procedures for the Committee:

The Mayor said the question to be discussed was how often the Committee wished to meet and whether they wished to meet in public or in Committee. Ald. Coughlan said he was not in favour of meeting in- Committee. It was a healthy thing for a local authority to discuss matters in public. Cllr. Liddy and Ald. Russell said they would not disagree with this view, but, nevertheless, pointed out that meeting in committee had advantages when certain matters were being discussed. After a further brief discussion it was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Lipper and unanimously agreed that meetings of the Committee be open to the public. The Committee agreed with the suggestion of Ald. Russell that the Committee should meet on the first Tuesday of every month. The Committee was not in favour of forming itself into further sub-committees.

ITEM 3. - Objectives to be included in the Development Plan

The City Manager said the Development Plan must indicate the development objectives .
(1) for the use of particular areas for particular purposes, that is, zoning, either for residential, commercial,

industrial, agricultural, etc.
(2) for the convenience and safety of road users and pedestrians, by the provision of car parks, road improvements, etc.

(3) for development and removal of obsolete areas,

(4) for preserving, improving and extending amenities.

The development plan would be a statement of the policy of the Corporation in regard to the compulsory matters which must be included in it, and would also include a plan. Ald. Russell said that whilst the Council have a duty to make the development plan none-theless they must be guided by the officials in the matter. He felt the committee would merely set out guide lines along which the plan should progress. He spoke of the City as an expanding one and felt that the plan should allow for an increase in population, better circulation of traffic new public buildings, etc. It is a matter for the planning officials to come before the committee with the proposals, at each meeting if necessary, to secure the Council's approval.

Ald. Coughlan said that there had been no progress made in Limerick over the past 50 years. The Corporation adopted the Town and Regional Planning Acts but had nothing to show for this. Any plan already in existence should be dropped. Work should be started from scratch. He agreed with Ald. Russell that it was a matter for the officials to submit plans to the Council for the views of the Committee.

Cllr. Liddy said that his idea of the development plan was that it would be a general outline of the way the city would develop within the next 20 years -- roads would be vitally imprtant. He also asked that attention should be given at this stage to house-building especially layout of houses and house types.

The City Manager said that he wished to point out that there was continuity between interim control under the 1934/39 Acts and the control now being exercised by the Corporation. Anything which had been approved under the repealed Acts was approved for the purposes of the 1963 Act, and it committed the Corporation to some degree with regard to future planning. In reply to Ald. Coughlan the City Manager said that the planning staff had been agreed by the Council and approved by the Minister, namely, Chief Planning Assistant and Planning Assistant. The officers would work under the supervision of the City Engineer and they would have, if required, the assistance of the Planning Consultant, Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald. This consultant would be in the same position as any other consultant engaged by the Corporation.

ITEM 4.

Submitted report from the City Engineer dated 12th November, 1964, re the preparation of the development plan. The report set out in general terms provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, the matters to be included in the development plan and suggested that certain preliminary steps be taken :

(1) That an aerial survey of the city be carried out for the purpose of bringing the Ordance Survey Sheets up to date. The City Engineer said the cost of this survey would be £2,600. The City Manager said that the Department of Local Government had been asked if any grant would be available from the Road Fund in respect of this, in view of its importance from the point of view of the roads programme, and the Limerick County Council had also been asked if they would be interested, subject to a

contribution, in view of the responsibility of the Council for the area outside the Boro' Boundary. It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded, by Cllr. Lawlor "That an aerial survey of the city be carried out as recommended".

(2) Traffic Survey- The City Engineer said that a traffic survey has already been carried out. This is being examined,

(3) That a survey be made and a plan be prepared showing existing uses of land.

(4) That a survey be made and a plan be prepared showing existing conditions of buildings under classification of (a) derelict, (b) structurally unsound, (c) fair, (d) good. Agreed.

(5) That a survey be made and plans be prepared showing existing services: l.d.

(a) Natural watercourses, streams, etc.,
(b) Sewerage system,
(c) Waterworks,
(d) Artificial means of disposal of surface water,
Services provided by other authorities, (if important), Agreed.

(6) That a survey be made and plans be prepared showing existing community facilities:

i.e. (a) Places of worship,
(b) Schools, Libraries, etc.,
(c) Shopping centres,
(d) Cultural and Recreational Facilities,
(e) Hotels,
(f) Hospitals, Dispensaries, Surgeries.

7. That a survey be made and a plan be prepared showing existing Tourist and Holiday Facilities, Ancient Monuments, Places of Historic Interest.

8. That an assessment be made of the Industrial needs of the City.

9. That an assessment be made of the agricultural or horticultural position within the city and the necessity for preserving it.

10. That the employment position be assessed as regards location, nature, possibility of re-location, manner of re-location, manner of re-location.

11. That an assessment be made of the natural resources in or adjoining the city.

12. That a plan be prepared showing population density.

13. That a plan be prepared showing property owned by the Corporation and other statutory bodies.
All agreed .

Arising out of the foregoing, Ald. Russell asked if plans for approval being submitted at the present time would come before the Committee for their observations. He felt that there could be a conflict between what might be approved and what would be included in the development

plan. The City Manager said the function was an executive one. He saw no danger of a conflict on the Corporation in considering plans had to have regard to what was intended to include in the development plan. The making of the development plan was a reserved function of the Council and it could be taken therefore, that any executive decision would be in conformity with the wishes of the Council, in relation to what was to be included in the development plan.

ITEM 5 Consider the zoning of land suitable for industry, and in particular to consider what action, if any, the Corporation should take pursuant to its' powers under the Act to assist in the provision of sites for industrial purposes. A Copy of Section 77 of the Act has been circulated to the members. The Committee, on the suggestion of Ald. Russell, agreed that the first step was to get the surveys as outlined by the City Engineer underway. At that stage the matter would be resubmitted to the Committee for their observations.

ITEM 6 - Urban renewal - Arthur's Quay.

Submitted outline plan prepared by the City Engineer showing the tentative development proposed for the Patrick Street/ Arthur's Quay, Rutland Street, area including the reclamation of Arthur's Quay. The City Manager suggested to the Committee that the first step was to submit the proposal re Arthur's Quay to the Department of Local Government with a query regarding the availability of grant from the road fund for the work of this order. The City Engineer estimated that the cost of filling and building a retaining wall would be £80,000. The details of the plan could be modified later on closer examination. The Committee agreed to this suggestion. Submitted report of the 27th November, 1964, from the City Engineer dealing with car parking facilities for the central city area. The report stated that car parking facilities were required at present for 1,800 cars. The report outlined the number of cars which could be parked on the existing accommodation available and stated that additional provision was at present required for 390 cars. The report noted that within the next 15 years the demand for car parking facilities would increase from 1,800 to 3,800 cars, and that it would be necessary to provide within the next 15 years off-street car parking for at least 2,000. The City Engineer made the following recommendations:

(1) That reclamation work be carried out at Arthur's Quay to provide car parking space for approximately 400 at an estimated cost of £80,000. The Committee agreed to this recommendation.

(2) That the vacant site at Lr. Cecil Street be acquired to provide car parking space for approximately 120 cars at an estimated cost of £15,00 provisional. The Committee noted that this site was at the rere of the Health Authority Offices and information was that it had already been purchased at a public auction. The Committee was not in favour of the Corporation using its' compulsory powers to acquire this site for car-parking.

(3) That a block of old buildings in Taylor Street be acquired to provide car parking space for approximately 80 cars at an estimated cost of £5,000. Some members of the

Committee maintained that this property was in the process of being acquired by the Dominican Fathers as it was adjacent to the Dominican Church. It was agreed that further enquiries be made on this aspect of the matter.

(4) That a block of old buildings at Likes Bow be acquired to accommodate approximately 100 cars at an estimated cost of approximately £6,000 provisional. The Committee expressed some doubts about the suitability of this site. The Engineer said access did not present difficulites. The Committee's view was that it would be in order for the Corporation to proceed with investigations preliminary to acquisition.

Ald. Coughlan said that he was in favour of extending the Quay over the river and covering in the Lie-By. This would give car parking facilities in a crucial area. He had discussed the matter with the Harbour Engineer who could see no objection He asked the City Engineer to examine and report. The City Engineer undertook to do this.

Parnell Street;

The Assistant Town Clerk explained that the proposal for the the widening of Parnell Street had been considered at a previous meeting of the Council and had been set back to enable the officers of the Corporation to discuss the matter with the local interests concerned. This discussion had taken place. The local interests were resigned to the fact that the street needed to be widened, that some of the old property was in a very dangerous condition. They did not, however, favour the setting back of the shops as shown on the plan which had been put before them. They also said that they would wish to be consulted further, individually if necessary, on their wishes with regard to future accommodation, in the area when re-developed. Ald. Russell who was present at the meeting with other members of the Council said the development plan as submitted was not acceptable to the residents, but the idea of the road widening was accepted. Further consultation would be necessary. The Committee noted the position and agreed that the Corporation go ahead with the making of a compulsory purchase order in respect of property needed for the widening of Parnell Street.

City Hall:

The Manager said that the siting of the City Hall was a matter of the highest importance. His advice was that the matter was one for consideration in connection with the preparation of the development plan. Submitted communication from the Manager of the Health Authority stating that the Limerick Health Authority was engaged at present in the provision of office accommodation, through the reconstruction of premises in Pery Square. The Health Authority was nonetheless interested in any proposal in the long term for the provision of office accommodation by the Corporation as it was evident that the demand for office space had been steadily increasing for all public authorities. The Health Authority agreed in principle with the proposal for the establishment of new municipal buildings and would on the proposal being further advanced by the Corporation define the extent of its interest in office space. The Committee noted the interest of the Health Authority in the matter and also the Manager's statement -ement that the matter was one for consideration under the Development Plan. The Committee asked that the matter be resubmitted with an indication of site as soon as possible.

Miscellaneous: - Cutting of trees in People's Park.

Alderman Russell said that trees in the People's Park wer geing cut by the Corporation. He felt that the Council should have been consulted in this matter. . The City Manager said that the cutting of trees was necessary. He pointed out that the Corporation was planting many more trees each year than it was obliged to remove.

Lighting of Garrowyowen:

Alderman Coughlan congratulated the Architect for his planning of the lighting of Garryowen/Tankfield Housing Scheme along the main Garryowen road and he asked that a development of this type of lighting throughout the scheme should be considered.

The City Manager said the question was what standard of lighting did the Council require for the City, and also raised the question of improved lighting on the main traffic roads. The Committee asked that a scheme be submitted for a general improvement of the lighting in the city, taking traffic routes first.

Increase in Rents: Ald. Coughlan with the permission of the Mayor raised the question of the increase in rents which had come into operation on the 30th November. The increase was on account of Rates. He said this increase had been notified despite the resolution of the Council that the rent, should not be increased. He felt it was a high-handed action. Cllr. Lipper said the action of the Manager in this matter was unfortunate. Cllr. Liddy objected to the fact there had been no consultation with the Council. The City Manager said his view as expressed in reports to the Council on the Differential Rents Scheme over a number of years had been that it was the duty of the Corporation to assess for variation in rates on houses which came under the Differential Rent Scheme. The City Solicitor had confirmed this view and there was a legal obligation on him as Manager to enforce the law. He had submitted proposals for modifications of the Differential Rent Scheme to the Council which had been considered off and on over a long period. No progress had been made. Accordingly, he had felt obliged to act in accordance with the legal advice given him. Ald. Coughlan said the matter would be raised at the first available meeting.

The Asst. Town Clerk pointed out that the monthly meeting of the Council was due to be held on the 8th December. This was a Holy Day, Standing Orders did not permit meetings on Holy Days. The Committee agreed that the meeting be held on the 15th December, 1964.

A true record.

Thomas MacDiarmada.
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to this Department's circular letter PD/1 of 31st August, 1964, in which planning authorities were advised in matters relating to the preparation of statutory development plans under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963. The importance of the immediate establishment of a broad planning policy for each area, to which reference was made in that circular, is increasingly apparent, particularly in the case of urban areas.

Provisional plans:

It is most desirable that broad planning policy be expressed in a provisional plan to be prepared forthwith for each urban area and each town named in the First Schedule to the Act. This plan, for which a scale of 6 inches to 1 mile is recommended, should show broad land use zoning (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial and open space uses) and provision (including water and sewerage extensions and road improvements) to cater for major developments in prospect in the period pending the making of the statutory development plan. The provisional plan should be drawn up without waiting for the outcome of the formal surveys which, as advised in circular PD/1, are a necessary preliminary to the making of the statutory development plan. The provisional plan will, therefore, be based on the knowledge and experience of local officers as to conditions, needs and prospects in their area, with due regard to any development planning, relevant to current conditions, which may have already been done.

The provisional plan will serve a number of purposes. It will be a guide for the benefit of council members and of the public to a pattern of general development in the area which would comply with acceptable planning principles, and from which the statutory development plan might be evolved in due course in the light of more detailed planning studies. Pending the making of the statutory development plan, it will enable the planning authority to make a suitable land reservation and zoning provision for industrial, commercial or housing expansion and it will also facilitate decisions on the development of appropriate infrastructure.

To achieve these objectives, however, it is of the utmost importance that the provisional plan be realistic and flexible. Unserviced land should not be zoned for development unless it can be serviced at reasonable cost and unless the local authority are prepared to undertake the provision of services in due course. It is vital to the validity of the provisional plan that it should be subjected to a continuous process of review in the light of all relevant considerations, including new happenings, decisions on development proposals, and the findings of the formal surveys or other planning investigations in the town or region.

The Minister urges that the preparation of the provisional plan be pressed forward as quickly as possible and that the members of the council be kept informed of progress with regard to both the

provisional plan and the statutory development plan. When the provisional plan has been prepared two copies should be sent to the Department to facilitate its co-operation in advising on the preparation of the statutory development plan and local development generally. The Minister is anxious to impress on planning authorities that it is essential to avoid concentration on the negative aspects of planning. In deciding on applications for development permission in the period prior to the making of the development plan the Planning Authority should have regard to the provisional plan. Permission should not be refused unless the development proposed is likely to cause serious injury to amenity or create difficulty in securing the proper planning of the area. A high proportion of refusals is likely to give rise to a large volume of appeals with consequential demands on the time which skilled planning staffs can devote to the preparation of development plans.

Abstract of entries in Planning Register:

In order that the overall position in regard to appeals can be kept under review, it is requested that arrangements be made for the officer in charge of the Planning Register to prepare each month an abstract containing the particulars indicated in the attached form. A copy should be forwarded to the Department immediately after the end of each month. The first abstract should cover entries for both October and November, so that a record will be available from the date of the coming into operation of the Act.

Boundaries of scheduled towns:

Persons carrying out development in rural areas (see Article 3 (4) and Part III of the Schedule to the Exempted Development Regulations) which may be exempted development under the provisions of the Regulations cannot ascertain whether permission is required until the town boundaries are known. Accordingly steps should now be taken to delineate each town area on 6-inch O.S. maps and to have the matter brought before the Planning Authority as early as possible for a declaration by resolution in accordance with Section 2(6) of the Act.

The 1961 Census of Population shows these non-municipal towns as having a population of about 1,000 or more persons and it is understood that local authorities were consulted at the time as to the areas to be included. While new development may necessitate slight alterations in some cases, it is assumed that the majority of areas will be unchanged. Notice of the passing of the resolution should be published in the local press, and a copy of the relevant map should be deposited at the offices of the Planning Authority for public inspection. If possible, a copy of the map should be made available in the town to which it relates and retained there for public inspection. Two copies of the map and a certified copy of the relevant resolution should be furnished to the Department.

Exclusion from Exempted Development Regulations of Development in Amenity Areas:

A matter requiring early attention is the preservation of views and prospects of special amenity value or special interest where there is any likelihood that development to which the Exempted Development Regulations apply in the period prior to the making of a development plan might be detrimental. Article 3 (5) (a) (vii) of the Regulations enables the Planning Authority to safeguard the position by passing a resolution declaring that the preservation of such a view or prospect is an objective which they propose to include in their development plan. Where such a resolution is passed development to which sub-articles (1) to (4) of Article 3 relates becomes subject to planning control. Public notice should be given of the passing of the resolution.

Entry in Planning Register of exempted development proposals:

Recent inquiries received from Planning Authorities indicate some doubt as to whether an entry should be made in the Planning Register of an application for permission where it appears that the development proposed may be exempted development under the Act or under the Exempted Development Regulations. It is suggested that in such cases particulars of the application should be entered in Part 1 of the Planning Register. If it is decided subsequently that the development in question is in fact exempted development the applicant should be notified that in the opinion of the Planning Authority permission for the development is not required under the Act. (A standard form of notification might be devised for this purpose). The position should be noted on the relevant page of Part 1 of the Planning Register and a copy of the notification might be retained in Part 11.

Any question as to what, in any particular case, is or is not exempted development must be referred to the Minister for decision under Section 5 of the Act.

Observations of Planning Authority on Appeals or References:

In connection with planning appeals I am to draw your attention to the provisions of Article 6 of the Appeals and References Regulations. Since a copy of the observations of the Planning Authority must be given to other parties, I am to request that in future such observations should be submitted in the form of a letter and represent the considered views of the Planning Authority. Reports from technical officers may be incorporated but, where there is any inconsistency, the views of the Manager should be clearly stated.

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To each City and County Manager,
The Secretary of each County Council.
The Town Clerk of each Borough and Urban District.

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Limerick City Council

A Quarterly Statutory Meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse, Merchant's Quay, by kind permission of the County Registrar, on Tuesday, 12th January, 1965. The Roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members answered :

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful, Cllr. J. Danagher, Mayor.

Aldermen : S. Coughlan, T.D. ; J. Carew and G. E. Russell.

Councillors : W. Brazier, Mrs. F. Condell, V. Feeney, P. Kiely, J. Kirby, T. Lawlor, F. Leddin, J. P. Liddy, M. D. Lipper, and P. O'Sullivan.

Officers present : City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Engineer ; City Accountant ; City Solicitor ; Mr. Quilligan, Staff Officer Housing ; Mr. Fitzpatrick, Staff Officer Engineer's Department ; Mr. Costelloe, Staff Officer Town Clerk's Office ; Mr. Lynch, Asst. City Engineer ; Mr. Greene, Asst. City Engineer ; Mr. McNamara, Chief Planning Assistant ; Mr. O'Callaghan, Architect, etc.

ITEM 1 :

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and resolved : " That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 18th December, 1964, of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed, subject to the addition of an item about out-houses in the Ballynantybeg Housing Scheme raised by Ald. Russell.

Matters arising out of the Minutes :

Cllr. Lipper said he had at the last meeting raised the question of the rehousing of a tenant evicted from Kelly's Range, Blackboy Pike. The matter had not been noted in the minutes. The Manager had at the time stated that the Corporation's information was that this person and his wife had gone to England, this was not so. The City Manager said the statement he had made was given to an officer of the Corporation when he called at the household of the tenant's wife. He would have further information on the matter available and a report for the Council at the next meeting.

Visit of Minister for Local Government to Limerick :

It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Leddin, and unanimously agreed : " That Mr. D. B. O'Malley be invited to the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Council to be held on the 26th January, 1965, at which the Minister for Local Government would be present for discussion on housing."

Caherdavin Sewer :

Ald. Russell queried the position about the temporary sewerage arrangements at Greystones and also about the question of rat infestation in this area, of which complaints had been received from the residents. The City Manager said that this matter had been investigated. The Corporation's health inspector had reported that there was no evidence of rat infestation being caused by the sewer. Uncovered dustbins which

had been observed in the area were a more likely encouragement to rodents. The septic tank arrangement was a temporary one and would be put right when the Caherdavin sewer was completed, which was expected to be within a short time. In answer to further queries by Ald. Russell and Cllr. Condell, the City Manager said that further investigation would be made and if action was necessary, such action would be taken by the Corporation.

Ballinacurra Road :

This matter was raised by Ald. Russell, Cllr. Leddin and Ald. Carew. The Manager in reply to a number of queries explained that this matter had been discussed with the County Manager and officials of the County Council shortly after the last Council meeting. The County Council had agreed with the Corporation some time ago to undertake the work on behalf of the Corporation and the County Manager had given an assurance that the Work would be carried out as soon as possible. The Manager stated that the Caherdavin Road, which had been the subject of complaints by the Council from time to time, had also been discussed with the officials of the County Council, and he was able to report that the surface of this road had improved considerably in recent weeks. At the request of Ald. Russell, the City Manager said he would have a written report on the subject of the Ballinacurra Road for the next meeting.

Loans for the making of advances under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, for persons whose incomes exceed £1,040 :

In reply to Ald. Russell, the City Accountant said that an offer of a small loan which might facilitate a number of people who are not eligible for loans from the Corporation funds out of issues from the Local Loans Fund was being considered, the rate of interest would be 6¾. It is hoped that the matter would be finalised within a short time.

Correspondence :

Submitted communication dated 7th January, 1965, from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Local Government stating that the Minister accepted the invitation of the Council to attend the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Council to be held on the 26th January, 1965, to discuss housing problems in relation to Limerick City. The Minister asked that he be furnished with a memorandum setting out particulars of the matters which the Council wish to discuss with him.

Ald. Coughlan said the Council should discuss every aspect of housing with the Minister. He referred in particular to rents and to what he said were different interpretations of law, governing rents and other housing matters, which were being applied by the Managers of local authorities throughout the country.

Cllr. Liddy said the most pressing matter for discussion was the steps which might be taken to speed up the Corporation's house construction programme.

Ald. Russell referred to the development of system building. Any information the Minister could give about systems of building which he had been instrumental in initiating in the Ballymun Scheme in Dublin would be helpful. He suggested that matters which were being referred to the Department for technical examination could be left in the hands of the local technical officers. In this way a speed up in the commence-

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ment of housing schemes could be achieved. Another matter which the Council should bring to the attention of the Minister was the position of sub-tenants. He was aware of some very bad cases in Limerick. Ald. Russell said the income limit for loans under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, should be raised from £1,040 to a comparable figure having regard to the change in money values since £1,040 was fixed. The question of introducing a scheme to enable tenants of the newer Corporation houses to purchase their houses should also be discussed.

Ald. Carew said he was concerned principally to ensure that an early start was made on the Watergate Scheme. He was sure the Minister would wish to discuss progress on this scheme with the Council.

Itinerants :

Submitted communication from Clare County Council stating that the Council was willing to appoint representatives to meet the representatives of the City Council and of the Limerick County Council and other Councils in this area to discuss the problem of itinerants.

ITEM 3 :

Submitted Financial Statement and Monthly Departmental Reports for the month of December, 1964. Noted.

Matters arising from the Financial Statement :

In reply to Ald. Coughlan and Ald. Russell, the City Manager said he was unable to give any indication of the rate in the £ for the coming financial year. However, the health demand represented an increase in the rate of 4s. 6d. in the £ and the demand for Vocational Education an increase of 3d.

Abattoirs :

In reply to Ald. Russell, the Architect said the preliminary plans of the abattoir were ready and the next step was discussion with the Department of Agriculture.

Gas :

Cllr. Feeney commented on the reduction in the make of gas for the month of December 1964 over the same month for the last two years. He said the price of gas was very high. The City Manager said this matter had been dealt with fully in the report on gas which he had circulated to members prior to the last meeting. The weather had a big influence on the make of gas. Ald. Coughlan enquired the reason for the reduction in the number employed in the Works this year as compared with last. The City Manager said that the reason was that the horizontal retorts which engaged a large number of men were in use in December 1963 whereas the new plant had rendered their use no longer necessary this year. Consequently, it had been possible to reduce the labour force. The City Manager said in reply to Ald. Russell that it was proposed to undertake a sales campaign to promote gas without delay. The method to be used was under consideration at present.

Public Lighting :

The following matters were raised and referred for the attention of the City Engineer :

Cllr. Lawlor—Lights at Bawnmore Road and Canal Bank.

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Cllr. O'Sullivan—Lighting of Clareview Estate, off Ennis Road.
Cllr. Kirby—Lighting of Parke Estate, off Ballysimon Road.
Cllr. Kiely—Lighting of Cathal Brugha Ave., Patrick's Road.
Ald. Russell—Extension of lighting at Dock Road to the Boro' Boundary and at Roxboro' Road to the Boro' Boundary.

Ald. Coughlan said he wished to refer again to the sub-standard lighting throughout the city. The whole matter needed to be examined. Ald. Russell supported. The City Manager said the matter had been raised at the Planning Committee Meeting on the 2nd December. At this meeting the Council had asked that lighting on the main traffic routes be fully brought up to prescribed standards and that the lighting generally throughout the city be re-examined. The technical officers of the Corporation would consult with the E.S.B. on the matter and submit a full report to the Council as soon as possible.

Housing : Density in Private Development :

In reply to Ald. Coughlan, the City Manager said the density of houses in Corporation Schemes was from 10 to 12 per acre depending on the location, and the layout of the Schemes. With regard to private builders the density varied in different areas; the tendancy in urban areas was to have high density in central areas and low density in suburban areas. The usual density for private developments in Limerick City was eight per acre. The City Engineer said there was no specific Town Planning requirement regarding density. The open space requirement was 7 acres per 1,000 population. Ald. Coughlan said it was obvious from inspection of private developments throughout the city that density stated by the City Manager or the open space requirements were not being prescribed by the Corporation. The City Manager said that in all planning permission regard was had (a) to density and (b) open space requirements. Cllr. Liddy said he agreed with the point made by Ald. Coughlan. He referred to the Southville Gardens and Lifford Avenue Schemes which he said had not been completed properly by the Contractor. The residents of these Schemes wished to see the City Manager. Ald. Carew said the residents of Lifford Avenue had been to see the City Manager and he understood they were satisfied as a result of their discussion. He asked that steps be taken to expedite the completion of the roadway in this Avenue. The Manager said that approval in principal had been obtained and the scheme was to be financed by way of loan and it was hoped that the work would commence shortly. Ald. Russell asked if something could be done to improve the standard of house-design. The City Manager said the Corporation had sought in discussions with the developers and by various means to have the design of private houses being built throughout the city improved. It was a question which he would again take up with the developers. The Architect said that a number of factors combined to produce house designs of the type which were prevalent in the city. The grant regulations prescribed that rooms had to be of certain minimum size and there had to be a number of living rooms and a number of bedrooms. A change in standards would help in promoting better house designs.

In reply to Ald. Russell and Ald. Coughlan, Mr. Quilligan, Staff Officer Housing, said that the Corporation expect 15 houses in St. John's Scheme by the middle of February and 16 by mid-March, a total of 31 by the end of March, making a total of 55 in the current financial year. Bullfield Scheme: 40 were expected before the end of February and 40

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before the end of March, 80 before the end of the financial year.

The Architect said there was a reasonable chance that these estimates would be met, but that a lot would depend on the weather.

Rents :

Cllr. Leddin said that a number of Corporation tenants had received communication from the Corporation threatening that if rent was not paid as demanded the Corporation would take proceedings to recover possession of the houses. The tenants had offered to pay the rents less the increase for rates which had been added since the 30th November. In his opinion the Corporation had no right to refuse to accept this rent. He asked the Law Agent for his opinion in the matter. The Law Agent said the Corporation were acting legally, if the tenants refused to pay the rent demanded the Corporation were entitled to take whatever action deemed advisable to secure possession of the house. Ald. Coughlan said that the decision to increase the maximum rents by an amount to cover the rates had been taken by the Manager in direct contravention to the wishes of the Council. A resolution had been passed by the Council that rents be not increased until the matter had gone before the Minister. He failed to see why this resolution should not have had the effect of staying the Manager's hand in the matter. Cllr. Leddin said there should have been no increase in rents until the matter had been fully investigated. The City Manager said the matter had been fully examined by him before he decided to increase the rents to take into account the increase in Rates. There was an obligation in Law on him to act as he did. The Rents had been increased in 1958 to take into account the increases in Rates since the Differential Rent Scheme had been first introduced. The only doubt he had in the matter was that he had limited the increases to cover the increases in Rates in the current financial year. Almost 1,000 tenants had received notices of increase in Rents, 18 only refused to pay. He could not accede to the Council's request to defer action in this matter and he regretted that he could not see eye-to-eye with the Council on the subject. Cllr. Lipper asked if the City Manager was right in his interpretation of the Law why he had not acted sooner. In his view the Manager was open now to surcharge for his past failure to increase the Rents to cover the increases in Rates. The City Manager said he did not move in the matter earlier because of the fact that the whole question of Differential Rents was under discussion with the Council. He pointed out the Minister's sanction was not necessary to a modification the extent of which was warranted to cover the increase on account of the increase in rates and was legally authorised under the Rates and Small Dwellings Act, 1928. Ald. Coughlan said the Council was disappointed that the advice which had been given to the Manager on this matter had not been taken.

ITEM 5 :

Submitted reports on the Capital Cost and Revenue Expenditure and receipts of St. Mary's Park and Prospect Housing Schemes. Further consideration of this matter was deferred.

ITEM 6 :

It was proposed by Cllr. Lipper, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £30,000 for the

making of Supplementary Grants under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, and to the borrowing by way of Loan of a sum not exceeding £25,000 for the making of Supplementary Grants for reconstruction and improvement of houses under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.

ITEM 7 :

Submitted circular G. 1/65 of the 4th January, 1965, from the Department of Local Government regarding rate of interest on borrowing from the Local Loans Fund. The rate of interest to local authorities would be 6¼%. Noted.

ITEM 8 :

Submitted report dated 8th January, 1965, from the City Manager stating that he proposed to submit for the sanction of the Minister for Local Government a proposal to apply revised salary scales from the 1st October, 1963, in the case of certain officers of the Corporation. It was proposed by Cllr. Lipper, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That having considered report from the City Manager dated 8th January, 1965, we approve of the application of proposed salary scales as set out therein to the officers named therein as from 1st October, 1963. We note the cost involved and approve of any necessary expenditure in connection therewith."

ITEM 9 :

Submitted Auditor's Report on the accounts of the Corporation for the year ended 31st March, 1963, copy of which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. Noted.

ITEM 10 :

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Condell : " That a special meeting of the City Council be held on the 1st February, 1965, to consider the demand and provisional estimate for the Limerick Health Authority, and that following that special meeting, a meeting of the Planning Committee be held to consider matters listed for consideration at the postponed meeting of the 5th January, 1965.

ITEM 11 :

Proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Leddin, and unanimously resolved : " That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing :

S.D. Advances—Mortgages : James F. Slattery, Park ; Ed. A. Cassidy, Park ; Patrick O'Dwyer, Singland ; Barth. P. Kiely, Clareview Estates ; John F. Carmody, Singland ; Michael Cleary, Singland ; Daniel Ambrose Buckley, Park ; Robert J. Switzer, Clareview ; John Costelloe, Clareview ; James Joseph McCrory, Coolraine ; Richard P. Yeoman, Park ; Thomas Walshe, Park ; John O'Brien, Coolraine ; John Mooney, Clareview ; James Harrold, Park ; David Hawe, Park ; John and Marguerite Coady, Farranshone ; Thomas Madden, Park ; Eamonn Madden, Park ; Patrick Neilan, Park ; Michael Francis Hartnett, Park ; John Gleeson, Coolraine.

S.D. Transfer—Assignment with Memorial : 6, Corporation Cottages, Farranshone—Windrim.

S.D. Transfer—Deed of Charge, Release and Memorial : Reps.

Margaret Reidy, Lifford Avenue.

S.D. Transfer—Reconveyance with Memorial : Patrick Walsh, 56 Greystones.

S.D. Advances—Land Registry Charge : John O'Connell, Rhebogue. Undertaking to repay supplemental loan £1,750, completion of scheme of 11 houses at Prospect Hill.

Deed of Assignment : John Russell—William J. Rowley, 48 Glenview Gardens.

Demolition Orders : 3, Grattan Street ; 14, Moore's Lane ; 13, Farranshone Terrace ; 1, Carroll's Row ; 9, Hall's Range ; 61, Parnell Street ; 2, Hall's Range ; 2, Little Barrington Street ; 7, Farranshone Terrace ; 6, Bowles Lane ; 12, Garvey's Range ; 6, Lt. John Street ; 28, Island Road ; 30, Island Road ; 1, Lt. Davis Street.

Closing Orders : 32, Thomas Street (front room 3rd floor) ; 32, Thomas Street (rere room 3rd floor) ; 32, Thomas Street (front room 1st floor and back room 1st floor) ; 32, Thomas Street (rere room 2nd floor) ; 32, Thomas Street (all rooms in basement) ; 10, O'Curry Street (2 top rooms 2nd floor)."

CONDOLENCE :

Proposed by Ald. Coughlan, " That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. Kieran Dundon, to the Waters, O'Connell and Lee families on their recent bereavements."

Proposed by Ald. Russell, " That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. Scallan and the late Mr. McCarthy."

CONCLUSION :

The Manager informed the Council that it was proposed to invite the Minister in the course of his visit to Limerick on the 26th January, 1965, to open the Greenhill Tankfield Housing Scheme. Arrangements for the function and holding of the meeting were outlined and agreed as follows : the opening to take place in the forenoon, the meeting to follow, to be followed by the lunch.

A TRUE RECORD.

TOMAS MacDIARMADA,

City Manager & Town Clerk.

Confirmed in Council
the 9th Feb 1965

John Donaghue
Chairman.

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Roll Call: The Roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members answered.

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Sealing:

It was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved: "That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing".

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DERELICT SITE : - Vesting Order:

No. 22 Mungret Street.

... true record.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

Confirmed in Council this 9th Feb. 1965

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Limerick City Council

A monthly meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 9th February, 1965.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members answered :

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful Cllr. J. Danagher, N.T., Mayor.

Aldermen : J. Carew, S. Coughlan, T.D., G. E. Russell.

Councillors : V. Feeney, F. Glasgow, J. Keane, P. Kiely, J. Kirby, T. Lawlor, F. Leddin, J. P. Liddy, M. D. Lipper, and P. O'Sullivan.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Cllr. Mrs. F. Condell and Cllr. P. Kelly.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Engineer ; City Solicitor ; City Accountant ; the Architect ; Mr. Lynch and Mr. Greene, Asst. City Engineers ; Mr. Quilligan, Staff Officer, Housing ; Mr. Fitzpatrick, Staff Officer, Engineers ; Mr. McNamara, Chief Planning Assistant ; Mr. Real, Staff Officer, Gas Works ; Mr. Costelloe, Staff Officer, Town Clerk's Office.

CONGRATULATORY VOTES :

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, and unanimously resolved : " That we the members of the Limerick City Council tender to His Grace Most Rev. Dr. W. Conway, Archbishop of Armagh, and Primate of All-Ireland, our congratulations on his elevation to the Sacred College of Cardinals."

It was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved : " That the congratulations of the Council be tendered to Chief Superintendent E. A. Reynolds on his appointment to the office of Assistant Commissioner of the Garda Siochana."

ITEM 1.

It was proposed by Cllr. Lipper, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 12th January, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

MATTERS ARISING : Abattoir—

In reply to Ald. Russell, the City Manager said that the plans in connection with the Abattoir had been completed but were not yet brought to the stage at which discussions with officers of the Department of Agriculture could take place.

HOUSING : Private Housing Density—

Ald. Coughlan said in his opinion some builders providing houses which were financed by way of Corporation loans and Government and Corporation grants were not giving value for money. He felt it was

BARDAS LUIMNIGHE

Oifig Cleirigh na Cathrach,
Arus na Cathrach,
LUIMNEACH

5th February, 1965.

Notice is hereby given that a Monthly Meeting of the Limerick City Council will be held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday 9th February, 1965 at 7.30 p.m. to dispose of the following business :-

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on the 12th January and 1st February, 1965.

2. To confirm and adopt the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 26th January, 1965.

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 1st February, 1965.

4. To read general correspondence.

5. To consider Monthly Financial Statement and Departmental Reports for January, 1965.

6. Housing and reports in connection with Housing.

7. To approve of the borrowing, by way of Loan, of a sum not exceeding £20,000 from the Royal Liver Friendly Society for the purpose of making advances under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962 to persons where Income exceed £1,040 (terms of Loan 35 years at 6¾%).

To approve of the borrowing, by way of loan, of a sum, not exceeding £10,000 for the purpose of the reconstruction of roadway at (a) Lifford Avenue (b) Lower Cecil Street.

To approve of the borrowing, by way of overdraft pending the raising of loans of a sum not exceeding £30,000. on the Municipal Fund (Capital)Account.

8. To approve of expenditure in excess of that shown in the Estimate of Expenses for year ending 31/3/1964 as set out in City Manager's report. (Copy herewith).

9. To consider report on Increases in Pension to retired officers and servants. (Copy herewith).

10. To consider report from City Manager on public lighting and report from City Engineer on representations from Members re public lighting.(Copy herewith).

11. To consider Report from City Manager re private roads. (Copy herewith).

12. To consider report on suggested experimental changes in the parking and Traffic Bye-Laws. (Copy report herewith).

13. To consider reports on proposed new Works. (If any).

14. To authorise the affixing of the Corporate Seal to Rate warrant for temporary collector for No. 4 District and to any other documents presented for sealing.

15. Any other matter that may be legally considered at this Meeting.

Your attendance at this Meeting is requested.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

To:/ EACH MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

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A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Limerick City Council was held at the County Council Chamber, County Council Offices, O'Connell Street, Limerick, at 12 noon on Tuesday 26th January, 1965.

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful Cllr. J. Danagher, Mayor,

Aldermen: G. E. Russell; J. Carew and S. Coughlan, T.D.,

Councillors: J. P. Liddy; P. Kiely; F. Glasgow; J. Keane; W. Brazier; F. Leddin; M. D. Lipper and P. O'Sullivan.

Officers in attendance: City Manager and Town Clerk; Asst. Town Clerk; City Engineer; Chief Medical Officer; City Accountant; The Architect; City Solicitor and Housing Officer.

Also present at the meeting were: Mr. Neil T. Blaney, T.D., Minister for Local Government; Mr. D. B. O'Malley, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance; Mr. M. Lawless, Assistant Secretary to the Department of Local Government; Mr. D. J. Nally, Acting Principal Officer, Department of Local Government.

The Mayor welcomed the Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary and the officers of the Department to the meeting. Before the discussion on matters before the meeting the Parliamentary Secretary addressed the meeting. Referring to housing conditions in Limerick he said there was accute overcrowding in many houses and sections of the community were living in near-slum conditions. He had seen the Corporation's programme, but did not think the (projected) figure of 200 per annum would be reached. All going well it would take some people who are now in need of houses seven years before they could be rehoused. Moreover, he did not accept the figure of 1,400 as the housing needs. In his view a truer figure would be 3,000 cases. He trusted that the Council would leave the Minister under no illusions about the position in Limerick and that the Minister would take steps to speed up the building of houses in the city.

Item 1.

Corporation Housing Programme; with particular reference to the manner in which building of houses can be expedited:

Ald. Russell said the housing situation in Limerick was critical, but the problem was also common to other areas. He felt one of the reasons for the delay in house building was the length of time it took in having plans processed through the Department of Local Government. He suggested to the Minister that he would consider granting a general approval to the Corporation to build a certain number of houses of an approved design.

The question of subsidy should be reviewed. The $\frac{2}{3}$rds subsidy to a limit of £1,650 on houses now costing over £2,000 was no longer realistic. Government Departments, such as the Department of Defence, could assist the local building effort by building houses for their members in Limerick.

Ald. Coughlan said that the building rate in Ireland was the lowest in Europe. The problem was a national one. He felt the Corporation's technical advisors were competent to design and plan housing schemes, and failed to see why such schemes would have to be approved by other technical personnel attached to the Department of Local Government. He quoted time and date of the submission of documents to the Department of Local Government, and of date of sanction by the Department, in the case of a number of schemes. He enquired if the technical staff attached to the Department which was dealing with the problems of the Limerick Corporation was adequate. Referring to system building of the building of pre fabricated houses Ald. Coughlan said that the members of his party on the Council would oppose the introduction of any such systems by the Corporation.

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Cllr. Liddy said the difficulty was that there had been no continuity in the building programme of the Corporation in the past. The Council should ask that plans be prepared for the building of 400 houses per annum and seek to get the sanction of the Department to schemes of this order without delay.

Ald. Carew said that good progress had been made by the Corporation in the past in the provision of houses. An effort would, however, have to be made to speed up production in view of the pressing demand at the present time. The Minister in reply said the Corporation had estimated its' needs at the present time at 1,400 houses. Taking the total housing stock at 11,00 and adding 1% per annum for obsolesence, gave an additional 700 houses in seven years, which was the limit of the Corporation's present programme. Growing population would add possibly 300 or 400 more. In the circumstances the Minister thought that the Corporation might have to think in terms of building 2,500 houses. He doubted the ability of the local authority to arrange for the building of more than 200 per annum by traditional methods. In saying this he was influenced by the nationwide shortage of professional staff, the difficulties contractors experience in obtaining skilled labour and past experience. In these circumstances, if the Corporation were to get on top of the problem he felt that system building which would be complementary to the conventional house building must be considered. The difficulty was that the number of houses required in Limerick alone would not be sufficient to justify a factory to produce the system building units. The possibility was that the demands of adjoining local authorities if pooled would give sufficiently large number of houses to justify the setting up of an organisation to produce system built houses in this region. The Minister said if the local authorities could agree on this matter he would collate and would endeavour to arrange through the National Building Agency for the carrying out of such an operation in this area and the areas joined with the Corporation for the purposes of a system building scheme. The Minister said that the question of the number of flats which the Corporation might need to complete its housing programme was a matter which should be ascertained at once. This could be followed up by a meeting between officers of the Department and the Corporation. The Minister indicated that he was visiting Cork later in the day and would suggest to Cork and also to the Shannon Development Co. that they should consider the question of system building and the making of a pool with the Corporation as he had suggested.

The Minister said that any suggestion to expedite the normal processes for dealing with house planning proposals submitted to the Department by the Corporation would be given effect to, if they were consistant with the Minister's responsibility in the whole field of housing. He asked the Council not to lay the blame at the door of the Department. The whole picture should be examined and delays should be minimised where at all possible. Frequently delays occur between the date of placing a contract and the date the work commenced.

Item 2.

Watergate.

The Mayor said the Council had been pressing for many years to have a scheme of houses erected in Watergate. Some progress had been made in recent years and plans were at present before the Department. He would ask the Minister to expedite a decision. Ald. Carew supported; likewise Ald. Russell. Ald. Coughlan adverting to delays, referred to the Department's request for soil tests in the Watergate scheme. Such tests were not considered necessary by members of the Council who knew that in the past high buildings had stood for centuries in Watergate.

The Minister in reply said that a soil test was necessary in the case of modern flats at some stage, it might as well be carried out in the early planning stages as at a later date. Referring to the submission in regard to Watergate which was before the Department the Minister said that the costs of the flats as proposed would be very high. He quoted a figure of £5,000 per flat for the larger flats. In this case the economic rents would be correspondingly high. In the circumstances the Department may have to ask to have the design changed to accommodate a preponderance of smaller flats.

A further meeting would be arranged between the technical officers of the Department

and the officers of the Corporation to consider the question of reducing the overall cost per flat. The Minister said it was pointless to consider system building for a scheme the size of Watergate, for this manner of building 2,000 dwellings was a minimum, and if they could be found within a 50 mile radius a system building project might be feasible in this region.

Differential Rents;

Ald. Coughlan referred to the action of the City Manager in increasing the maximum rents. This had never been done in Limerick, and he failed to see why the Manager should not have held his hand (until the Council had heard from the Minister in the matter). His view was that the question of Differential rents should be dealt with on a national basis. He saw no reason why the maximum rent in Dublin should be 44s. Od. whereas the maximum in Limerick in some of the more recent schemes was over 70s. Od.

Ald. Russell said there were iniquities in the Limerick Scheme. He asked if a discussion between officials of the Department and officials of the Corporation could be arranged to see if the differences which existed between the Limerick Scheme and schemes in other areas could be examined and a more rational scheme introduced by the Corporation. The Minister said the object of differential rents system was to ensure that the poorer section of the community who were unable to pay the rents which would have been demanded as fixed rents were nonetheless provided with houses. It would not be possible to frame a differential rent scheme on a national basis, as the charge on the rate of the different local authorities for houses was not uniform, neither was the capital cost of housing. There would be, in the new housing legislation, an obligation on each housing authority to treat its housing stock as one unit and to prepare a rational scheme of renting? The difficulty he saw in relation to Limerick was that there were several renting schemes. It should be possible to introduce a differential renting scheme for houses with different amenities giving an allowance on the rent for say the omission of a bathroom. Continuing the Minister said that those who could afford to pay an economic rent should pay it; those who could afford to build their own houses should be encouraged to do so. He reminded the Council that the Corporation made no profit on its houses. Each house the Corporation own cost the Rate payers £16, in the last financial year. A realistic rent policy would, however help to increase the revenue on the housing account. The Minister said that whilst a complete re appraisal of the system was necessary, he did not think that they should be carried out until after the forthcoming local election. Referring to the action of the City Manager, he said the Law obliged the City Manager to act as he did. The Minister also referred to the resolution of the Council which would oblige the City Manager, to reduce, subject to his sanction, the Maximum rents of a number of schemes. He drew attention to the fact that the cost of this resolution if put into effect in the current financial year would be £3,500 and ultimately could be as high as £36,000 over the years if the income of the tenants increased as it was hoped.

Item 4

Sub tenants:

Ald. Russell said that the Council had been informed that there were applications from 150 sub tenants in need of rehousing in Corporation Estates. Members of the Council, however, felt that there must be at least double that number. The worst cases of overcrowding in the city were in Corporation houses. The present position was that sub tenants could not be re housed in new houses without loss of subsidy to the Corporation. He suggested that this provision be modified. He quoted from the White Paper on Housing and asked if the statement about sub tenants in the Paper could be illustrated.

Ald. Coughlan outlined the causes of sub tenancy in Corporation Housing Schemes. He said the problem was a pressing one in Limerick, as there seemed to be no alternative for young married couples but to go and reside with one or other of the parents. Private landlords had no accommodation in Limerick for such cases.

Cllr. Liddy supported and referred to the last paragraph of the Manager's memorandum on sub tenants, in which the action of the Department in disallowing subsidy in the case of rehousing of sub tenants in the Greenhill Tankfield Housing Scheme was referred to.

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The Minister said that under the provisions of the White Paper the position when the necessary legislation had been enacted, would be that sub tenants could be allowed by consent of the housing authority and such sub tenants on subsequent re housing would qualify for the higher subsidy. His Department would also examine the present position but he could not say what proposals to solve the present situation would be. The prime purpose of higher subsidy was to get rid of unfit housing conditions and until that stage had been reached he felt the Government could not deviate from this intention. The Department, however, had a formula for dealing with hardship cases on compassionate grounds. This formula would be applied in the case referred to by Cllr. Liddy and higher subsidy would be paid to Corporation in respect of the letting.

Item 5.

Income limits for Loans and Grants:

Ald. Russell said the limit for Loans at present was £1,040, and had not been increased since 1961. Moreover, the present maximum loan of £2,250 was no longer realistic having regard to the cost of building at the present time.

Ald. Coughlan said the high price being paid for land by private builders was responsible for a proportion of the increase in the cost of private houses which had occurred in recent times. He appealed to the Minister to take some steps to bring down the cost of houses being financed with the aid of loans and grants.

The Minister said that the Corporation's market value was the controlling feature by which the Corporation assess the amount of loan which might be allowed. The average loan being granted by the Corporation in 1964 was £1,800. Keeping this in mind and the fact that the market values appeared to be less than the cost of the house there was no justification in saying that the maximum loan at £2,250 in any way inhibited the building of private houses in Limerick.

The Minister said it was difficult to find an answer to the problem of the increasing cost of private building; higher land cost was one aspect; the premium on skilled labour was also a contributory factor.

The Parliamentary Secretary suggested that the Corporation should develop sites and lease to persons who were prepared to build.

House Purchase/Tenant Purchase:

Ald. Russell said that whilst the Corporation had prepared schemes for a number of pre war houses, it appeared that the terms prescribed by the Minister for the sale of post war houses would not encourage tenants to purchase.

The Minister in reply said the schemes prepared by the Corporation were in accordance with the terms of circular c/53. A subsequent circular which provided for the formulation of schemes in relation to post war houses which did not seem to have been examined. It was agreed that the Council would examine the position in the light of the circular letter referred to by the Minister.

Local Elections:

In reply to Ald. Coughlan the Minister said that the local elections in Limerick City in 1965 would be held on the Ward System.

The business of the meeting then concluded.

A true record.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Planning Committee (Whole House) of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Monday 1st February, 1965, at 8 o'clock p.m. approximately the following members being present:

In the Chair:	Right Worshipful Cllr. J. Danagher, Mayor,
Aldermen:	S. Coughlan, T.D., G. L. Russell;
Councillors:	W. Brazier; J. P. Liddy; P. Kiely; V. Feeney; T. Lawlor; M. Lipper; P. O'Sullivan.

Officers present: City Manager and Town Clerk; Assistant Town Clerk; City Engineer; City Accountant; Architect; Mr. T. McNamara, Chief Planning Assistant; Mr. J. Costelloe, Staff Officer.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Ald. J. Carew and Cllr. Mrs.F.Condell.

B U S I N E S S.

Item 1:
Submitted the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 1st December, 1964, which had been adopted by the City Council at the meeting held on the 18th December, 1964. The Committee considered the minutes page by page.

Item 2:
Submitted report dated 21st December, 1964, from the City Engineer headed "Development Plan, Progress Report". Copy of the report is incorporated in the official minute. Arising out of consideration of this report the City Manager informed the Committee that the Department of Local Government had been requested to defray the cost of an aerial survey by way of Road Fund Grant. The matter was with the Department for some time. On the suggestion of Ald. Russell the Committee agreed that the Department be pressed to expedite a decision in this matter.

Item 3:
Submitted circular P.D. 2, dated 19th December, 1964, from the Department of Local Government, regarding Provisional Development Plan, and copy of report dated 31st December, 1964, from the City Engineer thereon (copy of the circular and report had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting). The City Engineer explained that the circular indicated the Department's views that it was most desirable to prepare a provisional plan forthwith without waiting for the detailed surveys necessary prior to the preparation of the development plan. The provisional plan would serve as a useful basis on which to prepare the development plan and it was recommended that the Corporation agree to its preparation and submission to the Department of Local Government. After a brief discussion the Committee accepted the City Engineer's recommendation in this matter.

Item 4;
Submitted report dated 1st January from the City Manager, together with report dated 31st December, 1964, from the City Engineer, regarding a proposal to continue Henry Street to Honan's Quay. The City Engineer in his report, copy of which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting, gave the following reasons for putting forward this plan.
The new street would permit traffic coming from Ennis Road and wishing to proceed southwards to turn left through the new street, left again along Honan's Quay and under Sarsfield Bridge. All these were left hand turns and it would be possible to permit a continuous flow of traffic thus releaving congestion at present caused by the right hand turns at Henry Street and O'Connell Street. The new street would also allow direct access for traffic from the Ennis Road into the proposed new carpark at Arthur's Quay and when the proposed development of Arthur's Quay was completed, the new street would permit cars travelling northward towards Watergate Area and beyond, to do so without passing through the Sarsfield Street/O'Connell Street junction. Copy of the plan was available for the members at the meeting. The City Manager said the proposal was recommended for the approval of the Committee subject to a Road Fund Grant being made available to cover the cost of the scheme including the cost of the acquisition of the property which would be necessary to acquire for the carrying out of the work.

Ald. Coughlan said he did not think the proposal was realistic, the cost would put it out of the question. He asked if this proposal was in accordance with the report prepared by Mr. Gleeson, Assistant City Engineer (Design) which had been circulated to

the members some time ago. The City Manager said that the report prepared by Mr. Gleeson dealt with the weight of traffic on different streets and gave the results of a number of surveys with regard to traffic flows and parking which had been carried out. The report was to the City Engineer and must be examined by him and any suggestions in it, if considered desirable by the City Engineer, would be put forward to the City Council in due course. The proposal for the extension of Henry Street through to Honan's Quay would, as the City Engineer pointed out in his report, allow for much freer traffic circulation in this area.

Cllr. Feeney supported the proposal. He thought anything which could ease traffic in this area should be welcomed. The newstreet would open up new frontages and the cost might not be as great as anticipated.

Ald. Russell agreed with Cllr. Feeney and asked if consideration might be given to a a ramp from the Lock Road on the western side of Sarsfield Bridge to Sarsfield Bridge allowing traffic approaching the bridge from the west to turn left towards Clare. The City Engineer said this was a good idea. It could be complimentary to the proposal at present being considered by the Council.

After a further brief discussion the City Manager said that it might not be reasonable to press for a decision on a major matter at this meeting. He would bre submit at a future date. In the meantime he would ask the Committee to agree that further enquiries be made including enquiries from property owners. The Committee accepted this suggestion.

Item 5.
Submitted the City Engineer's report of the 31st December, 1964, on the following matters for inclusion in the Development Plan. Car parking; Road widths; Tree planting by the Corporation. The reports had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting, and are incorporated in the official minute. The Council took the following decisions on the questions raised in the City Engineer's report:

Car Parking

		ANSWER:
Query (1)	Does the Committee agree in principle that the Development Plan should reserve land close to the City Centre to provide adequate car parking space for the future?	Yes
Query (2)	Does the Committee agree in principle that where there is a choice that the order of selection of sites for car parks should be as follows. (a) suitable land not already built on, (b) derelict areas, (c) other properties.	Yes.
Query (3)	Does the Committee agree that the Plan should require persons carrying out new developments in the City Centre to reserve a percentage (to be determined later) of the site area for car parking (a) in connection with owners business, (b) for public parking.	Yes (where practicalbe)
Query (4)	If the answer to Query (3)(a) or (b) is yes, does the Committee agree that the private firms should be required to reserve this space where there may be no vehicular access immediately but where such access can become available by the imposition of like requirements in adjoining properties and where all the areas can become integrated to form a combined car park.	Yes

Roadwidths.

Query (5)	Does the Committee agree that the width of carriageway on New Streets (roads) on new developments should be increased?	Yes.
Query (6)	If the answer to Query (5) is yes, does the Committee agree with the following. (a) that where a street is a short cul de sac not exceeding 100 ft. that the width of carriageway should be not less than 16 ft.	Yes.

Query (6) (b) that where a street is a cul de sac exceeding 100 ft. in length but not exceeding 300 ft. in length that the width of carriageway should be not less than 20 ft. — Answer: Yes

(c) that for other streets the width of carriageway should be not less than 24 ft. — Yes

(d) That a turning circle be provided at the end of each cul de sac of diameter not less than 80 ft. between kerbs. — Yes

(e) that where a street (road) is to become a major road that the developer should in addition to providing the width of carriageway required above, also provide such extra land as the planning authority may require for future widening of the carriageway. — Yes

(f) that all streets be provided with a footpath on either side of the carriageway and adjacent thereto of a width of not less than 6 ft; provided that where it would be in the interests of good planning, the Planning Authority may modify this requirement in special circumstances. — Yes

(g) that all road and street junctions be laid out so as to facilitate the flow of traffic and give adequate vision to road users and pedestrians of approaching traffic. — Yes.

Section 19(2) a (ii) Section 19(3) Third Schedule Part 1. 7(b).

(h) that where a developer proposes to construct a number of exits on to a heavily trafficed road or street he shall, if required to do so by the Planning Authority construct a service road so that the vehicles coming from the individual exits shall not come directly on to the heavily trafficed road or street. — Yes.

Section 19(3) Third Schedule Part 1.7 Also Public Health(Ireland) Act,1878.

(i) that where a person converts an existing public road into a street that he shall with the consent of the Road Authority bring such road up to the standard required for new streets, or in the case where the Road Authority is not willing to give the consent, he shall pay to the Road Authority the cost of bringing the road up to the standard required for new streets and the Road Authority will have a contractual obligation to bring such road up to the required standard as soon as may be after the payment to it of the full cost of the work provided that where a person builds houses on one side only of the existing public road, he shall be liable only for the completion of one half of the street between its final planned centre line and the front boundaries of the properties constructed.

(Answer) Ald. Russell and Cllr. Lawlor said they would not be in agreement with this proposal. After a brief discussion the Committee agreed on the suggestion of the Manager that the answer to this query be 'yes' provided the Corporation treat each case on its merits.

Section 19(3) Third Schedule Part 1.8.

(j) that where a person lays out a new street or road so that there are unpaved areas on or adjoining such street or road, he shall level, grade such areas, plant and protect grass, trees and shrubs on or

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Query (6) Contd.

(j) adjoining such road in accordance with details on the approved plans or in the absence of details on plans, in accordance with specifications attached as conditions to permissions. Yes

(k) that where a person lays out a new street or road he shall provide artificial lighting on or adjoining such street or road of a standard approved by the Road Authority or Sanitary Authority for similar classes of streets or roads in its area. Yes

Section 19(2) Third Schedule Part 1. 7(a)

(l) that where a person lays out a new road or street he shall lay out the line to conform with lines on the Development Plan or in the absence of lines on the Development Plan he shall layout such roads or streets to conform with conditions attached to permissions Yes

(m) that where a person lays out a new road or street he shall layout the levels to conform with levels shown on the Development Plan or in the absence of such levels on the Development Plan he shall layout such roads or streets to conform with conditions attached to permissions. Yes

(n) that where a person constructs a new street or road he shall pave such street or road in accordance with the Bye Laws or in the absence of Bye Laws, he shall construct the street in accordance with specification attached as conditions to permission. Yes

Query (7) Does the Committee agree in principle that off street car parking spaces should be provided in new housing developments so as to reduce the number of cars parking on the public carriageways. Yes

Query (8) If the answer to Query (7) is yes, does the Committee agree with the following:

(a) that each new dwelling should be provided with a 9 ft. wide gateway or means of access.

(b) that each new dwelling should be provided with a paved area beyond the line of the public street or road of sufficient size to accommodate one car.

(c) that the footpath in front of each gateway or means of access to each new dwelling should be so constructed as to permit a car being driven off the carriageway.

(d) that gateways and exits to be so designed as to give a view of approaching traffic to drivers of vehicles emerging from exits.

(Answer) The City Engineer agreed that the wording of the questions might require re drafting. The omission of 'each' in queries (8) (a) and (b) was suggested. Subject to the re drafting the Committee agreed to answer yes to these queries.

Query (9) Does the Committee agree that the standards laid down for private developments should apply also to Housing Authorities and all other public Authorities (other than those which are exempted by law). Yes

Query (10)

Does the Committee agree in principle that in addition to the car parks of one car per house mentioned above, that private developers should be required to provide an area for off street car parking for miscellaneous vehicles such as visiting cars, second car in house, etc. in private developments Yes.

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Query (11) If the answer to Query (10) is yes, does the Committee agree that the developer should provide carparks at,say,one per ten houses.

(Answer) The City Engineer explained that what was in mind was a public car park for every ten houses. The Committee replied yes,if feasible.

Query (12) Does the Committee agree that Schools, Hospitals, Public Institutions, Sports Clubs or other places where large number of people visit should be required to provide exits and entrances to and from public roads so as to facilitate the flow of traffic and avoid obstruction of the public road. Yes.

Item 6;
To consider the extent to which the Corporation should exercise its powers to provide facilities for the establishment of industry in the City. Cllr. Liddy said the Corporation had a number of sites in the City. He suggested that it would be a good idea if sites could be found near all the large housing estates. Ald. Russell agreed but said that the modern idea was to have an industrial estate. In any event the Corporation should have sufficient lands to aid the demands of industrialists. It was agreed that surveys be got under way to zone areas for industry.

Item 7.
To consider the extent to which the Corporation should exercise its powers to provide facilities for the provision of sites for private housing development. The City Manager said that there were a number of central city areas ripe for redevelopment. The question he would like the Committee to answer was whether a selection should be made of one or more of these areas for private housing. The Committee felt that this suggestion should be taken up and examined and agreed on having this done. Ald. Russell said that where land acquired for housing by the Corporation is sold the Corporation should ensure that the land was used for housing purposes only and not sold for other purposes.

The Visit of Dr. Lichfield.
Submitted communication fromthe National Building Agency saying that Dr. Lichfield proposed to visit Limerick onthe 12th February, 1965. He would like to meet the members of the Committee at 10 a.m. that morning and to continue his discussions in the course of the day with officers of the Corporation. The Committee was of opinion that very few members could attend at 10 a.m. They suggested that they would be willing to meet at a special session on the evening of the 12th, suggested time 7.30 p.m. for discussion with Dr. Lichfield.

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I. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

Limerick City Council

A Quarterly Statutory Meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse, Merchant's Quay, by kind permission of the County Registrar, on Tuesday, 12th January, 1965. The Roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members answered :

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful, Cllr. J. Danagher, Mayor.

Aldermen : S. Coughlan, T.D. ; J. Carew and G. E. Russell.

Councillors : W. Brazier, Mrs. F. Condell, V. Feeney, P. Kiely, J. Kirby, T. Lawlor, F. Leddin, J. P. Liddy, M. D. Lipper, and P. O'Sullivan.

Officers present : City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Engineer ; City Accountant ; City Solicitor ; Mr. Quilligan, Staff Officer Housing ; Mr. Fitzpatrick, Staff Officer Engineer's Department ; Mr. Costelloe, Staff Officer Town Clerk's Office ; Mr. Lynch, Asst. City Engineer ; Mr. Greene, Asst. City Engineer ; Mr. McNamara, Chief Planning Assistant ; Mr. O'Callaghan, Architect, etc.

ITEM 1 :

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and resolved : "That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 18th December, 1964, of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed, subject to the addition of an item about out-houses in the Ballynantybeg Housing Scheme raised by Ald. Russell.

Matters arising out of the Minutes :

Cllr. Lipper said he had at the last meeting raised the question of the rehousing of a tenant evicted from Kelly's Range, Blackboy Pike. The matter had not been noted in the minutes. The Manager had at the time stated that the Corporation's information was that this person and his wife had gone to England, this was not so. The City Manager said the statement he had made was given to an officer of the Corporation when he called at the household of the tenant's wife. He would have further information on the matter available and a report for the Council at the next meeting.

Visit of Minister for Local Government to Limerick :

It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Leddin, and unanimously agreed : "That Mr. D. B. O'Malley be invited to the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Council to be held on the 26th January, 1965, at which the Minister for Local Government would be present for discussion on housing."

Caherdavin Sewer :

Ald. Russell queried the position about the temporary sewerage arrangements at Greystones and also about the question of rat infestation in this area, of which complaints had been received from the residents. The City Manager said that this matter had been investigated. The Corporation's health inspector had reported that there was no evidence of rat infestation being caused by the sewer. Uncovered dustbins which

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had been observed in the area were a more likely encouragen to rodents. The septic tank arrangement was a temporary one and would be put right when the Caherdavin sewer was completed, which was expected to be within a short time. In answer to further queries by Ald. Russell and Cllr. Condell, the City Manager said that further investigation would be made and if action was necessary, such action would be taken by the Corporation.

Ballinacurra Road :

This matter was raised by Ald. Russell, Cllr. Leddin and Ald. Carew. The Manager in reply to a number of queries explained that this matter had been discussed with the County Manager and officials of the County Council shortly after the last Council meeting. The County Council had agreed with the Corporation some time ago to undertake the work on behalf of the Corporation and the County Manager had given an assurance that the Work would be carried out as soon as possible. The Manager stated that the Caherdavin Road, which had been the subject of complaints by the Council from time to time, had also been discussed with the officials of the County Council, and he was able to report that the surface of this road had improved considerably in recent weeks. At the request of Ald. Russell, the City Manager said he would have a written report on the subject of the Ballinacurra Road for the next meeting.

Loans for the making of advances under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, for persons whose incomes exceed £1,040 :

In reply to Ald. Russell, the City Accountant said that an offer of a small loan which might facilitate a number of people who are not eligible for loans from the Corporation funds out of issues from the Local Loans Fund was being considered, the rate of interest would be 6¾. It is hoped that the matter would be finalised within a short time.

Correspondence :

Submitted communication dated 7th January, 1965, from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Local Government stating that the Minister accepted the invitation of the Council to attend the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Council to be held on the 26th January, 1965, to discuss housing problems in relation to Limerick City. The Minister asked that he be furnished with a memorandum setting out particulars of the matters which the Council wish to discuss with him.

Ald. Coughlan said the Council should discuss every aspect of housing with the Minister. He referred in particular to rents and to what he said were different interpretations of law, governing rents and other housing matters, which were being applied by the Managers of local authorities throughout the country.

Cllr. Liddy said the most pressing matter for discussion was the steps which might be taken to speed up the Corporation's house construction programme.

Ald. Russell referred to the development of system building. Any information the Minister could give about systems of building which he had been instrumental in initiating in the Ballymun Scheme in Dublin would be helpful. He suggested that matters which were being referred to the Department for technical examination could be left in the hands of the local technical officers. In this way a speed up in the commence-

ment of housing schemes could be achieved. Another matter which the Council should bring to the attention of the Minister was the position of sub-tenants. He was aware of some very bad cases in Limerick. Ald. Russell said the income limit for loans under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, should be raised from £1,040 to a comparable figure having regard to the change in money values since £1,040 was fixed. The question of introducing a scheme to enable tenants of the newer Corporation houses to purchase their houses should also be discussed.

Ald. Carew said he was concerned principally to ensure that an early start was made on the Watergate Scheme. He was sure the Minister would wish to discuss progress on this scheme with the Council.

Itinerants :

Submitted communication from Clare County Council stating that the Council was willing to appoint representatives to meet the representatives of the City Council and of the Limerick County Council and other Councils in this area to discuss the problem of itinerants.

ITEM 3 :

Submitted Financial Statement and Monthly Departmental Reports for the month of December, 1964. Noted.

Matters arising from the Financial Statement :

In reply to Ald. Coughlan and Ald. Russell, the City Manager said he was unable to give any indication of the rate in the £ for the coming financial year. However, the health demand represented an increase in the rate of 4s. 6d. in the £ and the demand for Vocational Education an increase of 3d.

Abattoirs :

In reply to Ald. Russell, the Architect said the preliminary plans of the abattoir were ready and the next step was discussion with the Department of Agriculture.

Gas :

Cllr. Feeney commented on the reduction in the make of gas for the month of December 1964 over the same month for the last two years. He said the price of gas was very high. The City Manager said this matter had been dealt with fully in the report on gas which he had circulated to members prior to the last meeting. The weather had a big influence on the make of gas. Ald. Coughlan enquired the reason for the reduction in the number employed in the Works this year as compared with last. The City Manager said that the reason was that the horizontal retorts which engaged a large number of men were in use in December 1963 whereas the new plant had rendered their use no longer necessary this year. Consequently, it had been possible to reduce the labour force. The City Manager said in reply to Ald. Russell that it was proposed to undertake a sales campaign to promote gas without delay. The method to be used was under consideration at present.

Public Lighting :

The following matters were raised and referred for the attention of the City Engineer :

Cllr. Lawlor—Lights at Bawnmore Road and Canal Bank.

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Cllr. O'Sullivan—Lighting of Clareview Estate, off Ennis Road.
Cllr. Kirby—Lighting of Parke Estate, off Ballysimon Rd.
Cllr. Kiely—Lighting of Cathal Brugha Ave., Patrick's Road.
Ald. Russell—Extension of lighting at Dock Road to the Boro' Boundary and at Roxboro' Road to the Boro' Boundary.

Ald. Coughlan said he wished to refer again to the sub-standard lighting throughout the city. The whole matter needed to be examined. Ald. Russell supported. The City Manager said the matter had been raised at the Planning Committee Meeting on the 2nd December. At this meeting the Council had asked that lighting on the main traffic routes be fully brought up to prescribed standards and that the lighting generally throughout the city be re-examined. The technical officers of the Corporation would consult with the E.S.B. on the matter and submit a full report to the Council as soon as possible.

Housing : Density in Private Development :

In reply to Ald. Coughlan, the City Manager said the density of houses in Corporation Schemes was from 10 to 12 per acre depending on the location, and the layout of the Schemes. With regard to private builders the density varied in different areas; the tendancy in urban areas was to have high density in central areas and low density in suburban areas. The usual density for private developments in Limerick City was eight per acre. The City Engineer said there was no specific Town Planning requirement regarding density. The open space requirement was 7 acres per 1,000 population. Ald. Coughlan said it was obvious from inspection of private developments throughout the city that density stated by the City Manager or the open space requirements were not being prescribed by the Corporation. The City Manager said that in all planning permission regard was had (a) to density and (b) open space requirements. Cllr. Liddy said he agreed with the point made by Ald. Coughlan. He referred to the Southville Gardens and Lifford Avenue Schemes which he said had not been completed properly by the Contractor. The residents of these Schemes wished to see the City Manager. Ald. Carew said the residents of Lifford Avenue had been to see the City Manager and he understood they were satisfied as a result of their discussion. He asked that steps be taken to expedite the completion of the roadway in this Avenue. The Manager said that approval in principal had been obtained and the scheme was to be financed by way of loan and it was hoped that the work would commence shortly. Ald. Russell asked if something could be done to improve the standard of house-design. The City Manager said the Corporation had sought in discussions with the developers and by various means to have the design of private houses being built throughout the city improved. It was a question which he would again take up with the developers. The Architect said that a number of factors combined to produce house designs of the type which were prevalent in the city. The grant regulations prescribed that rooms had to be of certain minimum size and there had to be a number of living rooms and a number of bedrooms. A change in standards would help in promoting better house designs.

In reply to Ald. Russell and Ald. Coughlan, Mr. Quilligan, Staff Officer Housing, said that the Corporation expect 15 houses in St. John's Scheme by the middle of February and 16 by mid-March, a total of 31 by the end of March, making a total of 55 in the current financial year. Bullfield Scheme: 40 were expected before the end of February and 40

bef[illegible] the end of March, 80 before the end of the financial year. [illegible]e Architect said there was a reasonable chance that these estimates would be met, but that a lot would depend on the weather.

Rents :

Cllr. Leddin said that a number of Corporation tenants had received communication from the Corporation threatening that if rent was not paid as demanded the Corporation would take proceedings to recover possession of the houses. The tenants had offered to pay the rents less the increase for rates which had been added since the 30th November. In his opinion the Corporation had no right to refuse to accept this rent. He asked the Law Agent for his opinion in the matter. The Law Agent said the Corporation were acting legally, if the tenants refused to pay the rent demanded the Corporation were entitled to take whatever action deemed advisable to secure possession of the house. Ald. Coughlan said that the decision to increase the maximum rents by an amount to cover the rates had been taken by the Manager in direct contravention to the wishes of the Council. A resolution had been passed by the Council that rents be not increased until the matter had gone before the Minister. He failed to see why this resolution should not have had the effect of staying the Manager's hand in the matter. Cllr. Leddin said there should have been no increase in rents until the matter had been fully investigated. The City Manager said the matter had been fully examined by him before he decided to increase the rents to take into account the increase in Rates. There was an obligation in Law on him to act as he did. The Rents had been increased in 1958 to take into account the increases in Rates since the Differential Rent Scheme had been first introduced. The only doubt he had in the matter was that he had limited the increases to cover the increases in Rates in the current financial year. Almost 1,000 tenants had received notices of increase in Rents, 18 only refused to pay. He could not accede to the Council's request to defer action in this matter and he regretted that he could not see eye-to-eye with the Council on the subject. Cllr. Lipper asked if the City Manager was right in his interpretation of the Law why he had not acted sooner. In his view the Manager was open now to surcharge for his past failure to increase the Rents to cover the increases in Rates. The City Manager said he did not move in the matter earlier because of the fact that the whole question of Differential Rents was under discussion with the Council. He pointed out the Minister's sanction was not necessary to a modification the extent of which was warranted to cover the increase on account of the increase in rates and was legally authorised under the Rates and Small Dwellings Act, 1928. Ald. Coughlan said the Council was disappointed that the advice which had been given to the Manager on this matter had not been taken.

ITEM 5 :

Submitted reports on the Capital Cost and Revenue Expenditure and receipts of St. Mary's Park and Prospect Housing Schemes. Further consideration of this matter was deferred.

ITEM 6 :

It was proposed by Cllr. Lipper, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £30,000 for the

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making of Supplementary Grants under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, and to the borrowing by way of Loan of a sum not exceeding £25,000 for the making of Supplementary Grants for reconstruction and improvement of houses under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.

ITEM 7 :

Submitted circular G. 1/65 of the 4th January, 1965, from the Department of Local Government regarding rate of interest on borrowing from the Local Loans Fund. The rate of interest to local authorities would be 6¼%. Noted.

ITEM 8 :

Submitted report dated 8th January, 1965, from the City Manager stating that he proposed to submit for the sanction of the Minister for Local Government a proposal to apply revised salary scales from the 1st October, 1963, in the case of certain officers of the Corporation. It was proposed by Cllr. Lipper, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That having considered report from the City Manager dated 8th January, 1965, we approve of the application of proposed salary scales as set out therein to the officers named therein as from 1st October, 1963. We note the cost involved and approve of any necessary expenditure in connection therewith."

ITEM 9 :

Submitted Auditor's Report on the accounts of the Corporation for the year ended 31st March, 1963, copy of which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. Noted.

ITEM 10 :

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Condell : " That a special meeting of the City Council be held on the 1st February, 1965, to consider the demand and provisional estimate for the Limerick Health Authority, and that following that special meeting, a meeting of the Planning Committee be held to consider matters listed for consideration at the postponed meeting of the 5th January, 1965.

ITEM 11 :

Proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Leddin, and unanimously resolved : " That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing :

S.D. Advances—Mortgages : James F. Slattery, Park ; Ed. A. Cassidy, Park ; Patrick O'Dwyer, Singland ; Barth. P. Kiely, Clareview Estates ; John F. Carmody, Singland ; Michael Cleary, Singland ; Daniel Ambrose Buckley, Park ; Robert J. Switzer, Clareview ; John Costelloe, Clareview ; James Joseph McCrory, Coolraine ; Richard P. Yeoman, Park ; Thomas Walshe, Park ; John O'Brien, Coolraine ; John Mooney, Clareview ; James Harrold, Park ; David Hawe, Park ; John and Marguerite Coady, Farranshone ; Thomas Madden, Park ; Eamonn Madden, Park ; Patrick Neilan, Park ; Michael Francis Hartnett, Park ; John Gleeson, Coolraine.

S.D. Transfer—Assignment with Memorial : 6, Corporation Cottages, Farranshone—Windrim.

S.D. Transfer—Deed of Charge, Release and Memorial : Reps.

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Margaret Reidy, Lifford Avenue.

S.D. Transfer—Reconveyance with Memorial : Patrick [illegible], 56 Greystones.

S.D. Advances—Land Registry Charge : John O'Connell, Rhebogue. Undertaking to repay supplemental loan £1,750, completion of scheme of 11 houses at Prospect Hill.

Deed of Assignment : John Russell—William J. Rowley, 48 Glenview Gardens.

Demolition Orders : 3, Grattan Street ; 14, Moore's Lane ; 13, Farranshone Terrace ; 1, Carroll's Row ; 9, Hall's Range ; 61, Parnell Street ; 2, Hall's Range ; 2, Little Barrington Street ; 7, Farranshone Terrace ; 6, Bowles Lane ; 12, Garvey's Range ; 6, Lt. John Street ; 28, Island Road ; 30, Island Road ; 1, Lt. Davis Street.

Closing Orders : 32, Thomas Street (front room 3rd floor) ; 32, Thomas Street (rere room 3rd floor) ; 32, Thomas Street (front room 1st floor and back room 1st floor) ; 32, Thomas Street (rere room 2nd floor) ; 32, Thomas Street (all rooms in basement) ; 10, O'Curry Street (2 top rooms 2nd floor)."

CONDOLENCE :

Proposed by Ald. Coughlan, " That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. Kieran Dundon, to the Waters, O'Connell and Lee families on their recent bereavements."

Proposed by Ald. Russell, " That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. Scallan and the late Mr. McCarthy."

CONCLUSION :

The Manager informed the Council that it was proposed to invite the Minister in the course of his visit to Limerick on the 26th January, 1965, to open the Greenhill Tankfield Housing Scheme. Arrangements for the function and holding of the meeting were outlined and agreed as follows : the opening to take place in the forenoon, the meeting to follow, to be followed by the lunch.

A TRUE RECORD.

TOMAS MacDIARMADA,

City Manager & Town Clerk.

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND MEMBERS OF THE LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

To be considered at the Meeting of the Council

TO BE HELD ON 9th FEB., 1965

For Five Weeks ended 30th JAN., 1965

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1.—HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.

St. John's Housing Scheme.

Work proceeding on the construction of 86 houses.
Site Works 77.4% complete.
Development 74.8% complete.
Superstructure 72.3% complete. 44 houses roofed and tiled. 3 houses to ground floor level. 4 houses to first floor joist level. 22 houses completed and handed over.
No. of men employed 70; 43 unskilled ; 27 skilled.

Roxboro Road Housing Scheme (Bullfield).

Work proceeding on the construction of 254 houses.
Site Works 52.9% complete.
Development 26.8% complete.
Superstructure 42.1% complete.
111 houses roofed and tiled. 18 houses to first floor level.
108 houses to ground floor level.
No. of men employed, 162; 78 skilled ; 84 unskilled.

Convent Field Janesboro' Housing Scheme.
Discussion with the Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil arranged.

Watergate.
Discussion with the Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil arranged.

South Hill Housing Scheme (East).
Draft scheme for the layout of South Hill Site to provide 152 houses prepared.

Housing Letting—

No. of first lettings	Nil
Number of houses re-let	6
No. of houses vacant 31/1/65	1

2.—HOUSING MAINTENANCE.

Items of Repair attended to in Month of January, 1965.

Strand Barracks Area	217	Complaints taken	...	378
Garryowen Area ...	211	,, ,,	...	279
Prospect Area ...	245	,, ,,	...	310
Ballynanty Beg Area ...	248	,, ,,	...	320
Janesboro ...	130	,, ,,	...	200
TOTAL	1051			1487

3.—ROADS.—No. of men employed 23. 1 skilled, 22 unskilled.
Relief Schemes in progress. No. of men employed 69 ; 1 skilled, 68 unskilled.

4.—SANITARY SERVICE WORKS.

Rosbrien Pumping Station—Preparations being made for testing of pumps. Connection to sewer in progress. No of men employed—4.

Clonlara Water Main.
2720 yards of 18" Raw Water main laid. Work progressing satisfactorily. No. of men employed—13.

5.—VETERINARY INSPECTION.

INSPECTION OF PRIVATE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES STALLS, Etc.

	Inspected	Condemned Whole	Partial	Tubercular	%	Other Diseases
Cattle	278	—	—	—	—	—
Calves	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep	1540	—	—	—	—	—
Pigs	9	—	—	—	—	—
Sows	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Visited by Inspector	Weight of Food Condemned Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Private Slaughter-houses ...	124	—	11	3	16
Stalls, Shops, etc.	74	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	198	—	11	3	16

6.—MILK AND DAIRIES ACT : VETERINARY LABORATORY, etc.

Number of Milk Shops Inspected	5
Number of Milk Cars Inspected	4
Total Number of Tests carried out...	31
Number of Reductase Tests	—
,, ,, failures	—
,, ,, Gerber Tests	12
,, ,, failures	1
,, ,, Coliform Tests	—
,, ,, failures	—
,, ,, Plate Counts	12
,, ,, visits to approved Milk Shops	5
,, ,, Cows examined	—
,, ,, Dairy Yards Inspected	—
,, ,, Phosphotase Test	7
,, ,, Phosphotase Test of failures	—

7.—GAS DEPARTMENT. January, 1965

Make of Gas for month	101299 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1964	99207 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1963	117526 Therms
Sale of Coke for month	482 Tons
Sale of Coke same month last year	432 Tons

	Crude Gallons	Refined t. c. q.
Sale of Tar for month	61	64 0 0
Sale of Tar for same month last year ...	74	Nil

Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of month—

	Revenue No. 1	£148,719 6 11
do	Revenue No. 2	£10.925 7 11
Credit do	Capital A/c.	£3,667 18 0

Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of same month last year—

	Revenue No. 1	£143,351 0 6
do	Revenue No. 2	£14,986 19 1
do	Capital A/c.	£162,062 5 6

Number of Men employed at end of month	57
Number of Men employed at end of same month last year	66

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8. –PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Statistical Return for Period from Dec. 30th, 1964 to 26th Jan. 1965

BOOK STOCK—

Total number of books in stock 26/12/64	26,193
Number of books added during above period	222
Number of books withdrawn	103
Total number of books in stock 26/1/'65	26,312

2. BOOK ISSUES—	Number	% of Total Issue	
Fiction	2542	38.0%	
Non-Fiction	1800	26.8%	
Reference	251	3.7%	
Juvenile	1314	31.5%	
TOTAL ...	5907	100%	
Average Daily Issue			279

3. BORROWERS—		
Tickets in use—Adult Fiction		1266
" " " Adult Non-Fiction		1355
" " " Juvenile		1314
TOTAL ...		3935
Newsroom—Average daily attendance		7
Museum—Total attendance for month		1237
6. Art Gallery—Total attendance for month		256

TOMAS MAC DIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk

McKerns Printing, Limerick

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5. SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:

	31/3/64	31/1/65	31/1/64
Arrears of Instalments due by Borrowers	£5466	£5914	£5240

6. WATER CHARGES:

	Current Year	Last Year
Arrears due on 31st December	£1748	£2749
Debited for Collection during month of January	£3117	£2268
Total for Collection	£4865	£5017
Collected and lodged during month of January	£1529	£3603
Balance outstanding at end of January	£3336	£1414

7. REVENUE ACCOUNT

	Current Year	Last Year
Amount due to Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of January	£223544	£168947
Paying Orders issued but not cashed at end of January	£21405	£40512
TOTAL DEBIT BALANCE	£244949	£209459

8. CAPITAL ACCOUNT:

	Current Year	Last Year
Amount due to Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of January	£414985	£91281

9. GAS ACCOUNT:

	Current Year	Last Year
Amount due per Bank Pass Book No. 1 Revenue A/C to end of January	£148719	£143351
" " " " " " " 2 Do Do	10925	£14987
" " " " " " " CAPITAL A/C Do Cr.	3668	£162062

In pursuance of Section 16 (2) of the Limerick City Management Act 1934, I have caused to be prepared by the City Accountant the foregoing statement of the financial position of the Corporation of Limerick on the last day of January with the corresponding figures for the same month and period last year.

DATE: 4. 2. 1965

THOMAS MAC DIARMADA.
CITY MANAGER AND TOWN CLERK.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

FINANCIAL POSITION ON THE LAST DAY OF January 1965

MUNICIPAL FUND

1. EXPENDITURE

	Current Year	Last Year
From 1st April to 31st December	£887892	£813766
For the month of January	£69960	£63983
Total Expenditure to date:	£957852	£877749

2. RECEIPTS

	RATES		RENTS		ALL OTHER SOURCES		TOTAL	
	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year
From 1st April to 31st Dec	£344761	£305216	£181072	£162321	£236090	£196485	£761923	£664022
For the month of January.	29457	27405	19970	18125	17008	31040	66435	76570
Total Receipts to date:	£374218	£332621	£201042	£180446	£253098	£227525	£828358	£740592

3. RATE COLLECTION.

		CURRENT WARRANT	CURRENT PERCENTAGE	LAST YEAR'S WARRANT	LAST YEAR'S PERCENTAGE
		£483857	100.00%	£428441	100.00%
Collected to 31st December	£344761				
Discounts	£1555	£346316	71.56	£306626	71.57%
Balance outstanding at 31st December		£137541	28.44%	£121815	28.43%
Collected for month of January		£ 29457	6.08%	£ 27405	6.39%
Balance outstanding at January		£108084	22.36%	£94410	22.04%

Transferred to Rate Mortgage A/C	to 31/1/65	£15295	to 31/1/64	£15295
Paid " " " "	to 31/1/65	£ 446	to 31/1/64	£ 423

4. HOUSING RENTS:

	31/3/64	31/1/65	31/1/64
Arrears	£4043	£5136	£4875

CORPO ATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

5th February, 1965.

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Re-alignment of Roadway at Ballinacurra Creek.

As requested by the Members of the City Council discussions took place with the County Manager and officials of the Limerick County Council with a view to expediting the completion of the Road Fund Grant work on the Ballinacurra Road. The Council has already been informed of the arrangements which were made in 1963 and 1964 whereby the County Council would carry out the completion of this road on behalf of the Corporation. The amount of the Road Fund Grant allocated to the Corporation in March, 1964 is £5851. Land acquisition procedures which involved a provisional order by the Corporation did not permit of the entire work being carried out in one operation which was hoped for initially. The County Council work on this road was also, of course, carried out in separate stages. An assurance has been received that the work will be commenced shortly and it is hoped to have it completed before the 31st March, 1965. Re-assembly of the County Council plant and machinery is involved. It will be appreciated that the weather during the months of December and January was not favourable for road work involving considerable excavation. In the meantime the County Council has taken steps to improve the temporary junction near Ballinacurra Creek.

T. P. MacDiarmada,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

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BARDAS LUIMNIGHE

Oifig Cleirigh na Cathrach,
Arus na Cathrach,
LUIMNEACH.

5th February, 1965.

TO/ THE MAYOR AND EACH MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

At a Meeting of the Council held on the 12th January reference was made to a statement by the Manager at a previous Meeting to the effect that a family evicted from a house in Kelly's Range, Blackboy Pike had gone to England. The Manager undertook to supply the Council with further details as to the source of the information he had conveyed. An officer of the Corporation has reported that on the 11th December, 1964 he called to 31, Clarina Avenue, occupied by the father-in-law of the person concerned and was informed that this man's employment with a local firm had terminated and that he and his family had gone to England.

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City Manager and Town Clerk.

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City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

5th February, 1965.

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL :

re: Public Lighting

The Corporation has taken up with the E.S.B., the question of improving the standard of Public Lighting in the City. It will be necessary to have a Survey made. Discussions between the technical officers of the E.S.B., and the technical officers of the Corporation will be held on the 23rd of this month.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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CITY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

To/ City Manager.

Re. Public Lighting.

The Electricity Supply Board is being requested to give estimates for public lighting at the following locations :-

1. Parke Estate - off St. Patrick's Road,
2. Clareview Estates - recently completed portion,
3. Canal Bank -(Half-way between Park Bridge and end of cul-de-sac).
4. Near Our Lady of Lourdes Church - Rosbrien.
   (a) Light at Beechgrove,
   (b) Lighting on path from Rosbrien to Church,
   (c) Lighting at front of Church.
5. At Athlunkard Bank adjacent to Scout Hall.
6. At Greystones.
7. At Dock Road.
8. Roxboro Road - to City Boundary.
9. Lifford Gardens.

Where estimates are required a further report will be put before the Council for approval.

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It is not recommended that additional lights be provided at present on the following roads.

(A) BANNAGORE ROAD :

There are no E.S.B. poles on this road and the cost of providing lighting would be out of proportion to the benefit derived. The road is rural in character and there are only four isolated cottages in a stretch of half a mile.

(B) BALLYSIMON ROAD :

This road is lighted as far as the railway bridge. The road is rural in character beyond the railway bridge and there does not appear to be any justification for extending the lighting at present.

This report covers all the locations for which requests for lighting have been made recently.

N. C. BRENNAN, B.E.,
City Engineer.

5th February, 1965.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

5th February, 1965.

Roads.

The approval of the Council is sought to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum of £10,000 for a term of 10 years from the Munster and Leinster Bank Ltd. The loan is required for

(a) £6000 for Lifford Avenue
(b) £4000 for Cecil Street.

Final documents are with the Department of Local Government for approval at present in regard to Lifford Avenue scheme. Preliminary work on clearing and levelling the site of the road widening has been carried out by the Corporation in recent weeks.

T.P. MacDiarmada
City Manager and Town Clerk.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor
and to each member of the City Council.

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City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

5th February, 1965

Re: Private Roads.

This matter has been before the Council on a number of occasions. In January, 1963, the City Solicitor, in, a report to the Council set out three considerations with regard to the taking over of private roads, viz.

1. is it clear that the general public have unrestricted access to the road;
2. is the road of any general public utility, and
3. the burden which will fall on the rates if it is decided to take over and maintain the particular road.

The roads in question are as follows:

Coolraine Terrace

Racecourse Road

Omega Avenue

Baggot's Boreen

Cul-de-Sac off Ballyneety Rd.

Avenue off Ballysimon Road

Rose Avenue

Clareview Ave. & Road at rere

Service Road off Dublin Road

The City Engineer has recommended that the roadways at Coolraine Terrace and Racecourse Road be declared public roadways. The annual charge for maintenance is estimated at £35 and £50 respectively. The City Manager has accepted this recommendation and the necessary legal steps are being taken to have these two roads declared public roads.

T.P. MacDiarmada
City Manager and Town Clerk.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor
and to each member of the Council.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Managers Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.
5th February, 1965

Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.

The approval of the Council is sought to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum of £20,000 from the Royal Liver Friendly Society for 35 years at 6¾% for the purpose of making advances under the above Act to persons whose income exceeds the limit of £1040 per annum for loans out of monies advanced to the Corporation from the Local Loans Fund.

In view of the limited sum now being borrowed it is considered advisable to prescribe an income limit for loans out of this source. If the Council has no objection a limit of £1250 per annum will be fixed. The Corporation has also under examination at present the legal aspects of the re-issue by way of loans to persons with incomes over £1040, of monies received by way of special redemptions in foot of existing loans under the small Dwellings Acquisition Acts or the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act 1962.

T.P. MacDiarmada
City Manager and Town Clerk.

To the Right Worshipful the Mayor
and to each member of the City Council.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Town Hall,
Limerick.

5th February, 1965.

To/ The Right Worshipful the Mayor
and each Member of the City Council.

The approval of the Council is sought to the payment of increases in pensions to retired officers and servants of the Corporation in accordance with the terms of Circular E.L.10/64 of the 6th November, 1964 (copy attached).

Costs up to 31/3/1965 ... ... £200

year 1965/66 ... ... £400.

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City Manager and Town Clerk.

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Department of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin, 1.

6th November, 1964.

E.L.10/64.

PENSIONS INCREASE.

A Chara,

1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that under the provisions of the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1964, regulations are being prepared providing for the grant of further increases with effect from the 1st October, 1964, in certain State and local authority pensions. In view of the fact that it may be some time before the regulations are made local authorities may wish to grant increases in anticipation of the enabling regulations. Accordingly local authorities who wish to do so may grant increases within the limits set out in this circular letter, and where that is done, the specific sanction of the Minister to the grant of such increases need not be sought.

2. Any increase in pension granted under the terms of this circular letter is payable from a date not earlier than the 1st October, 1964, or the date from which payment of the pension commences, if later.

3. A pension granted in respect of service which ended before the relevant date as defined in paragraph 4 may be increased by 5%. Where a pension was granted in respect of service which ended on or after the relevant date and was calculated on average remuneration over a period of three years which commenced before that date such pension may be increased by one-twelfth of 5% in respect of each complete three months of such service which elapsed before the relevant date.

4. For the purposes of this circular letter the relevant date may be taken generally as the date within the period from the 1st July, 1960, to the 1st November, 1961, both dates inclusive, on which an increase in remuneration came into effect in relation to the grade or class to which the person belonged. In the special case of rate collectors paid on poundage and rent collectors paid on a commission basis the relevant date may be taken as the 1st April, 1961. In the case of County Council roadworkers and other local authority servants, whose remuneration varied with that of roadworkers the relevant date may be taken as the latest date preceding the 1st November, 1961, on which a general wage increase came into operation for them.

5. Where a pension, which may be increased in accordance with this circular letter is subject to abatement or suspension by reference to the remuneration on which the pension was originally calculated, or recalculated under the terms of this Department's Circular E.L.2/64, as the case may be, the amount of such remuneration may for the purposes of such abatement or suspension be increased by the amount of the appropriate increase in the pension.

6. This Department should be consulted where difficulties arise in the implementation of the terms of this circular.

Mise, le meas,

Signed: D. Turpin.

To each local authority.

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Town Hall,
Limerick.

5th February, 1965.

Limerick City Management Acts, 1934/55
Limitation on Expenditure

To/ The Right Worshipful the Mayor and each Member of the Limerick City Council.

Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, reads as follows:-

" (1) At any time after they have adopted an estimate of expenses, a local authority may, as respects the local financial year to which the estimate relates, authorise by resolution the expenditure of money or the incurring of a liability in excess of the expenditure for any particular purpose specified in the estimate.

(2) Save with an authorisation given by resolution under subsection (1) of this section, the total amount of money expended and liability incurred by a local authority as respects any local financial year for any particular purpose specified in the estimate of expenses for that year shall not exceed the total amount specified in that estimate in respect of that purpose".

In order to comply with the provisions of the Act I find it necessary to seek approval, by resolution of the Council, to the following excess of expenditure on the items specified for the financial year 1964/65. It will be noted from sub-section (2) of Section 11, that the approval of the Council must be sought to excess expenditure even where such expenditure is balanced by increased receipts, and, consequently, would not fall on the rates:-

Expenditure in Excess of Estimate

ROADS:-	Other Expenses This expenditure was incurred in the filling in of dangerous quarries. Portion of this expenditure is recoupable by way of Grant.		£3,000
SANITARY:-	Street and Domestic Scavenging	£3,000	
	Other purposes	£2,600	£5,600
	Excess expenditure is due to the increased costs of Domestic Scavenging and the payment of Retiring Allowances which fall due for payment during the year.		
HOUSING:-	(a) Housing of the Working Classes Acts	£10,000	
	(b) Local Grants and Assistance Schemes	800	
	(c) Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	£1,500	12,300
	Excess Expenditure under (a) arises from increased cost of maintenance and loan charges. The excess under (b) and (c) arises from increased loan charges. The excess under(c) will be offset by increased receipts.		
GENERAL PURPOSES:	Weights and Measures	£50	
	Civic Buildings (Increase due to cost of repairs)	2500	
	Unemployment Assistance	150	
	Compensation for Criminal Injuries	300	
	Inddstrial & Reformatory Schools	500	
	Civil Defence	200	
	Parks and Open Spaces	800	
	Other Purposes	8200	12,700
			£33,600
	The excess of £8200 for Other Purposes is due to increases in Bank Overdraft Interest, Salaries, Road Fund Expenses, Courthouse and Strand Barracks.		

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

the duty of the Corporation to ensure that such houses were well finished and said the Corporation should appoint a number of Clerks of Works to supervise the erection of such private houses in the city.

Cllr. Leddin supported. He said he was not satisfied with the extent of the Corporation's examination which was at present carried out. The Mayor said some houses were left in an unfinished condition by the builders. He commented on the big increase in the price of houses in the past twelve months. Ald. Russell said the position as he understood it was that if the Corporation engineers inspected the houses and repairs were necessary the Corporation's remedy lay against the borrower, not against the builder.

The City Manager said this was so, the position of the Corporation was that of a lender. The Corporation was satisfied in all cases where money was advanced that the house was a good security for the amount of the loan, consequently the Corporation did not feel that its money was in jeopardy. Inspections were in fact carried out by the Corporation's Engineer who certified the value of the work done. The City Solicitor said that as far as he was aware the present system of inspection carried out by the Corporation's Engineer was adequate. He felt there was a danger of exaggeration in this matter. The onus was clearly on the borrower, that is the person who had the contract with the builder, to ensure that his house was built in accordance with the plan and specification which was referred to in the contract. It was up to him to employ an engineer or architect on his own behalf if he felt it was necessary to do so. He thought that the Corporation could not justify expenditure of public monies on a Clerk of Works to do work which was properly within the responsibilities of the person who borrowed money from the Corporation. Ald. Russell advocated the licensing of builders. Builders should be licensed in the same manner as Auctioneers, Solicitors, etc., and if they misbehaved the penalty should be loss of licence. In this way there would be some control over builders. After some further discussion it was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and agreed " That we ask the Minister for Local Government to provide by way of legislation or regulations as the case may be, that the Corporation be enabled in all present and future housing schemes financed by way of loans under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, to ensure that Clerks of Works be employed by the Corporation to supervise the building of such houses."

It was proposed by Cllr. Lipper, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 1st February, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

It was proposed by Cllr. Lipper, seconded by Cllr. Leddin, and unanimously resolved : " That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 26th January, 1965, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted subject to the amendment in the first paragraph on page 1, item 1, noted by Ald. Russell.

Matters Arising from the Minutes :

Ald. Coughlan referred to the Minister's statement that any delay in getting houses under way was not the entire responsibility of the Minister's Department; that the Council should examine the whole picture, and said the Department was holding up schemes submitted for approval by the Corporation. He referred to Watergate and said

the Department's request for soil tests in this scheme, where the Council members knew that none was necessary, had been responsible for the hold-up to date. The Architect at the request of the City Manager reported to the Council on the discussions which he had had with the technical officers of the Department with regard to the Watergate housing scheme. He said the Department would prefer to see the size of the living room width 10 ft. instead of 9 ft. 6½ in. as shown on the Corporation's plans. He is at present working on the re-design of the scheme to incorporate same. The scheme included a number of five apartment flats. The Department felt that the cost of these flats would be too high and he had no objection to omitting them from the scheme. On the question of cost he would prefer to submit a separate report to the Council. Ald. Russell asked if the plan were adjusted to satisfy the Department could the Watergate scheme proceed. The Architect said he understood this to be the position.

System Building :

Ald. Russell said it did appear that it had been until recently deliberate national policy to go slow on housing. The Minister had, in the course of his discussions with the Council, indicated a different approach and he felt the Council should take up the offer of the Minister to arrange through the National Building Agency for the building of system built dwellings in this region. The Corporation should initiate consultations with the other local authorities and seek the co-operation of the Unions and any other parties concerned in this matter.

Cllr. Liddy said he was not certain whether the Council or the Minister was to organise the pool of houses necessary for system building. However, he supported the idea of taking consideration of the matter a few steps further. On the question of housing generally he thought the Corporation should take immediate steps to get another 200 houses up for tender.

Ald. Coughlan said that there were at least forty or fifty types of system building; which type did the Council propose to consider for Limerick. He thought it was premature for any discussions on the matter until a clear statement was given the Council of exactly what system building involved.

Ald. Carew thoughi inquiries could be made. In the first instance he could see no harm in taking the matter further as had been suggested. The City Manager said that a number of steps were necessary as a preliminary to any firm decision being taken about system building; firstly, discussions might be held with officials of the Department of Local Government and National Building Agency; secondly, discussions with adjoining local authorities; thirdly, with the building trade; fourthly, with the Unions. After a further brief discussion, it was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Liddy, and agreed " That the Council agree in principle to officers of the Corporation in undertaking discussions at departmental level on the question of the introduction of system building into this area."

Rents :

Ald. Coughlan said the differential rents system as operated in Limerick was the severest in Ireland. He could not see why there should be different treatment for tenants in Dublin, Cork and elsewhere to the treatment given Corporation tenants. The Manager should have accepted

the advice of the Council about the increase in rents on account of rates. Cllr. Lipper said the recent increase in rents was unjustified. Cllr. Keane said the reason why the Manager had acted as he did was the fact that a motion for reconsideration of the differential rent had been put down for consideration by Ald. Coughlan and his colleagues on the Council. Ald. Coughlan said this was misrepresentation, which he repudiated strongly.

Sub Tenants :

In reply to Ald. Russell, the City Manager said that the Corporation had no information on the formula which was apparently being applied by the Department to deal with sub tenants on a compassionate basis. He proposed to communicate with the Department when the decision was conveyed in the case of the sub tenant in Garryowen and to ask for elucidation of this matter.

Tenant Purchase :

In reply to Ald. Russell, the City Manager said that a further schedule would be prepared showing the application of the 1956 Circ. letter re the sale of local authority houses to post-war schemes the property of the Corporation.

ITEM 3.

It was proposed by Cllr. Lipper, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved: "That the meeting of the planning committee (whole house) held on Monday, 8th February, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

CORRESPONDENCE :

Submitted communication dated 4th February, 1965, from the Secretary of the Limerick County Council stating that the request of the City Council suggesting that a joint committee should consider disposing of the Fairgreen to the Corporation had been considered at a meeting of the County Council held on the 22nd January. The matter had been adjourned for further consideration at a meeting to be held on the 26th February. Ald. Coughlan said the resolution of the Council on the matter had been that the land be used for housing and other purposes. The other purposes that he had in mind was a school of technology. In his view the St. Munchin's College site which had been acquired by the Vocational Education Committee was not suitable. There was no intention on his part as mover of the motion to discontinue fairs on the Fairgreen. Cllr.Liddy said the open space was needed in this area. He would not be in favour of using the entire land available for housing and other purposes. There is also need for industry in the area. Referring to the school of technology, his information was that the St. Munchin's College site had been decided on.

Ballinacurra Road :

Submitted communication dated 4th February, 1965, from the Secretary of the Limerick County Council stating that the County Engineer had been requested that the work commence as soon as possible. Noted. Alderman Russell said the roadway at this point connecting the existing road with the new road was very bad. He asked that further

erpresentations be made to the County Council regarding this.

ITEM 4.

Submitted Monthly Financial Statement and Departmental Reports for January, 1965. Noted.

ITEM 6. Housing :

The Council were informed that 16 houses in the St. John's Scheme had been completed and would be handed over on the 16th February. 1965. Ald. Russell, supported by Ald. Coughlan, asked the City Manager to consider the transfer back to the St. John's Scheme from houses in Garryowen of some tenants displaced from the area by the operation of the Corporation. The City Manager said that any request for a transfer back to this scheme would be considered having regard to the Housing Management and Letting Regulations which govern the letting of Corporation houses.

Hall's Buildings, etc.:

Cllr. Lipper said that there were some families still in this building. He gave particulars of one family living in overcrowded conditions. The Manager said the case would be examined.

Other matters raised under this heading : Ald. Russell referred to the condition of the Ennis Road, which was cracking up badly in parts. Footpaths in this area were also very bad. Ald. Coughlan asked that the E.S.B. be requested to enclose properly the transformer at Blackboy Pike.

Fr. Russell's Square :

Ald. Coughlan suggested that consideration might be given to tarmacing this open area and using it as a car park. Cllr. Leddin said there was adequate car parking facilities in this area. He suggested, however, that the Council might consider building houses on this square. The Mayor said that this matter had been considered previously by the Council and that a firm decision had been taken not to allow building on Fr. Russell's Square. Cllr. Leddin asked the present position about the proposed widening of the Roxboro' Road bridge. The City Manager said that certain consultations had been held with C.I.E. in the matter before the present City Engineer took up duty, and further consultations would be held as soon as possible. The Manager suggested that the question of the use of Fr. Russell's Square and also a further suggestion of Cllr. Leddin that the Corporation should concentrate on rebuilding the in-city areas be referred to the Town Planning Committee. This was agreed.

Quarries :

Ald. Coughlan suggested that the quarry in Mayorstone be converted into an open air swimming pool. Cllr. Keane asked if some proposals might be submitted to the Council regarding the future use of Gough's Quarry. The City Manager said both these matters would be further examined.

ITEM 7.

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and unanimously resolved: "That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £20,000 from the

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Royal Liver Friendly Society for the purposes of making advances under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, to persons whose income exceeds £1,040."

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and unanimously resolved: "That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £10,000 for the purposes of the reconstruction of the roadway at (a) Lifford Avenue, and (b) Lower Shannon Street."

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and unanimously resolved: "That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12(1)(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1964, to the borrowing by way of overdraft of a sum not exceeding £30,000 on the Municipal Fund Capital Account."

Arising out of the foregoing the Council accepted the City Manager's suggestion that the income limit for loans under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act out of the loan for persons whose income exceeds £1,040 be £1,250 per annum.

ITEM 8.

It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and unanimously resolved: "That having considered report dated 5th February, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk, we hereby approve of the following expenditure in excess of the Estimate:

	£	£
Roads :		
Other Expenses		3,000
This expenditure was incurred in the filling in of dangerous quarries. Portion of this expenditure is recoupable by way of Grant.		
Sanitary :		
Street and Domestic Scavenging	3,000	
Other Purposes	2,600	
		5,600
Excess expenditure is due to the increased costs of Domestic Scavenging and the payment of Retiring Allowances which fall due for payment during the year.		
Housing :		
(a) Housing of the Working Classes Acts ...	10,000	
(b) Local Grants and Assistance Schemes ...	800	
(c) Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts ...	1,500	
		12,300
Excess Expenditure under (a) arises from increased cost of maintenance and loan charges. The excess under (b) and (c) arises from increased loan charges. The excess under (c) will be offset by increased receipts.		
General Purposes :		
Weights and Measures	50	
Civil Buildings (Increase due to cost of repairs)	2,500	

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Unemployment Assistance	150	
Compensation for Criminal Injuries ...	300	
Industrial & Reformatory Schools	500	
Civil Defence	200	
Parks and Open Spaces	800	
Other Purposes	8,200	
		12,700
The excess of £8,200 for Other Purposes is due to increases in Bank Overdraft Interest, Salaries, Road Fund Expenses, Courthouse and Strand Barracks.		33,600

ITEM 9.

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and unanimously resolved: "That approval be granted to the payment of increases in pensions to retired officers and servants of the Corporation in accordance with the terms of Circular E.L. 10/64 of the 6th November, 1964.

Cost up to 31/3/1965 .... £200
Estimate for the year 1965/'66 .... £400
are noted and approved.

ITEM 10.

Submitted report from the City Manager and Town Clerk re public lighting stating that it had been arranged with the E.S.B. to have discussions with the technical officers of the E.S.B. and the City Engineer and other officers of the Corporation on the 23rd February. Also submitted report from the City Engineer re public lighting stating that estimates had been sought from the E.S.B. for lighting in a number of areas, about which the Council had made representations. The City Engineer did not recommend extra lighting at Bawnmore Road or on the Ballysimon Road. Cllr. Lipper, supported by Cllr. Lawlor, asked that the City Engineer reconsider his decision with regard to Bawnmore Road. Cllr. Keane made representations regarding the need for public lighting at the level crossing between Rathbane and Weston.

ITEM 11.

Submitted report from the City Manager re private roads. It was agreed that consideration of this report be deferred to the meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

ITEM 12.

It was agreed to defer to the General Purposes Committee consideration of a report on experimental changes in parking under Traffic Bye-Laws.

ITEM 13.

There were no new works submitted.

ITEM 14.

It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, that authority be granted to the affixing of the Corporate Seal to the rate warrant for the temporary Collector for No. 4 District. There were no other documents submitted for sealing.

Exemption from Rates for Clubs, etc. :

The Mayor said he wished to put before the Council a suggestion that Clubs engaged in youth training and benevolent work should be exempt from Rates. Ald. Coughlan supported and suggested the case be made for presentation to the Minister for Local Government and that he be asked to introduce legislation which would permit local authorities to remit rates in the case of institutions mentioned by the Mayor. It was agreed that Ald. Coughlan, Mr. O'Malley, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, and the Mayor might form a deputation to the Minister in due course on this matter. Ald. Russell said the Corporation's powers to give assistance by way of grant to boys' clubs, etc., should be examined.

Date of Next Meeting :

The next meeting of the Council would normally be held on the 23rd February, 1965. On the motion of Cllr. Liddy, the Council unanimously agreed that the next meeting be held on the 22nd February.

Date of Estimates Meeting :

The Council decided that the Estimates Meeting be held on 23rd March, 1965, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

CONDOLENCE :

Proposed by Ald. Russell "That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Dr. Hubert Roche Kelly, and to the relatives of the late Miss Mulcahy, of Ballinacurra."

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T. P. MacDIARMADA,

City Manager & Town Clerk.

Confirmed in Council this
9th March 1965

John Donaghey
Chairman.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

A monthly meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday 9th March, 1965.

Roll Call: The roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m when the following members answered:

In the Chair: Right Worshipful Cllr. J. Danagher, Mayor,

Aldermen: J. Carew; S. Coughlan, T.D., and G.E. Russell,

Councillors: W. Brazier; Mrs. F. Condell; V. Feeney; F. Glasgow; P. Kelly; P. Kiely; J. Kirby; C. Lawlor; F. Leddin; J. P. Liddy; M. Lipper and P. O'Sullivan.

Officers present: City Manager and Town Clerk; Assistant Town Clerk; City Accountant; City Solicitor; City Engineer; Architect, Mr. T. McNamara, Chief Planning Assistant; Mr. Quilligan, Housing Officer; Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Costelloe, Staff Officers, etc.

At the outset the Mayor welcomed Cllr. Kelly on his return to the meetings of the Council following his illness.

ITEM 1:

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Liddy and unanimously resolved: "That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 9th February, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed".

Matters arising:

It was decided to defer to the next meeting of the Planning Committee questions which arose regarding the future of Russell's Square and Goughs and Mayorstone Quarry.

Public Lighting:

It was stated that the quotation of the E.S.B. for installation of individual lights throughout the city was awaited. The City Engineer undertook to re-consider his decision not to put lights in the Bawnmore Road, in response to representations of Cllrs. Lawlor and Lipper.

ITEM 2:

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and unanimously resolved: "That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 22nd February, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

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BARDAS LUIMNIGHE

Oifig Cleirigh na Cathrach,
Arus na Cathrach,
LUIMNIGHE

5th March, 1965.

Notice is hereby given that a Monthly Meeting of the Limerick City Council will be held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Monday, 9th March, 1965, at 7.30 p.m. to dispose of the following business :-

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 9th February, 1965.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 22nd February, 1965.

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Meetings of the Planning Committee held on 12th February and 2nd March, 1965.

4. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tenders Committee held on 2nd March, 1965.

5. To read general correspondence.

6. To consider Monthly Financial Statement and Departmental Reports for February, 1965.

7. Housing, and any reports in connection therewith.

   (a) Report re discussion with officials of Department of Local Government on System Building:

   (b) Report re Bullfield Housing Scheme:

   (c) Report re Tenant Purchase:

   (d) Report re Ballynanty Housing Scheme. (outhouses).

8. To authorise the following borrowing proposals for the quarter ending 30/6/1965.

   By way of Overdraft :

Gas Revenue A/c No. 1	-	£160,000.
Gas Revenue A/c No. 2	-	9,000.
Capital A/c (Plant)	-	10,000.
Capital A/c (Main laying)	-	17,500.
Revenue A/c	-	250,000.
Capital Account	-	119,700.
Capital A/c (Sanitary)	-	11,000.

   By way of Loan :

Gas (Mainlaying)	-	£25,000.

9. To consider proposal re increase in remuneration for certain grade of employees.

10. To consider erection of one extra office of Rent Collector.

11. To consider proposed disposal of land at Longpavement to Messrs Roadstone.

12. To consider Road Fund Grant Schemes for Ashbourne Avenue and South Circular Road. (Copy report herewith).

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To consider Circular from Department of Local Government re Public Convenience (Copy herewith).

14. To consider Report on setting up of Pound in property acquired by the Corporation in Lelia Street.

15. To consider arrangements for a joint conference with representatives of the Limerick County Council and Clare County Council re problem of itinerants.

16. To make Scheme for University Scholarships for 1965.

17. To consider reports re closing of Island Bank Baths.

18 To consider resolutions forwarded by other Local Authorities (copy herewith).

19. To appoint a representative to attend the General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.. (Copy of correspondence from Irish Public Bodies herewith).

20 To consider reports on proposed "New Works" (if any).

21. To authorise the affixing of Corporate Seal to Deeds of Mortgage and to other documents presented for Sealing.

22. Any other matter that may legally be considered at this Meeting.

Your attendance at this Meeting is requested.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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THE MAYOR AND EACH MEMBER OF THE LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL :

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A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Limerick City Council was held on the 22nd February, 1965, in the County Courthouse at 7.30 o'clock p.m., when the following members were present :

Aldermen : S. Coughlan, T.D., and J. Carew.

Councillors : J. Kirby, V. Feeney, M. D. Lipper, J. P. Liddy, P. Kiely, T. Lawlor, F. Glasgow, F. Leddin and W. Brazier.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Solicitor ; City Engineer ; City Accountant ; Housing officer.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Ald. G. E. Russell, Cllr. P. O'Sullivan, Cllr. Mrs. F. Condell, Cllr. P. Kelly.

It was proposed by Cllr. Lipper, seconded by Cllr. Kirby, that Ald. Coughlan be moved to the Chair.

ITEM 1. Private Roads :

Submitted report from the City Manager regarding private roads, stating that the Manager accepted the City Engineer's recommendation that roadway at Greenpark known as the Race Course Road and at Ennis Road known as Coolraine Road be declared public roads. The City Manager explained that the City Engineer was satisfied that these roads met the definition of public roads as laid down by the City Solicitor. There was a brief discussion about the other private roads, especially Omega Avenue, Ballinacurra, and Rose Avenue, Ballysimon Road. The Council finally agreed on the suggestion of the City Manager to proceed with the declaration as public roads of the two roads as recommended, the matter to be brought back again for further consideration within six months.

ITEM 2. Experimental Changes in Parking and Traffic Bye-Laws :

The Assistant Town Clerk informed the meeting that after discussions with the Gardai the Road Traffic Study Committee had recommended a number of experimental changes in parking and traffic bye-laws. The legal position was that the Corporation was bound to erect traffic signs when requested by the Gardai to do so. The Gardai would be prepared to make a formal request to the Corporation in due course to have the recommendations of the Traffic Study Committee carried into effect. These were, prohibit parking on the quayside from the junction of Honan's Quay with Arthur's Quay along the quays to the junction of Harvey's Quay with Cecil Street ; prohibit parking on Lower Henry Street from its junction with Sarsfield Street to its junction with Bedford Row, on the Church side ; prohibit parking in Rutland Street on the side opposite the Town Hall ; prohibit parking in Wickham Street from its junction with Thomas Street to its junction with Roches Street on the southern side ; prohibit parking in Parnell Street from its junction with Roches Street for a distance of 60 feet. Permit parking on both sides of the one-way street in Wickham and Little Catherine Street. The members considered each proposal separately and were generally in agreement with the proposal on the understanding that they were experimental. The Committee said that two-sided parking in the

one-way streets would interfere with delivery vehicles in those streets and suggested that this matter be further considered. Further recommendation of the Traffic Study Committee was that the 'yield right of way' signs be reviewed in relation to their position and that where signs wer erected white stop lines be put on the roadway, also that road marking be put down at the junction of Henry Street and Sarsfield Street. The Committee had no objection to these proposals.

ITEM 3. Housing (Construction) :

Submitted communication dated 18th February, 1965, from the Department of Local Government, stating that the Minister had approved of the Corporation's proposals in regard to the Convent Field Scheme and awaited submission of the Corporation's recommendation on the acceptance of a tender. Noted.

Watergate :

Submitted communication dated 18th February, 1965, from the Department of Local Government with regard to the West Watergate Redevelopment Scheme. The Department's letter drew attention to the fact that there was a high proportion of 4 and 5 roomed flats included in this scheme and to the probable high cost of providing such flats. The letter suggested that the Corporation might consider omitting the five roomed flats, reducing the number of four roomed flats and the substitution therefor of flats with a smaller number of rooms. The letter contained 14 items dealing with technical items of the plans submitted. The City Manager said that in substance the Department's letter meant that the Watergate Scheme as submitted would have to be redesigned. The Southhill Scheme had been advanced and plans were at present with the Department. This course had been taken in order to maintain the Corporation's programme. The three steps now before the Corporation in relation to current schemes were the invitation of a tender for Convent Field, the advancement of Southhill, and progress on Watergate. The Chairman observed that the matters raised in the Department's letter should have been brought to the notice of the Corporation much earlier. Valuable time had been wasted. Ald. Carew said the price would be high for flats in Watergate. The reason for this was the long delay in getting the scheme under way. Cllr. Feeney suggested that the items in the Department's letter be considered by the Council and that the Architect be invited to comment. Each item in the Department's letter was considered and the Architect commented. Generally speaking the Architect said the Department's advice drew attention to certain matters which may not have been clearly indicated in the draft plans submitted. It would be possible to meet the Department's wishes on almost all the items. He had made considerable progress in the redesign of the plans and proposed to visit the Department within a short time for further discussions. He could not give a date as to when work would start on this scheme but he was hopeful the difficulties would be resolved within a short time and that further progress would be made.

System Building :

The City Manager said he had prepared a report for the Council which had not been circulated regarding the visit of officers of the Corporation to the Department on the question of system building. Cllr. Liddy, supprted by Collr. Leddin, said the matter was important and

that the report should be circulated to the members prior to discussion. It was agreed that the matter should be considered at the next meeting.

ITEM 4.

Proposed by Cllr. Glasgow, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved: " That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing :

S.D. Advances—Mortgage : John Christopher O'Brien, College Park.

Quins Cottage Tenant Purchase Scheme : Mrs. Monica Whelan, No. 20—Lease and Mortgage.

S.D. Transfers—Release and Memorial : Miss Elizabeth O'Driscoll, 9 Priory Park ; John Cooney, 34 Greystones.

Watergate C.P.O.—Memorial of Conveyance : Reps. Jameson to Corporation."

ITEM 5. Pound :

Cllr. Lawlor raised the matter of horses wandering throughout the city and asked what steps the Corporation could take to put a stop to this. Cllr. Liddy supported and referred to the depredation of animals in housing schemes especially. Ald. Carew, the Chairman, and Cllr. Glasgow also spoke on this matter. The City Manager said that the Corporation had a Pound in Watergate but it was not satisfactory. The Corporation was in the process of acquiring a site in Lelia Street which was suitable for a Pound and he hoped to be in a position to put a full report before the Council at an early meeting on this matter. Cllr. Leddin said there was an objection from the residents to a Pound in Lelia Street. The Mayor had stated this objection to a meeting of the Council. The City Manager said this objection had been noted. He understood the basis of the objection was that itinerants were likely to congregate near a Pound to recover animals. The Corporation's information was that most of the animals wandering through the City were not the property of itinerants. He felt there was no reasonable objection. Cllr. Lawlor suggested that a suitable site for a Pound would be the low-lying land in Garryowen. The City Manager in reply stated that the site in Lelia Street was ideally suitable for a Pound. It had been used as stables for many years and could be converted at a reasonable cost. Cllr. Feeney suggested that the Corporation investigate further the objections regarding the location of a Pound in Lelia Street.

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T. P. MacDIARMADA,

City Manager & Town Clerk.

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR,
ALDERMEN, AND MEMBERS OF THE
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DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

To be considered at the Meeting of the Council

TO BE HELD ON 9th MARCH, 1965

For Four Weeks ended 27th FEB., 1965

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1.—HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.

St. John's Housing Scheme.
Work proceeding on the construction of 48 houses.
Site Works 83.8% complete.
Development 75% complete.
Superstructure 77.6% complete. 33 houses roofed and tiled.
houses to ground floor level. 4 houses to first floor level.
38 houses completed and handed over.
No. of men employed 81; 47 unskilled ; 34 skilled.

Roxboro Road Housing Scheme (Bullfield).
Work proceeding on the construction of 254 houses.
Site Works 54.5% complete.
Development 27.8% complete.
Superstructure 45.8% complete.
112 houses roofed and tiled. 23 houses to first floor level.
108 houses to ground floor level.
No. of men employed, 179, 93 skilled ; 86 unskilled.

Convent Field Janesboro' Housing Scheme.
Contract documents in course of preparation.

Watergate.
4-apartment, 3-apartment, and 2-apartment dwelling types redrafted subsequent to letter dated 18 Feabhra, 1965, from the Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil.
Modified plans discussed with the Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil and approved at technical level.
Consequent modifications to layout in progress at the moment.

South Hill Housing Scheme (East).
Draft scheme for the layout of South Hill Site to provide 153 dwellings submitted to the Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil.

Housing Letting—

No. of first lettings	Nil
Number of houses re-let	4
*No. of houses vacant 28/2/65	17

*Includes 16 new dwellings at St. John's Housing Scheme taken over on 16/2/'65 and let from 1/3/'65.

2.—HOUSING MAINTENANCE.

Items of Repair attended to in Month of February, 1965.

Strand Barracks Area	244	Complaints taken	...	383
Garryowen Area ...	257	,, ,,	...	301
Prospect Area ...	260	,, ,,	...	410
Ballynanty Beg Area ...	241	,, ,,	...	275
Janesboro ...	170	,, ,,	...	245
TOTAL	1172			1614

3.—ROADS.—No. of men employed 31. 1 skilled, 30 unskilled.
Relief Schemes in progress. No. of men employed 52 ; 2 skilled, 50 unskilled.

4.—SANITARY SERVICE WORKS.

Rosbrien Pumping Station—Preparations being made for testing of pumps. Connection to sewer in progress. No of men employed—4.

Clonlara Water Main.
2770 yards of 18" Raw Water main laid. Back filling in progress. Work progressing satisfactorily. No. of men employed—10.

5.—PARKS.

Report on Trees—Nov., Dec., 1964, Jan., 1965.

Area	Trees Planted	Date	Trees Felled	Date	Trees Pruned	Remarks
eople's ark	14 (4-year old) Prunus & Sourbus	20/10/64 to 10/12/64	14 (10 O'-O'Brien) (4 Self) Old & dangerous	Nov.	20 Tree lower branches removed	
Shelter Belt, Corbally	36 Poplar 35 Cup. Macra 69 Cup. Law 35 Larch Total—175	Nov. & Dec.	——		——	
Corbally Baths Drive	6 Acer 8 Prunus 14 Cupressus—28	Dec.	5 (Self) Old and dangerous	Jan.	——	
Dublin Road	——		——		28 Trees (thinning out & E. wire cleared).	
Lord Edward St	——		3 Old Chestnut	Jan.	17 Old Trees Mostly lime	

6.—VETERINARY INSPECTION.

INSPECTION OF PRIVATE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES STALLS, Etc.

	Inspected	Condemned Whole	Partial	Tubercular	%	Other Diseases
Cattle	254	1	—	1	—	—
Calves	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep	1616	2	—	—	—	—
Pigs	2	—	—	—	—	—
Sows	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Visited by Inspector	Weight of Food Condemned Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Private Slaughter-houses ...	107	—	6	1	13
Stalls, Shops, etc.	85	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	192	—	6	1	13

7.—MILK AND DAIRIES ACT : VETERINARY LABORATORY, etc.

Number of Milk Shops Inspected	6
Number of Milk Cars Inspected	4
Total Number of Tests carried out...	16
Number of Reductase Tests	—
,, ,, failures	—
,, ,, Gerber Tests	6
,, ,, failures	—
,, ,, Coliform Tests	—
,, ,, failures	—
,, ,, Plate Counts	6
,, ,, visits to approved Milk Shops	6
,, ,, Cows examined	—
,, ,, Dairy Yards Inspected	—
,, ,, Phosphotase Test	4
,, ,, Phosphotase Test of failures	—

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8.—GAS DEPARTMENT. February, 1965

Make of Gas for month	94774 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1964	92619 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1963	104818 Therms
Sale of Coke for month	418 Tons
Sale of Coke same month last year	423 Tons

	Crude Gallons	Refined t. c. q
Sale of Tar for month	189	163 0 0
Sale of Tar for same month last year ...	159	Nil

Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of month—	Revenue No. 1	£149,852 8 5
do	Revenue No. 2	£11,537 10 5
Credit do	Capital Ac.	£1,203 4 8
Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of same month last year—	Revenue No. 1	£145,438 4 5
do	Revenue No. 2	£14,718 19 10
do.	Capital Ac.	£186,000 7 6
Number of Men employed at end of month		58
Number of Men employed at end of same month 'ast year		64

9. —PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Statistical Return for Period from Jan. 27th, 1965, to Feb. 23rd, 1965.

BOOK STOCK—

Total number of books in stock 26/1/65	26,312
Number of books added during above period	216
Number of books withdrawn	61
Total number of books in stock 23/2/'65	26,467

2. BOOK ISSUES—	Number	% of Total Issue
Fiction	2433	37.4%
Non-Fiction	1758	27.1%
Reference	318	4.9%
Juvenile	1990	30.6%
TOTAL ...	6499	100%
Average Daily Issue		271

3. BORROWERS—	
Tickets in use—Adult Fiction	1281
" " " Adult Non-Fiction	1392
" " " Juvenile	1313
TOTAL ...	3986
Newsroom—Average daily attendance	6
Museum—Total attendance for month	1442
*6. Art Gallery—Total attendance for month	86

*Art Gallery closed due to preparations for Exhibition from Feb. 11th to 24th, 1965.

TOMAS MAC DIARMADA,
City Manager and Town Clerk

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

A Meeting of the Planning Committee (Whole House) was held in the County Courthouse on Friday, 12th February, 1965 at 7.30. o'clock p.m., when the following members were presen

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful, the Mayor,

Aldermen : J. Carew; S. Coughlan, T.D., and G.E. Russell.

Councillors : P. Kiely; J.P. Liddy; T. Lawlor and P. O'Sullivan.

An apology was received from Councillor Condell for unavoidable absence.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk; Assistant Town Clerk; City Engineer; Architect; City Accountant; City Solicitor; Mr. T. McNamara, Chief Planning Assistant; Mr. J. Costelloe, Staff Officer.

Dr. Nathaniel Lichfield, Advisor to the Minister on the planning of the region consisting of Limerick City, County Limerick, County Clare and Tipperary (North Riding), accompanied by his associate Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Curtin and Mr. Bourke of the Institute of Planning and Physical Research, were also present at the Meeting.

The Mayor welcomed Dr. Lichfield, Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Bourke and Mr. Curtin. He referred to Dr. Lichfield's work in Dublin which had received publicity in recent times. The Mayor said that Limerick was the Capital of the region in respect of which Dr. Lichfield would advise the Minister, and the Corporation as the Planning Authority for the capital of the region, would have to provide all the social and economic facilities necessary in a Capital. Dr. Lichfield's task was not an easy one, especially in view of the short time which had been allowed to him to complete his programme.

Dr. Lichfield thanked the Mayor and members for Meeting to discuss planning of the region with him. He explained that he had 15 months to prepare a report to the Minister on ecomomic and physical planning in the region as described by the Mayor, and three months within which to prepare a report on planning problems in a sub region consisting of Limerick, Shannon and Ennis. He had set up headquarters in Limerick City and his associate Mr. Stephenson, was living in Limerick and in charge of the local office. Mr. Bourke and Mr. Curtin were on loan from the Institute of Physical Planning and Research for the purposes of his survey, and report. His first duty was to consult with the officials of the different Planning Authorities and with the members of the Councils. He had already discussed the position with officers and members in Limerick County, and County Clare, Ennis Urban District Council, and he proposed to visit Tipperary within a short time. His Plan would, he explained, be a bridge between the economic plan for the growth of the country as expressed in the second programme for economic expansion, and the development plans which the planning authorities were statutorily bound to make within three years from the 1st October, 1964. The Minister would, of course, be concerned to see that the plans for the different regions were related and formed one ultimate plan for the entire country. With regard to the region, it would be necessary for him to study the resources, how they were being used and in regard to Limerick, factors governing growth of the city, to say what was the potential growth. Limerick City in its planning programme must have regard to its function as the Capital of the region. Thus in planning the centre of the city regard must be had to factors outside Limerick. The same would apply to roads. He would like to hear the views of the members on what they considered to be the problems of Limerick, on what they would like to see happen to the City, in other words, the matters that concern the members of the Council. The questions he put might be considered as

(a) the possibility of Limerick as a tourist city,

(b) the contribution that Limerick could make as a social centre for the region,

(c) the contribution that Limerick could make in creating employment opportunities for the people of the region,

(d) the problems involved in these matters.

Ald. Russell said that in planning it was important that the planning authority should have the good-will and support of the community. Human problems which were met with in planning must be kept in mind. It would be necessary to plan for Limerick to contain the amenities befitting a city of its importance and strategic location. To do this would involve a colossal capital investment. The Government should give an indication of the proportion of the capital cost which it would be prepared to contribute. He pointed out that Limerick had lacked any substantial capital investment in public buildings for centuries. With regard to tourism, he suggested that there should be a reappraisal of what can be offered tourists by the City and the region. In this connection Liaison should be maintained with Shannon Airport. To create more employment opportunities it would be necessary to have a pool of skilled labour and higher technological education would be needed. The question of a University for the City was also one which would require an early decision. The importance of Limerick as a centre for road and rail transport was apparent. The future of the port was also a matter which must be considered in any overall regional planning. He assured Dr. Lichfield that the Council would be pleased to be of assistance to him in his work in the region.

Ald. Carew referred to the extension of the Borough Boundary in 1950 which had enabled the Corporation to build large housing estates in the added area to clear slum areas in city. These areas were now derelict and this was one of the big problems facing the Corporation. Apart from the difficulties of acquisition the future development of these areas was one which would cost a large sum. The traffic problem was growing daily. The need for parking space was especially evident. Limerick Needed a new Town Hall, Abattoir, more industries, recreation amenities, such as, indoor swimming pools.

The City was an important distribution centre. It had many attractions and was in the centre of a rgion which abounded in natural beauty. It could serve as a tourist centre with proper organisation and good planning. The progress in planning, would, he felt, largely depend on the assistance the Government could give towards the cost of the schemes.

Ald. Coughlan referred to the difficulties before the Corporation in trying to achieve any worthwhile progress. It took a long time before relatively simple matters such as housing schemes could be got under way. The problem as he saw it was finance. Since 1938 when the Corporation had adopted the Town and Regional PlanningActs the Corporation, had, from time to time, concerned itself with the planning of the City. Many schemes had been put before the Council. Some had been approved by the Council but no concrete planning proposal had yet come into being. It was difficult to expect members of planning authorities to consider this matter seriously unless they were assured that the proposals put forward would be carried out. He said the Council should be practical in its approach to the planning of the City. He was hopeful the Corporation would realise the objects set by its technical advisors and advised by the Council as would be contained in the development plan. But again the question of finance was a big obstacle. Cllr. Liddy said he was happy Dr. Lichfield, a consultant of international repute had been retained by the Minister, and also that the Minister has assigned to him this area. On the question of finance he said money was being found for number of major undertakings, if realistic plans were put forward he had no doubt that money would be available. The problems of the City as he saw them concerned roads, traffic, housing, zoning for industrial purposes, the derelict areas, the reclaiming of Arthur's Quay and the other matters which had been mentioned by other members. He would like Dr. Lichfield to attend a Meeting of the Limerick Industrial Committee of which he was Chairman, to discuss ways and means of attracting more industrialists to this area.

The Mayor summarising the discussion said it was important that Limerick should provide educational facilities. There was a need for a University in this City and for a School of Technology. He was hopeful that with the use of modern methods the Harbour on its existing site would be adequate to meet the economic demands of the City and the region. With regard to tourism the lack of proper publicity with regard to places of scenic interest was a drawback. He agreed with other speakers that it was important that the Corporation should be assured that any plans which were put forward would not be set aside owing to financial reasons.

Dr. Lichfield thanked members of the Council for their contributions. He made it clear that his function was to advise the Minister, but he did agree that it was frustrating to planning authorities to deal in plans which did not come to fruition. However, he was a realist and was approaching his brief on a realistic basis. He thought the Government was approaching the matter of Planning in a practical fashion.

This concluded the Meeting.

A True Record,

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

26th February, 1965.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Planning Committee (Whole House) was held in the County Courthouse, by kind permission of the County Registrar, on Tuesday 2nd March, 1965, at 7.30 p.m. o'clock, the following members being present:

In the Chair: Ald. S. Coughlan, T.D.,

Alderman: G. E. Russell,

Councillors: W. Brazier; Mrs. F. Condell; J. Glasgow; P. Kiely; J. Kirby; T. Lawlor; J. P. Liddy; M. D. Lipper and P. O'Sullivan.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk; Assistant Town Clerk; City Engineer; City Solicitor; City Accountant; Mr. T. McNamara, Chief Planning Assistant; Mr. J. Costelloe, Staff Officer, Town Clerk's Department.

ITEM 1.

Consideration of the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on the 1st February and the 12th February, 1965. The minutes were considered page by page.

Matters arising:

Development at Lanahrone: The Chairman referred to development at Lanahrone, Corbally, Co. Clare, which had been approved by the Clare County Council, having been refused by the Corporation when the Corporation was Planning Authority for this area. He said there was an obvious clash of opinion between the two local authorities and asked who would now adjudicate. The City Manager said that the proposal referred to had been considered by the Corporation when it was the Planning Authority for Limerick City and a contiguous area which included portion of County Clare. The Corporation had refused to grant the permission sought in respect of this scheme. From the 1st October, 1964, Clare County Council was the Planning Authority for County Clare, and Limerick Corporation had no jurisdiction beyond its boundaries. The application had been re-submitted to Clare County Council and that Council had decided to grant a permission. The Corporation were informed of the conditions which attached to the permission and had not been requested by the Clare County Council to provide any services in connection with this scheme.

The Chairman said he understood the sewage from the scheme was to be discharged into the River Shannon. This was a serious matter as far as the health of the people of Limerick City was concerned. The question of preserving the amenities which had been enjoyed by the citizens on the Clare side of the river was also a matter of the highest importance.

Alderman Russell said the matter was one, in his view, for consideration by the Minister. He suggested the Council write to the Minister informing him of their concern in the matter from the point of view of health and the interference with amenity. The City Solicitor, at the request of the Chairman, said that in his opinion the Corporation could take action if sewage from any source polluted the waters of the Shannon. It would be necessary to prove such pollution, and the action could not be takenuntil such proof was available. The Corporation could appeal against the decision of the Planning Authority if the term allowed for such an appeal had not expired. After a further brief discussion the Council adopted the suggestion made by Ald. Russell that the matter be referred to the Minister and that he be acquainted of their views on the subject.

ITEM 2:

Submitted progress report on the preparation of the Development Plan. The report is incorporated in the official minute.

Matters arising:

Aerial Survey: In reply to Ald. Russell the City Manager said that the Department of Local Government had not so far replied to the Corporation's request for a grant for an aerial survey. However, the Corporation had decided to proceed with a modified survey and an order had been placed in connection with this. Items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the City Engineer's report were noted. Item 7 related to places of historic interest. The Chairman said there were many places of historic interest in the City

Steps should be taken to have these sign-posted so that the citizens and visitors could locate them easily. The Corporation should take every step necessary to ensure the preservation of such places.

Ald. Russell referred to King John's Castle. He proposed that the Corporation take up with the Board of Works the question of repairing King John's Castle. The Corporation themselves could assist in the work by the demolition of the remaining portions of the Castle Barracks which standin the Courtyard of the Castle. The Castle, if developed properly, was an object of tremendous tourist potentiality. The Council agreed with the suggestion that the matter be taken up with the Board of Works.

Item 8 - Assessment of Industrial Needs of the City.
Arising out of this matter there was a brief discussion about the need for sites for industry. Cllr. Liddy said that the Committee of which he was Chairman had recently sought an area of from 20 to 30 acres from the Corporation to be developed for industrial purposes. The Corporation were unable to make an area available at the present time. The Assistant Town Clerk said the Corporation had, until recently, lands available in Rathbane for letting for industrial purposes. They also had lands available at Long Pavement. The latter, however, required to be filled. Further small sites were available throughout the City. In recent times, however, due to a stepping-up in the Corporation's housing drive the area in Rathbane which was suitable for development had been allocated to housing. O'Halloran's lands in this location would not be ready for development for some years as it required drainage. Ald. Russell suggested that the Corporation should acquire land for industrial purposes. The City Manager asked the Committee's advice as to whether the Corporation should combine housing and industry on land which it might be necessary to acquire. Cllr. Liddy suggested that an industrial estate be developed, and that forty to fifty acres be acquired for this purpose. The City Manager said this matter would be looked into without delay anda report would be furnished in due course.

Development Plan - Residential Purposes:
Submitted report from the City Engineer referring to the term Residential Purposes which would be used in the Development Plan. The Committee were asked if they considered that the term 'Residential' should be defined, and the reply to this was "yes". A further query was put as follows: "If the answer is 'Yes' which of the following does the Committee consider should be excluded from the areas reserved either solely or primarily for residential purposes, existing properties would not be effected".

Bowling Alleys	-	exclude
Dance Halls	-	exclude
Cinemas	-	exclude
Fun-Fairs	-	exclude
Amusement Halls	-	exclude, unless regarded as community centres.
Taverns	-	no objection,
Hotels	-	no objection,
Shops	-	no objection
Car repair garages	-	no objection
Car service station	-	no objection
Outdoor games pitches	-	no objection
Warehouses	-	exclude
Storage yards	-	it was agreed this term might be re-examined with a view to a finer definition.

Development Plan - specific items:
Submitted report dated 26th February, 1963, from the City Engineer, seeking the advice of the Committee on the following specific items:

Site for University - Query:
On the assumption that Limerick willhave a University, does the Committee agree that the University should be located as near as possible to the City Centre?

The Committee noted that the University Project Committee had a site in mind for a University. The Committee felt that it would be impossible to find a site near the City centre and said that the query could be answered by saying that the site should be as near as possible.

Query 2 - Bus Centre:
Does the Committee consider that Limerick should have a road transport bus centre?

The Committee's view was that there was a bus centre in the city already.

Recreation Centre:
Does the Committee consider that provision should be made for a Recreation Centre for the region, such as indoor athletic sports etc.?

The Committee's view was that every facility should be made available for the recreation of the youth of the City, and the Corporation should take all the necessary steps to provideoutdoor recreation centres.

At this stage the Mayor joined the Council. As the meeting was drawing to a close he did not take theChair.

Itinerants:
Arising out of a statement by Cllr. O'Sullivan that itinerants were present in Sycamore Avenue, there was a brief discussion on this problem. Cllr. Mrs. Condell said that the Council could no longer shrink from its' responsibility with regard to itinerants. The plight of the children of itinerant families was particularly worthy of immediate attention. The Mayor said the itinerants who might be regarded as natives of the City were incorrigible. He agreed that the children were deserving of attention but he said that schools were available to them and were not availed of by them. He saw little hope of being able tomake any improvement in the condition of these people unless they were willing to help themselves. The Chairman said the position was that itinerants must conform with the ordinary rules and regulations of society. Ald. Russell reminded the Council of the stepswhich had been takento discuss the problemwith other Councils in the region.

Layout of Houses in Garryowen.
Cllr. Lipper referred to the layout of ten houses in Garryowen, which had not been provided with separate front gates. The present position was unsatisfactory, and he asked that it be changed. The Architect said this layout was an endeavour to introduce something new, and he felt it should be given a trial. He would discuss the matter with the tenants concerned. Cllr. Condellsaid that it was important that the Council be consulted with regard tothe layout of houses. The Mayor supported this view and said that every housewife desired herown front gate. He paid tribute to the Architect in his endeavour to introduce new features into the Schemes. However, it wasnecessary to have the support of the tenants of the houses in his endeavours.

The Chairman proposed that the Council convey good wishes to Mr. T. O'Donnell and Mr. P. O'Grady, Artists, who were leaving Limerick on the 16th March on a concert tour to the United States of America. Cllr. Lippersupported. He said the artists in question were very well known and had givengenerously of their time to us in a charitable nature. He was sure the Council would wish them every success intheir tour of America. It was regrettablethat more of them was not seen fromTelefis Eireann.

Sympathy:
It was proposed by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved.
"That the sympathy andcondolence of the Council be tendered to the relativesof the late Mrs. Horrigan of Barrack Street."

It was proposed vby Cllr. Liddy, and unanimously resolved.
"That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mrs. O'Driscoll, 2, BengalTerrace."

It was proposed by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved.
"That the sympathy and condolence ofthe Council be tendered to the Lawlor family of Killalee on their bereavement".

A true record.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager & Town Clerk.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Tenders Committee (whole house) was held in the County Courthouse on Tuesday 2nd March, 1965, at 9 p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: Ald. S. Coughlan, T.D.

Alderman: G. E. Russell.

Councillors: W. Brazier; Mrs. F. Condell; F. Glasgow; P. Kiely; J. Kirby; T. Lawlor; J. P. Liddy; M. Lipper; and P. O'Sullivan.

Apology: Ald. J. Carew.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk; the Assistant Town Clerk; City Engineer; City Accountant; City Solicitor, etc.

In accordance with the regulations adopted by the Council for the reception and examination of tenders the following tenders were opened by the Chairman, numbered and initialed by him and delivered to the City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

Tenders for Chlorination Plant.

1.	Chlorination Equipment Ltd., Tonbridge, Kent.		£413. 0. 0.
2.	Wallace & Tiernan Ltd., Tonbridge, Kent.		£406. 0. 0.

Tenders for Refuse Truck.

1.	Commercial Road Vehicles Ltd., Dublin		£6050. 0. 0.
2.	Wm. P. Ryan, Ltd., Dublin.	(a)	£5600. 0. 0.
		(b)	£5400. 0. 0.

Tenders for purchase of Old Refuse Vehicles.

1.	Swastika Laundry Ltd., Dublin	£100. 0. 0.
2.	J. J. O'Sullivan, Hospital Co. Limerick.	£86. 0. 0.
3.	Batteries & Electrical Ltd., Cork.	£72. 0. 0.

A true Record.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

FINANCIAL POSITION ON THE LAST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1965.

MUNICIPAL FUND.

1. EXPENDITURE:

	Current Year	Last Year
From 1st April to 31st January	£957,852	£877,749
For the month of February	61,258	60,617
Total Expenditure to date:	£1,019,110	£938,366

2. RECEIPTS

	RATES		RENTS		ALL OTHER SOURCES		TOTAL	
	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year
From 1st April to 31st Jan.	£374,218	£332,621	£201,042	£180,446	£253,098	£227,525	£828,358	£740,592
For the month of February	30,212	22,198	18,883	18,241	28,232	41,384	77,327	81,823
Total receipts to date.	£404,430	£354,819	£219,925	£198,687	£281,330	£268,909	£905,685	£822,415.

3. RATE COLLECTION.

	CURRENT WARRANT	CURRENT PERCENTAGE	LAST YEAR'S WARRANT	LAST YEAR'S PERCENTAGE
	£483,857	100.00%	£428,441	100.00%
Collected to 31st Jan. £374,218				
Discounts £1,555	375,773	77.64%	334,031	77.96%
Balance outstanding at 31st Jan.	108,084	22.36%	94,410	22.04%
Collected for month of Feb.	30,212	6.24%	22,198	5.18%
Balance outstanding at 28th Feb.	77,872	16.12%	72,212	16.86%
Transferred to Rate Mortgage A/c to 28/2/1965	15,295		to 28/2/1964 £15,295	
Paid " " " " to 28/2/1965	449		to 28/2/1964 423	

4. HOUSING RENTS:

	31/3/1964	28/2/1965	28/2/1964
Arrears	£4,043	£5,026	£4,835

	31/3/1964	28/2/1965	28/2/1964
5. SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:			
Arrears of Instalments due by Borrowers	£5,466	£5,300	£5,025

6. WATER CHARGES:	Current Year	Last Year
Arrears due on 31st January	£[illegible],336	£1,414
Debited for Collection during month of February	£2,741	£2,946
Total for Collection	£6,077	£4,360
Collected and lodged during month of February	£4,858	£3,059
Balance outstanding at end of February	£1,219	£1,301

7. REVENUE ACCOUNT.	Current Year	Last Year
Amount due To Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of February	£189,500	£140,494
Paying Orders issued but not cashed at end of February	39,473	26,001
TOTAL DEBIT BALANCE	£228,973	£166,495

8. CAPITAL ACCOUNT:	Current Year	Last Year
Amount due To Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of February	£396,764	£85,386

9. GAS ACCOUNT:		Current Year	Last Year
Amount due per Bank Pass Book No. 1 Revenue A/c to end of February		£149,852	£145,438
" " " " " " " 2 do.	February	11,538	14,719
" " " " " " " CAPITAL A/c	February	1,200 Cr.	£186,000

In pursuance of Section 16(2) of the Limerick City Management Act 1934, I have caused to be prepared by the City Accountant the foregoing statement of the financial position of the Corporation of Limerick on the last day of February with the corresponding figures for the same month and period last year

Date: 5/3/1965

Signed. Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK

Bullfield Housing Scheme.

Town Hall,

4th March, 1965.

Messrs. Thomas McInerney & Sons, Ltd., Contrantors for the above Scheme had intimated to the Corporation in January, 1965 that they would be in a position to hand over 40 houses by Mid February and an additional 40 houses by the end of March, 1965.

As no houses had been handed over by the end of February, I took the matter up directly with Messrs. McInerney. They have now introduced the question of a bonus payment in respect of houses handed over in advance of the completion date of the contract, i.e. 2nd February, 1966. This would ensure the completion of the contract on time and the handing over of a large number of the houses in advance of the completion date.

I am prepared to recommend to the Council that the Corporation allow a credit of 15/- per house per week to the Contractors in respect of houses handed over in advance of the completion date and that a charge of 15/- per house per week be made against the Contractors in respect of houses not handed over by the completion date.

On the basis of the above agreement, Messrs. McInerney have assured me that houses in the scheme will be completed as under.

50 houses in 3 weeks.

20 " " 5 "

40-50 " By Mid-June, 1965.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager.

To His Right Worshipful, the Mayor,
& each Member of the City Council.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

22nd February, 196-.

To/ The Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the City Council.

CORPORATION HOUSING PROGRAMME.

As requested by the City Council at the February meeting discussions took place with officials of the Department of Local Government on the 17th instant on the suggestion made by the Minister for Local Government that the possibility of supplementing the Corporation housing programme by the utilisation (in conjunction with other housing authorities) of system building or standardised non-traditional building methods should be examined. At the discussion information was obtained on the procedure adopted by the Dublin Corporation the Department of Local Government, and the National Building Agency on the Ballymun project.

The Dublin Corporation by resolution decided that approximately 3,000 dwelling units be provided on a site at the Albert College to supplement its housing programme and requested the Minister -

"to undertake through an agency to be selected by him, the planning and subject to prior agreement between the Corporation and the Minister as to the portion of the cost of the scheme to be borne by the Corporation, the development of the site and the provision of the dwellings on behalf of the Corporation".

The land had been acquired by the Corporation which had also carried out an assessment of housing needs of the city and was satisfied that the demand for houses could not be met in a reasonable time by traditional building methods. The Corporation did not undertake an examination of the relative merits of the numerous systems which are on offer to the building industry; an exhaustive assessment of the technical aspects of the various systems having been undertaken by the advisory staffs of the Department of Local Government and the National Building Agency. The planning of the scheme was also undertaken by the National Building Agency, which has since entered into a contract for the work with a consortium of the building interests concerned (including an Irish firm of building contractors).

The Departmental officials advised that a project for system building or building by standardised non-traditional methods would necessitate a minimum of 2,000 dwelling units for construction over a period of 4 or 5 years. The essential feature of system building is the prior manufacture under factory conditions of components or units of the structure and the transport of these units to the building site in a finished, or partially finished, condition for incorporation in the building. As transport of relatively heavy material is involved the effective range of operation from the factory site is stated to be sixty to seventy miles if the cost is to be economic.

It is evident that none of the housing authorities, except Dublin Corporation, has a programme of sufficient magnitude to engage in a system building project other than in co-operation with other authorities. The details of the Limerick Corporation programme as outlined to the General Purposes meeting of the Council are appended here for reference and to facilitate the further consideration which the suggestion merits.

The total number of new houses needed for

(1) Persons in sub-standard dwellings

(2) Other eligible applicants on Housing Lists

is estimated to reach 1,300 in the coming years.

The Corporation has to date arranged the following programme to meet this need.

NOTE: The Tankfield-Greenhills Scheme (155 houses) recently completed is included as the survey of sub-standard dwellings was substantially completed before the tenancies of this scheme were allocated, and the applicants have been included in the above figure.

(1) Houses Recently Completed

Tankfield Greenhills	155	
St. John's (part)	22	
		177

(2) Houses under Construction

St. John's (part)	64	
Bullfield	254	
		318

(3) Schemes at Planning Stages

(i)	Convent Field Contract documents in course of preparation	65	
(ii)	Watergate Part I Plans returned by Department for amendment	104	
(iii)	Southill Plans awaiting approval	150	
			319

(4) Land Acquired or C.P.O. confirmed

Cussen's Lands Land acquired	200	
Watergate Part II C.P.O. confirmed	100	300

(5) Compulsory Purchase Orders in preparation

(i)	Vizes Fields	15	
(ii)	Hall's Quarry	65	80
			1194

This programme of almost 1200 houses may conveniently be divided into two parts.

(1)	Schemes recently completed and under construction	500
(11)	Schemes being planned or awaiting approval	700
		1200

The programme of 1200 houses was formulated as a seven year programme, 100 houses for the year ended 31st March, 1964, 200 houses per annum for each of the five years 1965-1969 inclusive, and the balance with any extension of the programme in 1970. This programme can be extended by an additional 200 houses for which the land has been acquired. The programme has now been in operation for two years with a further period of five years to run on the original programme (or six years if extended). Progress is assured to the year ended 31st March, 1966 provided contractors maintain their normal rate of working. Planning of schemes for the following years is progressing satisfactorily

despite difficulties recently experienced in filling vacancies on the Corporation Architectural staff.

The Members of the Council are aware that completion rates are dependent on so many factors outside the control of the Corporation that forecasting without reservations of dates of completion of schemes is hazardous. In the past delays have been experienced in site acquisitions, in planning of schemes and in obtaining sanctions to plans prepared. Even after approvals further delays can arise at the contract stage, on consideration of tender prices, in awaiting commencement of schemes by contractors and in time of competition in the building industry as a result of shortage of skilled labour.

Recently doubts have been expressed of the capacity of the building industry to reach and maintain by traditional methods the high level of output which has been planned for the industry in the Government's Economic Programme. Any national considerations which affect the industry will inevitably re-act in the Limerick region where the housing programmes (public and private) and other planned building projects are proportionately greater than those of other provincial centres. In these circumstances the Corporation should keep in close touch with developments to ensure the progress of the housing programme.

In the official discussions with the Department of Local Government the advisability of re-examination of the Corporation housing programme for 1967/68 and subsequent years was agreed. This re-assessment should have regard to the feasibilit of the Corporation completing its programme by traditional methods within a further three years. If this did not appear practicable the Corporation might then consider requesting the Minister to examine the possibility of the programme being supplemented by non-traditional methods.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
CITY MANAGER & TOWN CLERK.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,

25th February, 1965.

Ballynantybeg Housing Scheme.

Provision of Out-houses.

Herewith for the information of the City Council is report of Mr. Quilligan, Housing Officer on the response to inquiries made by the Corporation from the tenants in the Ballynantybeg Housing Scheme who are without out-houses. An examination is being made of the cost of providing the out-houses in the particular locations where the tenants have stated they wish to have an out-house and are willing to pay the cost of such work.

Tomas MacDiarmada,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

To Each Member of the City Council.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK,

TOWN HALL,

LIMERICK.

Re: Ballynantybeg Housing Scheme.

Provision of Out-houses.

MEMO TO THE CITY MANAGER.

Arising out of a complaint at a recent meeting of the City Council, to the effect that tenants who extended their kitchens to incorporate their original fuel sheds and had now no means of storing fuel, the attached circular was sent to the tenants concerned and details of the number circularised and the number of replies are set out hereunder:-

No. of tenants circularised	-	90
No. of replies received	-	17
Not interested in out-house	-	2
Interested in out-house	-	15
Not prepared to contribute	-	3
Prepared to contribute		
(a) Lump sum	-	Nil
(b) Addition to rent	-	12

Signed: M. Quilligan.
Housing Officer.
8/2/1965.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK,

TOWN HALL,

LIMERICK.

15th February, 1965.

Re: Tenant Purchase

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of the Assistant Town Clerk's Memo of the 11th inst., and I set out the present position on the attached schedule.

In December, after discussions with the City Engineer and the City Solicitor, it was agreed that twelve cases per month would be finalised in the execution of repairs and the completion of Lease Maps.

The Lease Maps and repairs were completed in respect of 12 applicants for Downey Street, Kilalee, during the month of January, 1965. Of these, six tenants have signed "satisfaction notes" for repairs and lodged the deposit for legal outlay. The City Solicitor is at present preparing the Lease and Mortgage in these cases.

The Lease Maps and repairs in the case of the O'Dwyer Villas applicants are being completed during the present month.

It should take approximately 15 months to complete all the applications on hands.

Yours faithfully,

K. Quilligan,
Housing Officer.

T. P. MacDiarmada, Uas,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEMES - POSITION AT 12/2/65.

SCHEME	NO. OF HOUSES	NO. OF OPTIONS	NO. OF CASES COMPLETED	NO. OF CASES OUTSTANDING.	REMARKS ON OUTSTANDING CASES.
Sarsfield Avenue	28	25	23	2	Applicants did not pursue matter.
Market Field Terrace	8	8	8	-	
Rossa Villas.	18	16	9	7	3 need repair, 4 applicants did not pursue application.
Rossa Avenue.	42	17	5	12	Repairs not completed.
Quin's Cottages.	48	43	4 0	3	Being finalised at present.
Nicholas Street	4	4	3	1	Repairs not completed.
Church Street.	6	4	1	3	Repairs and Lease Maps outstanding in two cases.
Clare Street.	3	3	3	-	
Lelia Street	7	7	1	6	Repairs not completed.
Donnellan's Buildings	32	4	-	4	Repairs and Lease Maps not completed
O'Dwyer's Villas.	94	17	-	17	Lease Maps to be completed by 28/2/65.
Kilalee	90	30	-	30	City Solicitor at present engaged on completion of Legal Documents for Downey Street.
Janesboro	272	120	-	120	9 houses repaired. Lease Maps outstanding in all cases.
Mary Street.	3	Nil	-	-	
John Street	3	Nil	-	-	
	658	298	93	205	

K. Quilligan
Housing Officer

12th February, 1965.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Town Hall,
Limerick.

5th March, 1965.

Island Bank Baths.

Enclosed are copies of reports from the Chief Medical Officer, the Architect and the Acting City Engineer which were submitted to the Council in July last.

The reports recommend the closing of the above Baths, and at the time the Council decided that the matter should be deferred.

It is desired to have the advice of the Council on the matter.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

To/ His Worship the Mayor
and each Member of the City Council.

COPY

LIMERICK HEALTH AUTHORITY.

Phone 45387 &46201

28/29, Lr. Gerald Griffin St.,
LIMERICK. 21st May, 1964.

re: Island Bank Baths.

Dear Mr. McHugh,

With reference to your letter of the 14th May, I am in agreement with Mr. Greene that bathing in the Island Field Baths is not without danger. With the rapid development of the City and the consequent increased amount of sewage discharged into the river, the margin of safety provided by dilution is progressively decreasing so that I consider that bathing in the portion of the river downstream from sewage inflow is a definite hazard. Unless it was feasible to enclose the baths and arrange for the purification of the water I would favour closing of the baths.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Hayes,
Chief Medical Officer.

Mr. T. J. McHugh,
Assistant Town Clerk,
Árus na Cathrach,
LIMERICK.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK

Roinn an Ailtire,
Arus na Cathrach,
Luimneach.

11 Iuil 1964.

T. P. MacDiarmada, Uas.,
Bainisteoir na Cathrach.

Re: Island Bank Baths

A Bhainisteoir Uasail,

With reference to memo dated 3rd Meitheamh 1964, signed by J. Real, Acting Staff Officer, enclosing copy of report of 21st May, 1964 from Dr. Hayes, Chief Medical Officer, concerning the suggested closing of the Island Bank Baths, I would like to report as follows:-

The Island Bank Baths comprise an enclosed area having a flat terrace at bank level, a series of steeply stepped terraces down and into the river, two diving positions and a covered changing area originally equipped with cubicles. The enclosure is on the East bank of the Shannon River just north of Thomond Bridge. It is used by male and female at different set times.

On the day of inspection, 18th Meitheamh 1964, the entrance door to the enclosure was found to be broken open and smashed. The covered undressing area was stripped of all but two cubicles and apparently used by all as a convenience. The two diving positions would be considered dangerous, there being nothing left but steel uprights projecting from the water. The current in the river was strong and turbulent.

I consider the island bank baths do not serve,

(a) As a safe swimming position in terms of water turbulence and current.

(b) As a clean swimming area because of backing up of sewerage laden tidal waters.

(c) As an amenity factor of the city in view of position, condition and lack of appointments.

I accordingly concur with the proposed closing of these baths as recommended by Dr. Hayes in his report of 21st May, 1964.

Le dea mheinn,

(Sgd.) S.O. Pluingchead O'Ceallachai

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BARDAS LUIMNIGE
(Corporation of Limerick)

ÁRUS NA CATHRACH
(Town Hall)

LUIMNEACH.
(Limerick)

10th June, 1964.

Mr. M. Greene,
Acting City Engineer.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the copy of letter from Dr. Hayes, re: Island Field Baths, I do not think it possible without a great deal of expenditure to purify and enclose the baths so that it would seem that it is necessary to abandon these as a swimming point.

I would point out that with regard to tidal conditions the water at this point could be polluted on a couple of occasions as the rising tide water from the lower section of the river travels upwards and as this is generally already polluted it would receive further dose of pollution from the sewerage inflow above the baths and I agree that in these areas there is danger to health in allowing swimming at this point.

Yours faithfully,

M. Lynch, B.E.
Asst. City Engineer.

To/CITY MANAGER.

In view of what Mr. Lynch has stated and Dr. Hayes' earlier Report, I consider that the closing of this swimming place would be advisable in the interests of public health.

M. Greene,
Acting City Engineer.

16/6/1964.

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Town Hall,
Limerick.

5th March, 1965.

Road Fund Grant Proposals.

The City Engineer has prepared two schemes for road improvements to be carried out with the aid of grants from Road Fund.

(1) The widening of South Circular Road from Quin Street to Courtbrack Avenue. The work will involve some property acquisition, principally the front gardens of houses bounding this roadway. The estimated cost of this scheme is £2,120.

(2) The continuation of the widening of Courtbrack Avenue. The Council will recall that portion of this Avenue near the Dock Road was widened some years ago. The proposal is to continue the widening to thejunction of the Avenue with the South Circular Road. Land acquisition will be involved. It is not possible to estimate the cost of land acquisition in this case. The cost of the works other than for land is estimated at £19,723.

Maps showing the works proposed and the extent of the acquisition involved will be available for the inspection of the members.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

To/ His Worship the Mayor
and each Member of the Limerick City Council.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Town Hall,
Limerick.

5th March, 1965.

University Scholarship Scheme 1965.

Attached is proposed Scheme for the award of University Scholarships 1965. The Scheme varies from last year in so far as the total allocation is increased by £10, and the value of the scholarships has been varied as follows:-

Two at £260., as against Two at £255.

The third Scholarship remains at £170.

Apart from some minor changes with regard to the date of application no further amendments are suggested. The approval of the Council is sought to the making of this Scheme.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

To/ His Worshipful the Mayor,
and each Member of the Limerick City Council.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

1963

SCHEME.

for

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

under the

IRISH UNIVERSITIES ACT, 1908.
(As Amended).

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(1) UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME:

The Corporation of Limerick offers for competition a number of scholarships to a total value not exceeding £690 per annum tenable in any constituent College of the National University of Ireland or in Trinity College.

(2) METHOD AND CONDITIONS OF AWARDS:

The Scholarships will be awarded by the Corporation to the candidates otherwise qualified in accordance and in compliance with the conditions of this scheme, in the order of merit in which the candidates stand in the Secondary Schools Leaving Certificate examination according to the adjudication made thereon by the Corporation provided that one fourth of the total annual allocation (i.e. £170) shall be allocated in accordance with the order of merit to students without regard to the need of such students for assistance (i.e. without regard to means) and the remainder to students in need of assistance. The allocation to students without regard to means shall be termed an allocation for 'open scholarship'. Subject to order of merit there shall be one open scholarship, value £170 per annum and two scholarships value £260 p.a. In every year in which it is not possible to award an open scholarship the monetary value of such scholarship shall be allocated to a student in need of assistance.

(3) MEANS QUALIFICATIONS:

The following are conditions for ascertaining the financial eligibility of candidates: In considering the means of parents or guardians the matter will be examined by the Corporation on the following lines:-

(a) If the parents' income from all sources be £1,200 a year or less, the candidate will be regarded as ipso facto eligible and no further inquiry need be made.

(b) In the case of a parent or parents having children under 21 years of age and dependent on the income of such parent or parents, a quota of £75 (over the above mentioned £1,200) will be allowed for each dependent child.

(c) Statutory declaration as to income will be required from the candidate's parents.

(d) The foregoing articles 'a', 'b', and 'c', shall in the case of an orphan be read as if the word guardian were substituted therein for parent.

(4) RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATION:

The Scholarships will be restricted to candidates who, and whose parents (or the survivor of them), or guardian (in case the candidate is an orphan) are on the 1st April of the year in which the Examination is held, bona fide resident in the County Borough of Limerick.

Provided always, however, that the Corporation may award a Scholarship to a candidate who is not an orphan and who is bona fide resident with a relative in the County Borough of Limerick on the said 1st of April, and where the Corporation is satisfied that the candidate is in need of assistance in the conditions prescribed by Article 6 hereof as if such candidate were solely dependent on the income of either his or her parents or surviving parent or of the relative with whom he or she so resides.

(5) PAYMENT:

The amount of each Scholarship will be paid in monthly instalments as awarded, subject to deduction thereout of the appropriate College fees, which will be paid, to the College Authorities direct by the Corporation; provided that the Corporation reserve the right to make any alteration in the method and amount of payment of any Scholarship at any time, or from time to time, as they in their discretion may think fit.

(6) EXAMINATION SUBJECTS:

Any five subjects which are recognised Matriculation subjects may be taken into account for the award of the Scholarships.

Of these at least four must be Honours subjects and honours must be obtained in at least three with at least a Pass in the remaining two.

Honours mathematics may be counted as two of the five subjects, and where this is done, candidates will be eligible for the award if they obtain honours in Mathematics and one other recognised subject.

The maximum marks for each Honours subject will be 100; for the fifth subject, if a Pass subject, 50.

(7) SPECIAL FACILITIES:

Students who are not pursuing an approved course of study as pupils of a Secondary School may be admitted to the Leaving Certificate Examination at the request of the Corporation for the purpose of competing for their University Scholarships.

They will not, however, be eligible for the award of the Secondary Leaving Certificate. Students in this category should, when lodging Application Form call special attention to the fact that they are not pursuing an approved course of study in a Secondary School, and should procure Form E.7 from the Corporation. The completed Application Form, together with fee of 30/- should be lodged not later than 12 noon on the 31st March.

The fee should be lodged in the form of Postal Order made payable to the Secretary, Department of Education.

(8) AGE:

The candidate must not have attained the age of twenty years prior to the 1st August and must have reached the age of 16 years on the 15th January of the year in which the Examination is held.

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(9) METHODS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARD:

Not later than 4 p.m. on 3rd of May, 1965 each candidate must notify in writing to the City Manager his or her intention to compete, and at the same time furnish to him:-

(a) The particulars required to enable the Corporation to decide the question of financial eligibility of the candidate.

(b) Birth Certificate.

(c) Notification as to the University College he or she wishes to attend.

(10) METHOD AND CONDITIONS OF AWARD:

Scholarship candidates must obtain the Matriculation Certificate of the National University of Ireland or Trinity College, in the Faculty in which they intend to pursue Courses before commencing attendance at Lectures. No one who has already attended University Degree Courses is eligible for a Scholarship.

A successful candidate must take up tenure of the Scholarship forthwith on award, and pursue the normal day course of lectures and studies at the selected University College or forfeit all right to or benefit of the award.

A Scholarship holder who engages in any employment interfering with his or her attendance at such day course, shall thereupon cease to be entitled to hold or continue to hold such Scholarship, and shall thereby forfeit all right thereto, or to renewal thereof.

Provided always that the Corporation may, on application in an appropriate case, suspend the operation of the last-mentioned conditions for a period not exceeding two years to enable such candidate to attend the Noviatiate of a Religious Order or Community during that period.

(11) TENURE:

Every successful candidate must enter into a binding contract by himself of herself, his or her parents or guardians, to repay to the Corporation such sums as may have been paid on his or her behalf, in respect of a scholarship, in case he or she, without the approval of the Corporation fails to complete the course for a Primary Degree.

(12) TENURE:

(a) Scholarships shall normally be tenable for not more than four years. In certain circumstances where students are pursuing a course which does not permit the taking of a Primary Degree within four years the Corporation may extend the award on a recommendation from the University for such period as the Corporation may determine but in any event not greater than would permit of the taking of a Primary Degree.

(b) A Scholarship holder will, at the end of each academic year, submit an application for the renewal of the scholarship, accompanied by a report from the College authorities on progress, attendance etc.

(c) The annual renewal of the scholarship will be contingent on the holder's satisfactory progress. The Corporation reserve the right to adjust the amount of a scholarship having regard to the nature of the reports submitted.

(d) The award of a Post-Graduate scholarship will be contingent on the student obtaining a Primary Degree with Honours.

(13) APPLICATIONS:

Persons desiring to enter for the scholarship examination can obtain form of Application at the Office of the City Manager and Town Clerk, Town Hall, Limerick after the 1st of April.

Candidates must lodge the Forms of application properly completed at said Office not later than 4 p.m. on the 3rd May, 1965.

(14) REVISION.

The Corporation reserve the right to revise the Scheme at any time and to exclude any candidate from competing for a Scholarship without assigning a reason.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

TOWN HALL,
LIMERICK.

MARCH, 1965.

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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CUSTOM HOUSE
DUBLIN

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIUIL
TEACH NA CHUSTAIM
BAILE ATHA CLIATH

8th February, 1965.

Circular No. L. 1/65

Public Conveniences

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to this Department's Circular Letter L. 12/61 of 28th June, 1961, regarding the provisions of public conveniences, and to say that, while the loan and subsidy terms then introduced the submission of some proposals for the erection or improvement of conveniences, the Minister considers that the general response has not been good and that facilities in many areas are still inadequate. He is anxious, therefore, that a determined effort should now be made to provide this basic necessity, not only at places of public resort, such as beaches and recreation grounds but also in country towns, particularly those on bus routes or which have considerable through traffic. The lack of facilities at such places has come in for much criticism in recent years and so, too, has the low standard of maintenance of existing conveniences.

In approaching the problem, the following points should be noted:-

(a) Adequate provision for toilet facilities for women should be made, hitherto, no such provision was made in many areas when facilities for men were being provided.

(b) In the construction of conveniences, precautions should be taken against wilful damage to pipes and fittings. Flushing cisterns should be placed above a false ceiling, due precautions against frost being observed. Service pipes to urinals and flush pipes to water closets should be chased into the wall surface finish, so that they are well hidden. If a convenience consists of more than one water closet, it is advisable to leave one unit open and unlocked, so as to discourage the breaking open of the other units.

(c) A system of daily maintenance and care should be instituted. In the case of larger authorities, it should be possible to have a small mobile unit make a daily round of the public conveniences in the area to ensure that they are kept thoroughly clean.

(d) Hand-washing facilities should be provided, particularly in conveniences in which a whole-time attendant is on duty.

(e) The provision of toilet-paper in all conveniences should be considered, not only in the interests of hygiene but also

to obviate blocking of drains by the use of unsuitable materials.

(f) It is necessary to reiterate the recommendations made in Circular Letter L. 12/61 as to the importance of suitable siting of public conveniences, particularly in areas of scenic or architectural interest. Conveniences should be designed to harmonise, as far as possible, with their surroundings.

(g) In appropriate cases, it may be advantageous to include the provision of public conveniences in proposals for sewerage schemes.

Mise, le meas,

G. O' Doherty.

TO/

Each Sanitary Authority.

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COMHCUALLACT LUIMNI

Arus na Cathrach,

Luimneach.

4th March, 1965.

To/ The Right Worshipful, The Mayor and Each Member of the Limerick City Council.

Attached for the consideration of the Council are the following resolutions:-

(1) "That owing to the great number of traffic deaths on the roads that a nationwide speed limit of 50 miles per hour be imposed by the Government."

Forwarded by Castleblayney Urban District Council.

(2) "That this Council calls on the Government to have clothing, food. footwear, medicines and household fuels exempted from the Turnover Tax".

Forwarded by Ballina Urban District Council.

(3) "That this Council calls on the Government to increase all old age pensions and further that the non-contributory pensions be increased to a level with the contributory pensions".

Forwarded by Corporation of Dun Laoghaire.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

4th March, 1965.

To / His Worship the Mayor,
and Each Member of the Limerick City Council.

The approval of the Council is sought to the following wage revision in respect of a grade of employment with the Corporation.

Storeman, Gas Department:

Existing Scale: £560 x £34 - £765.

Proposed Scale: £600 x £25 - £800 (as from 1st Nov. 1963)

£670 x £28 - £866 x £29 - £895
(as from 1st February, 1964).

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Town Hall,
Limerick.

5th March, 196[illegible].

To/ Each Member of the Limerick City Council.

The approval of the Council is sought to the creation, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, of one additional office of Rent Collector. The number of officers in this Grade is seven, and was last increased in 1956. Since then the number of houses has increased by 528, with 318 under construction at the present time.

The salary scale for the office is:-

£750 x £39 - £945 x £40 - £985

plus a Collection Bonus of £195.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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SELECT LIST OF BOOKS ADDED TO STOCK

FEBRUARY 1965.

	Whitaker's Cumulative Book List 1960
	Capuchin Annual 1965.
	Catholic Directory 1965.
Alder, B.	The Wit of President Kennedy.
Bantock C.	Education in an Industrial Society.
Green, M.	The Art of Coarse Acting
O'Kelly, E.	The Old Private Banks and Bankers of Munster.
O'Riordan, S.	Brosna
Rynne, S.	Fr. John Hayes.
O'Doibhlin	Meal Maidine agus Tine Oiche
Crisp, R.	Sales Planning and Control.
Linecar, H.	Early Aeroplanes.
Milton, J.	Complete Poems.
Solomon, C.	Teach your child to enjoy Maths.
Spicq, C.	St. Paul and Christian Living.
Stoddard, E.	Speed Mathematics Simplified.
Williams, G.	Modern Rugby.
	The Woodwork Annual. Vol.68.
Margolis, A.	The complete book of Tailoring.
Michaelson, J.	Tackle sea angling this way.
Milward, G	Application of O. & M.
Paddock & Galvin	Electrical Installation Technology and Practice.
Pardoe, G.	The Challenge of Space
Rayer, F.	Electrical Hobbies.
Ross, C.	Speak Italian and Know Italy.
Schrijver, E.	Glass and Crystal
Schroder, M.	Better Smoking.
Bedell, A.	Cookery Plus.
Clements, J.	Colour book of flower Arrangements
Cooper J.	The Art of Decision Making.
Hartles, R.	Introductory Course for Electrical Technicians.
Hopkins, A.	Talking about Concertos
Jones, E.	Human Geography
Kennedy,J.F.	A Nation of Imigrants.
Cole, J.	Italy
Cortina, R.	Spanish in 20 Lessons.
Guttfield, G.	In search of big Fish.
Hadfield, M.	Gardens of Delight.
Dondeyne, A.	Faith and the world
Hartnoll, P.	Shakespeare in Music.
Beadle, G.	Television; a Critical Review.
Adams,E.	Science in Building
Bea, Cardinal	Unity in Freedom
Allen, R.	Great Airports of the World.
Baker,A.	Dietetics and Nutrition.
Baroos, S.	Coarse fishing for absolute beginners.
Hollyhock, W.	Engineering Draughtmanship as a Career.
O'Tuairisc,	Lux Aeterna
O hOdhrain	Sleibhte Mhaigh Eo.

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Limerick

25th February, 1965.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 1965

The Mayor,
City Manager,
Members of Limerick
City Council,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK

A Chara,

On behalf of the above Committee I wish to extend to Your Worship, The Mayor, City Manager, Aldermen, Councilors, and officials of Limerick Corporation, a cordial invitation to participate in St. Patrick's Day Parade 1965, in robes of office.

The Parade will leave Sarsfield Barracks at approximately 11.30 a.m. and end at reviewing platform, Pery Square.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Is Mise le Meas,

SEAMUS O'KELLY,

Vice Chairman.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

1, 2 & 3 Westmoreland Street,

Dublin, 2.

February, 1965.

A Chara,

I wish to inform you that each Local Authority which is a member of "Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.," is entitled, should it so desire, to appoint one of its members or officers, or any other person authorised in that behalf by it to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Company, and exercise every other right or power incidental to such membership.

As the Thirty-ninth General Meeting of the Company will take place at an early date, I have pleasure in enclosing herewith Form of "Appointment of Nominee".

Should it be desired to exercise the right conferred by the Articles of Association of the Company and the Local Authorities (Mutual Assurance) Acts, 1926 to 1935, the enclosed Form should be duly executed and returned as early as possible.

For your information I have pleasure in enclosing herewith Extracts from the Local Authorities (Mutual Assurance) Act, 1926, and the Articles of Association governing the appointment of Nominees.

Mise, le meas,

Eamon Smyth,

Runaidhe.

Limerick City Council

A monthly meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 9th February, 1965.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members answered :

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful Cllr. J. Danagher, N.T., Mayor.

Aldermen : J. Carew, S. Coughlan, T.D., G. E. Russell.

Councillors : V. Feeney, F. Glasgow, J. Keane, P. Kiely, J. Kirby, T. Lawlor, F. Leddin, J. P. Liddy, M. D. Lipper, and P. O'Sullivan.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Cllr. Mrs. F. Condell and Cllr. P. Kelly.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Engineer ; City Solicitor ; City Accountant ; the Architect ; Mr. Lynch and Mr. Greene, Asst. City Engineers ; Mr. Quilligan, Staff Officer, Housing ; Mr. Fitzpatrick, Staff Officer, Engineers ; Mr. McNamara, Chief Planning Assistant ; Mr. Real, Staff Officer, Gas Works ; Mr. Costelloe, Staff Officer, Town Clerk's Office.

CONGRATULATORY VOTES :

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, and unanimously resolved : " That we the members of the Limerick City Council tender to His Grace Most Rev. Dr. W. Conway, Archbishop of Armagh, and Primate of All-Ireland, our congratulations on his elevation to the Sacred College of Cardinals."

It was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved : " That the congratulations of the Council be tendered to Chief Superintendent E. A. Reynolds on his appointment to the office of Assistant Commissioner of the Garda Siochana."

ITEM 1.

It was proposed by Cllr. Lipper, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 12th January, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

MATTERS ARISING : Abattoir—

In reply to Ald. Russell, the City Manager said that the plans in connection with the Abattoir had been completed but were not yet brought to the stage at which discussions with officers of the Department of Agriculture could take place.

HOUSING : Private Housing Density—

Ald. Coughlan said in his opinion some builders providing houses which were financed by way of Corporation loans and Government and Corporation grants were not giving value for money. He felt it was

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the duty of the Corporation to ensure that such houses were well finished and said the Corporation should appoint a number of Clerks of Works to supervise the erection of such private houses in the city.

Cllr. Leddin supported. He said he was not satisfied with the extent of the Corporation's examination which was at present carried out. The Mayor said some houses were left in an unfinished condition by the builders. He commented on the big increase in the price of houses in the past twelve months. Ald. Russell said the position as he understood it was that if the Corporation engineers inspected the houses and repairs were necessary the Corporation's remedy lay against the borrower, not against the builder.

The City Manager said this was so, the position of the Corporation was that of a lender. The Corporation was satisfied in all cases where money was advanced that the house was a good security for the amount of the loan, consequently the Corporation did not feel that its money was in jeopardy. Inspections were in fact carried out by the Corporation's Engineer who certified the value of the work done. The City Solicitor said that as far as he was aware the present system of inspection carried out by the Corporation's Engineer was adequate. He felt there was a danger of exaggeration in this matter. The onus was clearly on the borrower, that is the person who had the contract with the builder, to ensure that his house was built in accordance with the plan and specification which was referred to in the contract. It was up to him to employ an engineer or architect on his own behalf if he felt it was necessary to do so. He thought that the Corporation could not justify expenditure of public monies on a Clerk of Works to do work which was properly within the responsibilities of the person who borrowed money from the Corporation. Ald. Russell advocated the licensing of builders. Builders should be licensed in the same manner as Auctioneers, Solicitors, etc., and if they misbehaved the penalty should be loss of licence. In this way there would be some control over builders. After some further discussion it was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and agreed " That we ask the Minister for Local Government to provide by way of legislation or regulations as the case may be, that the Corporation be enabled in all present and future housing schemes financed by way of loans under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, to ensure that Clerks of Works be employed by the Corporation to supervise the building of such houses."

It was proposed by Cllr. Lipper, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 1st February, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

It was proposed by Cllr. Lipper, seconded by Cllr. Leddin, and unanimously resolved : " That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 26th January, 1965, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted subject to the amendment in the first paragraph on page 1, item 1, noted by Ald. Russell.

Matters Arising from the Minutes :

Ald. Coughlan referred to the Minister's statement that any delay in getting houses under way was not the entire responsibility of the Minister's Department; that the Council should examine the whole picture, and said the Department was holding up schemes submitted for approval by the Corporation. He referred to Watergate and said

the Department's request for soil tests in this scheme, where the Council members knew that none was necessary, had been responsible for the hold-up to date. The Architect at the request of the City Manager reported to the Council on the discussions which he had had with the technical officers of the Department with regard to the Watergate housing scheme. He said the Department would prefer to see the size of the living room width 10 ft. instead of 9 ft. 6½ in. as shown on the Corporation's plans. He is at present working on the re-design of the scheme to incorporate same. The scheme included a number of five apartment flats. The Department felt that the cost of these flats would be too high and he had no objection to omitting them from the scheme. On the question of cost he would prefer to submit a separate report to the Council. Ald. Russell asked if the plan were adjusted to satisfy the Department could the Watergate scheme proceed. The Architect said he understood this to be the position.

System Building :

Ald. Russell said it did appear that it had been until recently deliberate national policy to go slow on housing. The Minister had, in the course of his discussions with the Council, indicated a different approach and he felt the Council should take up the offer of the Minister to arrange through the National Building Agency for the building of system built dwellings in this region. The Corporation should initiate consultations with the other local authorities and seek the co-operation of the Unions and any other parties concerned in this matter.

Cllr. Liddy said he was not certain whether the Council or the Minister was to organise the pool of houses necessary for system building. However, he supported the idea of taking consideration of the matter a few steps further. On the question of housing generally he thought the Corporation should take immediate steps to get another 200 houses up for tender.

Ald. Coughlan said that there were at least forty or fifty types of system building; which type did the Council propose to consider for Limerick. He thought it was premature for any discussions on the matter until a clear statement was given the Council of exactly what system building involved.

Ald. Carew thoughi inquiries could be made. In the first instance he could see no harm in taking the matter further as had been suggested. The City Manager said that a number of steps were necessary as a preliminary to any firm decision being taken about system building; firstly, discussions might be held with officials of the Department of Local Government and National Building Agency; secondly, discussions with adjoining local authorities; thirdly, with the building trade; fourthly, with the Unions. After a further brief discussion, it was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Liddy, and agreed " That the Council agree in principle to officers of the Corporation in undertaking discussions at departmental level on the question of the introduction of system building into this area."

Rents :

Ald. Coughlan said the differential rents system as operated in Limerick was the severest in Ireland. He could not see why there should be different treatment for tenants in Dublin, Cork and elsewhere to the treatment given Corporation tenants. The Manager should have accepted

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the advice of the Council about the increase in rents on account of rat.") Cllr. Lipper said the recent increase in rents was unjustified. Cllr. Keane said the reason why the Manager had acted as he did was the fact that a motion for reconsideration of the differential rent had been put down for consideration by Ald. Coughlan and his colleagues on the Council. Ald. Coughlan said this was misrepresentation, which he repudiated strongly.

Sub Tenants :

In reply to Ald. Russell, the City Manager said that the Corporation had no information on the formula which was apparently being applied by the Department to deal with sub tenants on a compassionate basis. He proposed to communicate with the Department when the decision was conveyed in the case of the sub tenant in Garryowen and to ask for elucidation of this matter.

Tenant Purchase :

In reply to Ald. Russell, the City Manager said that a further schedule would be prepared showing the application of the 1956 Circ. letter re the sale of local authority houses to post-war schemes the property of the Corporation.

ITEM 3.

It was proposed by Cllr. Lipper, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved: "That the meeting of the planning committee (whole house) held on Monday, 8th February, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

CORRESPONDENCE :

Submitted communication dated 4th February, 1965, from the Secretary of the Limerick County Council stating that the request of the City Council suggesting that a joint committee should consider disposing of the Fairgreen to the Corporation had been considered at a meeting of the County Council held on the 22nd January. The matter had been adjourned for further consideration at a meeting to be held on the 26th February. Ald. Coughlan said the resolution of the Council on the matter had been that the land be used for housing and other purposes. The other purposes that he had in mind was a school of technology. In his view the St. Munchin's College site which had been acquired by the Vocational Education Committee was not suitable. There was no intention on his part as mover of the motion to discontinue fairs on the Fairgreen. Cllr.Liddy said the open space was needed in this area. He would not be in favour of using the entire land available for housing and other purposes. There is also need for industry in the area. Referring to the school of technology, his information was that the St. Munchin's College site had been decided on.

Ballinacurra Road :

Submitted communication dated 4th February, 1965, from the Secretary of the Limerick County Council stating that the County Engineer had been requested that the work commence as soon as possible. Noted. Alderman Russell said the roadway at this point connecting the existing road with the new road was very bad. He asked that further

representations be made to the County Council regarding this.

ITEM 4.

Submitted Monthly Financial Statement and Departmental Reports for January, 1965. Noted.

ITEM 6. Housing :

The Council were informed that 16 houses in the St. John's Scheme had been completed and would be handed over on the 16th February. 1965. Ald. Russell, supported by Ald. Coughlan, asked the City Manager to consider the transfer back to the St. John's Scheme from houses in Garryowen of some tenants displaced from the area by the operation of the Corporation. The City Manager said that any request for a transfer back to this scheme would be considered having regard to the Housing Management and Letting Regulations which govern the letting of Corporation houses.

Hall's Buildings, etc.:

Cllr. Lipper said that there were some families still in this building. He gave particulars of one family living in overcrowded conditions. The Manager said the case would be examined.

Other matters raised under this heading : Ald. Russell referred to the condition of the Ennis Road, which was cracking up badly in parts. Footpaths in this area were also very bad. Ald. Coughlan asked that the E.S.B. be requested to enclose properly the transformer at Blackboy Pike.

Fr. Russell's Square :

Ald. Coughlan suggested that consideration might be given to tarmacing this open area and using it as a car park. Cllr. Leddin said there was adequate car parking facilities in this area. He suggested, however, that the Council might consider building houses on this square. The Mayor said that this matter had been considered previously by the Council and that a firm decision had been taken not to allow building on Fr. Russell's Square. Cllr. Leddin asked the present position about the proposed widening of the Roxboro' Road bridge. The City Manager said that certain consultations had been held with C.I.E. in the matter before the present City Engineer took up duty, and further consultations would be held as soon as possible. The Manager suggested that the question of the use of Fr. Russell's Square and also a further suggestion of Cllr. Leddin that the Corporation should concentrate on rebuilding the in-city areas be referred to the Town Planning Committee. This was agreed.

Quarries :

Ald. Coughlan suggested that the quarry in Mayorstone be converted into an open air swimming pool. Cllr. Keane asked if some proposals might be submitted to the Council regarding the future use of Gough's Quarry. The City Manager said both these matters would be further examined.

ITEM 7.

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and unanimously resolved: "That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £20,000 from the

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Royal Liver Friendly Society for the purposes of making advances under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, to persons whose income exceeds £1,040."

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and unanimously resolved: "That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £10,000 for the purposes of the reconstruction of the roadway at (a) Lifford Avenue, and (b) Lower Shannon Street."

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and unanimously resolved: "That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12(1)(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1964, to the borrowing by way of overdraft of a sum not exceeding £30,000 on the Municipal Fund Capital Account."

Arising out of the foregoing the Council accepted the City Manager's suggestion that the income limit for loans under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act out of the loan for persons whose income exceeds £1,040 be £1,250 per annum.

ITEM 8.

It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and unanimously resolved: "That having considered report dated 5th February, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk, we hereby approve of the following expenditure in excess of the Estimate:

	£	£
Roads :		
Other Expenses		3,000
This expenditure was incurred in the filling in of dangerous quarries. Portion of this expenditure is recoupable by way of Grant.		
Sanitary :		
Street and Domestic Scavenging	3,000	
Other Purposes	2,600	
		5,600
Excess expenditure is due to the increased costs of Domestic Scavenging and the payment of Retiring Allowances which fall due for payment during the year.		
Housing :		
(a) Housing of the Working Classes Acts ...	10,000	
(b) Local Grants and Assistance Schemes ...	800	
(c) Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts ...	1,500	
		12,300
Excess Expenditure under (a) arises from increased cost of maintenance and loan charges. The excess under (b) and (c) arises from increased loan charges. The excess under (c) will be offset by increased receipts.		
General Purposes :		
Weights and Measures	50	
Civil Buildings (Increase due to cost of repairs)	2,500	

Unemployment Assistance	150	
Compensation for Criminal Injuries ...	300	
Industrial & Reformatory Schools	500	
Civil Defence	200	
Parks and Open Spaces	800	
Other Purposes	8,200	
		12,700
The excess of £8,200 for Other Purposes is due to increases in Bank Overdraft Interest, Salaries, Road Fund Expenses, Courthouse and Strand Barracks.		33,600

ITEM 9.

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and unanimously resolved: "That approval be granted to the payment of increases in pensions to retired officers and servants of the Corporation in accordance with the terms of Circular E.L. 10/64 of the 6th November, 1964.

Cost up to 31/3/1965	£200
Estimate for the year 1965/'66	£400

are noted and approved.

ITEM 10.

Submitted report from the City Manager and Town Clerk re public lighting stating that it had been arranged with the E.S.B. to have discussions with the technical officers of the E.S.B. and the City Engineer and other officers of the Corporation on the 23rd February. Also submitted report from the City Engineer re public lighting stating that estimates had been sought from the E.S.B. for lighting in a number of areas, about which the Council had made representations. The City Engineer did not recommend extra lighting at Bawnmore Road or on the Ballysimon Road. Cllr. Lipper, supported by Cllr. Lawlor, asked that the City Engineer reconsider his decision with regard to Bawnmore Road. Cllr. Keane made representations regarding the need for public lighting at the level crossing between Rathbane and Weston.

ITEM 11.

Submitted report from the City Manager re private roads. It was agreed that consideration of this report be deferred to the meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

ITEM 12.

It was agreed to defer to the General Purposes Committee consideration of a report on experimental changes in parking under Traffic Bye-Laws.

ITEM 13.

There were no new works submitted.

ITEM 14.

It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, that authority be granted to the affixing of the Corporate Seal to the rate warrant for the temporary Collector for No. 4 District. There were no other documents submitted for sealing.

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Exemption from Rates for Clubs, etc. :

The Mayor said he wished to put before the Council a suggestion that Clubs engaged in youth training and benevolent work whould be exempt from Rates. Ald. Coughlan supported and suggested the case be made for presentation to the Minister for Local Government and that he be asked to introduce legislation which would permit local authorities to remit rates in the case of institutions mentioned by the Mayor. It was agreed that Ald. Coughlan, Mr. O'Malley, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, and the Mayor might form a deputation to the Minister in due course on this matter. Ald. Russell said the Corporation's powers to give assistance by way of grant to boys' clubs, etc., should be examined.

Date of Next Meeting :

The next meeting of the Council would normally be held on the 23rd February, 1965. On the motion of Cllr. Liddy, the Council unanimously agreed that the next meeting be held on the 22nd February.

Date of Estimates Meeting :

The Council decided that the Estimates Meeting be held on 23rd March, 1965, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

CONDOLENCE :

Proposed by Ald. Russell " That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Dr. Hubert Roche Kelly, and to the relatives of the late Miss Mulcahy, of Ballinacurra."

A TRUE RECORD.

T. P. MacDIARMADA.

City Manager & Town Clerk.

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Private Roads:

Cllr. Lipper asked if any decision had been reached regarding Rose Avenue, Ballysimon Road which he contended had been maintained by the County Council prior to the extension of the Borough Boundary. The City Engineer said he was satisfied that this Avenue was repaired by the County Council prior to 1950. In his opinion the Corporation could take it in charge as being a public road. The City Engineer said that the reports to the effect that it had not been maintained by the County Council which had been furnished to the Council previously were due to some misunderstanding. The City Manager said that he would examine the position. It might be necessary to formally declare the Avenue to be a public road.

Pound:

The Mayor said he wished to have recorded his objection to the location of a Pound in Lelia Street. He would do all in his power to prevent this pound being sited in this area.

ITEM 3:

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. O'Sullivan, "That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on the 12th February, and the 2nd March, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

Development at Lanahrone, Corbally, Co. Clare:

In reply to Ald. Coughlan the City Manager said that in the event of services being required in respect of this development the Council would be consulted before a decision was made. Clare County Council had granted an outline permission for the development. An approval to detailed proposals was necessary. The Corporation had asked to be kept fully advised of developments..

ITEM 4:

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Liddy, and unanimously resolved: "That the minutes of the meeting of the tenders committee held on the 2nd March, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

Correspondence:

Submitted communication dated 4th March, 1965, from the Department of Local Government, regarding the Watergate Part 1 Housing Scheme. The communication stated that the plans for the 2, 3 and 4 accommodation flats were in order subject to examination of the balcony for the four apartments. Final plans were awaited by the Department. The Mayor, Ald. Carew, Ald. Russell said the Corporation should now press on with the Watergate Proposal.

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St. Patrick's Day:

Submitted communication from the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee inviting the Council to partake in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. After a brief discussion the Council decided to take part in the Parade and to march in their robes of office.

ITEM 6:

Submitted Financial Statement and Departmental Report for the month of February, 1965. Noted.
Arising out of the foregoing Cllr. Leddin referred to a noxious odour in the vicinity of the Gas Works. The Gas Engineer said he was not aware of any complaints and said he would look into the matter. Cllr. Feeney queried the increase in the price of coke. The City Manager said that coal prices had gone up and coke prices had also risen. An attempt had also been made in recent adjustment of price to rationalise the price structure. Cllr. Liddy complained about the gas pressure in the Ballinacurra area, and Cllr. Glasgow about the gas pressure in the Janesboro' area. The Gas Engineer promised to look into both these complaints.

ITEM 7:

Housing:

Submitted report dated 22nd February, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk stating that discussions had taken place between officers of the Corporation and the Department of Local Government on the possibility of supplementing the Corporation's housing programme by the utilization in conjunction with other housing authorities of system building or standardised non-traditional building methods. The report gave details of the steps which had been taken by Dublin Corporation regarding the introduction of system building on a site at the Albert College. The Department officials had advised that a project for system building would necessitate a minimum of 2,000 dwelling units for construction over a four to five year period. The report gave details of the Corporation's housing programme of 1200 on a 7 year basis, 100 for the year ended 31st March, 1964, 200 houses per annum for each of the five years 1965 to 1969 inclusive. The report said that doubts had been expressed of the capacity of the building industry to reach and maintain by traditional methods the high level of output which had been planned for the industry in the Government's economic programme. In the official discussions with officers of the Department the advisability of the examination of the Corporation's housing programme for 1967, '68 and subsequent years was agreed. The re-assessment should have regard to the feasibility of the Corporation completing it's programme by traditional methods within a further three years. If this did not appear practicable the Corporation might then consider requesting the Minister to examine the possibility of the programme being supplemented by non-traditional methods

Ald. Russell said the first essential was to establish the number of houses required by the Corporation. The Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance during the discussion with the Council at the January General Purposes Meeting stated that the needs of Limerick was 3,000 houses. The Corporation's programme referred to a need of 1200.

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Cllr. Feeney said in his view it was neither feasible or desirable to have system building in limerick. Continuity of work guaranteed to traditional builders would ensure that the Corporation's target could be met.

Ald. Coughlan asked why the Corporation could not step up the number of houses being built by traditional methods. He asked if any discussions had taken place with the Union or the Builders Federation in this regard.

The City Manager said that the Council should decide if (1) was satisfied with the building rate of 200 per annum, (2) could the rate be improved on by traditional methods. If there was any doubt about the answer to the second question, then he felt , the methods of system building should be explored. In reply to Ald. Russell the City Manager said he thought it would be difficult to advance on 200 per annum.

Ald. Carew said that if target of 200 houses per annum was accepted there was no need for system building. He felt the programme of the Corporation as set out in the Manager's report would be fulfilled. If, however, the Council wished to have more than 200 houses per annum then system building should be considered. He felt that in considering the number of houses built annually the numbers being built for owner occupation should not be disregarded. After a further discussion Ald. Russell suggested that the Council consult with representatives of the building trade and the Trade Unions concerned and state the problem to them and having got their views consider the question further. This matter was put in the form of a motion by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Ald. Carew and unanimously resolved; "That we ask representatives of the Building Trade and of the Unions concerned to meet the members of the City Council for a discussion on ways and means of expediting the Corporation's housing programme with particular reference to the practicabiltiy of introducing into this area system building of houses."

Bullfield Housing Scheme.

Submitted report dated 1st March, 1965, from the City Manager stating that following discussions with the Contractors for this Scheme he was prepared to recommend to the Council that the Corporation allow 15s.0d. per house per week to the Contractors in respect of houses handed over in advance of completion date, that a charge of 15s.0d. per house per week be made against the Contractors in respect of houses not handed over by the completion date. On the basis of this agreement the Contractors had given an assurance that houses in the scheme would be completed as follows: 50 houses before the end of March; 20 by mid April, 40 to 50 houses by mid June. Cllr. Leddin had some doubts about the proposal. He said that houses might not be finished properly if the Contractors rushed them in order to qualify for bonus. The City Manager said the houses would be properly completed. The position was that there was nothing in the contract at the present time to induce the Contractors to try to complete houses before the completion date. Ald. Russell, Ald. Carew, Ald. Coughlan, Cllr. Liddy said the proposal was an excellent one, and congratulated the Manager on his initiative in the matter.

Tenant Purchase.

Submitted report dated 15th February, 1965, from the Housing Officer setting out the present position with regard to Tenant Purchase. In reply to Cllr. Kiely, the Housing Officer said that houses in Grattan Street, David Street, etc. would be included in future schemes. The number of houses as shown on the report would take approximately 15 months to complete and there was no point in introducing further schemes at this stage.

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Provision of out-houses in Ballynantybeg:

Submitted report dated 25th February, 1965, from the City Manager giving details of replies received from tenants in Ballynantybeg regarding the provision of out-houses. Ald. Russell said the tenants had improved the Corporation property. He felt the least the Corporation might do would be to supply the materials to allow the tenants themselves to erect the out-houses. The City Manager said he would re-examine this matter.

Private Housing Scheme in Ballinacurra:

Ald. Carew referred to a report in the local newspaper which said that work on a private housing scheme in Ballinacurra had been suspended owing to objections by the residents. He wished to say that he was a resident and he knew the residents' views on the matter. It was completely untrue to say that any action by the residents had caused a hold-up in this scheme. The residents had co-operated with the developers, had met officials of the Corporation and discussed matters. He wished to make it clear that the residents had no objection and asked the Manager to give an assurance that none of the report was issued from the Town Hall. The City Manager said he was not aware that any statement was issued from the Town Hall, and he confirmed that a deputation from the residents was received, the points they made were discussed and the deputation was informed of the decision of the Corporation to grant a permission in respect of this scheme..

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:

Ald. Coughlan said notice had been sent to borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts threatening legal action for non-payment. The City Accountant said notices were being sent to persons with more than one month's arrears. The procedure was recommended.

Greystones Housing Estates:

Ald. Russell referred to the temporary septic tank arrangements at Greystones. He said the residents were distrubed by the smell from this tank. He asked if the Corporation would have the matter examined again. The County Council should be urged to have the completion of the Caherdavin Scheme expedited.

It was agreed to refer to the Street Naming Sub Committee the question of the naming of the Greystones Schemes in respect of which the residents had already taken steps. Cllr. Lipper asked why bilingual names had not been erected in the Streets in Garryowen. The Council had already taken a decision in this matter and the delay was causing grave inconvenience especially to members of the medical profession. The Manager said this matter would be attended to without delay.

ITEM 8:

It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and unanimously resolved: "That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 4 of the Local Government No. 2 Act, 1960, to the borrowing by way of overdraft of sums not exceeding - Gas Revenue No. 1 Account - £160,000; Gas Revenue No. 2 Account - £9,000; Gas Capital Account (Plant) £10,000 and Gas Capital Account (Main laying) £17,500, for the period ending 30th June, 1965.

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Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper and unanimously resolved:

"That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 4 of the Local Government No. 2 Act, 1960, to the borrowing by way of overdraft of a sum not exceeding £250,000 on the Municipal Fund (Revenue) Account for the period ending 30th June, 1965"

Proposed by Ald. Coughlan, Seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved: "That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 4 of the Local Government No. 2 Act, 1960, to the borrowing by way of temporary overdraft (extra) on the Municipal Fund (Capital) Account of a sum not exceeding £350,000 in respect of the Bullfield Housing Scheme for the quarter ending 30th June, 1965."

It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper and unanimously resolved: "That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £25,000 for the purposes of the Gas Works main laying project at Greenhill/Tankfields, St. John's Scheme and the Bullfield Scheme." The City Manager said that the borrowing was being undertaken to relieve the strain on the finances of the Gas Undertaking. The Corporation was endeavouring to have the cost included in the Capital cost of the houses and if this was allowed it would involve supplementary borrowing for both schemes.

ITEM 9:

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper and unanimously resolved: "That having considered report dated the 4th March, 1965, from the City Manager we approved of the application of the proposed wage scale as set out therein to the employment of Storeman, Gas Department".

ITEM 10:

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper and unanimously resolved: "That having considered report dated 5th March, 1965, from the City Manager we approve of the creation of an additional office of Rent Collector to the Corporation".

ITEM 11:

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper and unanimously resolved: "That we approve of the sale of land consisting of 6 acres at Longpavement, Limerick, to Messrs. Roadstone Ltd., Naas Road, Dublin, 12, by way of a lease at a nominal rent in consideration of a fine at the rate of £600 per acre and subject otherwise to the terms and conditions set out in the notice which was sent to each member of the Council pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946."

ITEM 12:

It was decided to defer consideration of Road Fund Grant Schemes for Ashbourne Avenue and South Circular Road to the next meeting of the Council.

ITEM 13:

Defer to General Purposes meeting.

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ITEM 15:

It was decided that arrangements be made for a joint conference with representatives of the Limerick County Council and Clare County Council re the problem of itinerants and the conference might be held on the 5th April, 1965, in the County Council Offices at 4 p.m.

ITEM 16:

Scheme for University Scholarships:

The Assistant Town Clerk said that the Scheme had been amended slightly. The value of the Scholarships had been increased from £255 to £260. The open Scholarship remained at £170. It was proposed not to change the Means Qualification. The Corporation was bound by Law to provide no more than half the amount provided for Secondary Scholarships, and one quarter of the amount thus provided could be allocated for non-means candidates. The Mayor reserved the right to speak on this matter at a later meeting. The Council adopted the Scheme.

ITEM 17:

It was decided to defer this matter to the G.P. meeting.

ITEM 18:

It was decided to defer this matter to the General Purposes Meeting.

ITEM 19:

Cllr. P. O'Sullivan was appointed as representative to attend the General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

ITEM 20:

There was no submission under 'New Works'.

ITEM 21:

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved: "That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing".

S.D. ADVANCES:	Re Conveyance and Memorial;
Patrick Gleeson,	'Mount Carmel', South Circular Road.
S.D. ADVANCES:	Mortgages:
Patrick Reidy	Coolraine,
John Pk. Carrigy	Coolraine,
Patrick O'Shea	Coolraine.
TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME: Lease and Mortgage:	Downey Street.
William Lewis,	20, Downey Street,
Albert Hourigan,	16, Downey Street,
John Bourke,	4, Downey Street.

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TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME: Rossa Villas:

Mrs. Margaret Reeves,

Hall to McNamara: Premises: Sunbrook, Plassy Avenue, Discharge.

P. Cahill, Deceased. Folio 275 l. Co. Limerick. Discharge.

Other Matters:

Ald. Russell said that a number of caravans were coming to Limerick about the end of July and required a suitable site for a few days. He suggested the Custom House Park. The City Manager said this matter was under consideration. Cllr. Liddy asked that C.I.E. be written to and asked to provide a double-deck bus in the Ballinacurra route on the 8.45 service.

It was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, and unanimously resolved: "That congratulations of the Council be tendered to Mr. William O'Reilly, Farranshone, on the ordination of his son."

Cllr. Liddy, supported by Ald. Russell and other members conveyed good wishes to the Mahor on his forthcoming trip to the United States of America for St. Patrick's Day.

Malicious Injury Claim;

Cllr. Kiely congratulated the City Solicitor, on the success of the Corporation in their defence of the malicious injury claim of Messrs. Goodbody's Ltd. which would have involved the payment of £116,000 by the Corporation.

Condolence:

Proposed by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved: "That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the Shanahan family, New Street, on their recent bereavement.

Proposed by Cllr. Glasgow, and unanimously resolved: "That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the Higgins family Ballinacurra Weston, on the death of Mr. Higgins.

Confirmed at Council
this 27th April 1965

John Donagher
Chairman

A true record.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

The Estimates Meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday 23rd March, 1965.

Roll Call: The Roll was called at 7.30 o'clock, p.m. when the following members answered:

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Cllr. J. Danagher, Mayor,

Aldermen: J. Carew; S. Coughlan; and G. E. Russell;

Councillors: W. Brazier, Mrs. F. Condell; V. Feeney; F. Glasgow; P. Kelly; P. Kiely; J. Kirby; T. Lawlor; F. Leddin; J. P. Liddy; M. D. Lipper; P. O'Sullivan.

Officers present included: City Manager and Town Clerk; Assistant Town Clerk; City Engineer; City Solicitor; City Accountant; Chief Officer of the City Fire Brigade; City Librarian; Staff Officers - Housing, Engineers, Town Clerks and Account's Depts.; Asst. City Engineers - Messrs. Lynch; Greene; Brady; Gas Engineer; Accountant Gas Department, etc.

MAYORSTONE QUARRY:

The following motion, of which notice was given to the Mayor, was, with the approval of the Council, put by Ald. Russell:

"The members of the City Council, gravely shocked at the tragic drowning in Greystones Quarry on Saturday last, call on the City Manager to complete as a matter of extreme urgency the filling in of the quarry and to take any other steps necessary to protect this dangerous spot from the young people of the area. The Council will vote whatever sums are necessary for this work".

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Condell.

Ald. Russell said it was a matter of concern to the Council that the filling of the quarry at Mayorstone had not been completed. In view of the tragedy which had occurred in the quarry the previous Saturday, work of completion must be carried through as a matter of urgency. In the past it seemed that the necessary determination to finish the job was lacking. Ald. Coughlan asked that a deputation from the Mayorstone and Coolraine Residents Association (which was present at the meeting in connection with the Estimates) be heard. Mr. O'Farrell, representing the Association, said that the quarry must be made safe at once. It should be properly fenced and closed. He asked that the matter be given the immediate attention of the Corporation. The City Manager submitted a report dated 23rd March, which he had received from the City Engineer, setting out the history of the acquisition of the quarry by the Corporation and the steps which had been taken since it had been acquired in December 1962 to have it filled. The City Engineer's report pointed out that the work was, infact, in progress but had been halted in November owing to unsuitable soil conditions due to weather. The report pointed out that when the qurry was filled there would still be a dangerous rock face. To make the place completely safe it would be necessary to bank this face and to do this would involve expenditure of an extra £1,000. The Manager said he had given directions that the quarry was to be filled forthwith, and that a watchman was to be engaged, until the waterhole was removed. After a brief discussion the Council unanimously passed the motion and a further resolution proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. O'Sullivan "That an extra sum of £1,000 as requested by the City Engineer, be voted in respect of the banking of the rock face which would result from the filling of the quarry."

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES:

Submitted the Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1966. The Estimate showed a rate of 72. 7d. - an increase of 10s. 7d. on the rate for the current financial year. Copy of the Estimate, together with City Manager's report thereon, had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. The Council agreed to receive a deputation from the Ratepayers Association and from the Combined Residents Association.

Mr. Duggan, spokesman for the Ratepayers Association, said it was obvious that the Health contribution was responsible for the increase in Rates over the last nunber of years. He suggested that the Corporation should advise the Health Authority that they

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK

LIMERICK CITY MANAGEMENT ACTS, 1934 to 1955

NOTICE OF ESTIMATES MEETING

A Chara,

You are summoned to attend the Estimates Meeting of the Limerick City Council, to be held in the County Courthouse, Merchants Quay (by kind permission of the County Registrar) Limerick, on Tuesday, TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF MARCH, 1965 at the hour of 7.30 p.m., to consider and do and cause or direct all necessary acts to be done upon or in relation to the after-mentioned business.

1. The estimate of expenses for the local financial year ending the 31st March, 1966.

2. By resolution to adopt such estimate of expenses with or without amendments, and by resolution to determine in accordance with such estimates as so adopted the rate in the £ to be levied for the several purposes specified in such estimates.

Dated this 12th day of March, 1965.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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Arus na Cathrach,
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12th March, 1965.

REPORT TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES

Year ending 31st March, 1966.

Enclosed herewith is the detailed estimate of expenses for the local financial year ending on 31st March, 1966, together with the explanatory tables of receipts and expenditure.

Table 'A' contains details of estimated expenditure.

Table 'B' contains details of estimated income.

The totals are summarised in the statutory form in Table 'C', which sets out the estimated nett expenditure, the amount to be raised by the municipal rate and finally, the rate in the £ for the different services.

The following is a comparison of the expenditure and income with the estimate for the current financial year:-

Estimated Expenditure		Estimated Income	
1965/66	£1,325,970	1965/66	£643,720
1964/65	£1,139,874	1964/65	£555,674
Increase:	£ 186,096	Increase:	£ 88,046

The nett expenditure, i.e. gross expenditure less income, is estimated at £682,250 compared with £584,200 for the current year.

THE ESTIMATE PROVIDES FOR A RATE OF 72/7d. per £ OF POOR LAW VALUATION WHICH COMPARES WITH THE CURRENT RATE OF 62/- IN THE £. The increase is accordingly 10/7d. in the £.

The following table is included for the convenience of the members and shows a comparison of the rate in the £ in the Estimate for the coming year with the current rate for the different Corporation services:-

Service	Estimated Gross Expenditure	Estimated Income and Credit Balances.	Estimated Nett Expenditure (Amt. to be raised by the Municipal Rate)	Rate in the Pound.	Rate in the Pound 1964/65.
	£	£	£	PENCE	PENCE
Roads	141,700	112,100	29,600	37.9	29.4
Health	265,675		265,675	340.6	290.6
Public Assistance	23,700		23,700	30.4	26.7
Sanitary	143,700	39,670	104,030	133.4	136.3
Housing	469,000	390,500	78,500	100.7	75.0
GENERAL PURPOSES:					
Unemployment Assistance	14,000		14,000	17.9	17.5
Voc. Education	24,805	3,210	21,595	27.7	23.8
Other Purposes	243,390	101,110	142,280	182.4	150.7
	1,325,970	646,590	679,380	871.0	750.0

TOTAL MUNICIPAL RATE - 72/7d. in the £.

The estimated nett expenditure for the various services for the years 1964/65 and 1965/66 are set out hereunder:-

Services:	1964/65 £	1965/66 £
Roads	22,640	29,600
Health	223,754	265,675
Public Assistance	20,520	23,700
Sanitary	104,960	104,030
Housing	60,750	78,500
General Purposes:		
Unemployment Assistance	13,500	14,000
Vocational Education	18,356	21,595
Other Purposes	119,720	145,150
	584,200	682,250

In recent years expenditure on services provided in the estimates has risen sharply each year with a corresponding increase in the rate levy. The itemised detail of the estimate shows more than one hundred classifications of expenditure but it is possible to relate the major changes which have taken place to a relatively small number of items as shown in the following analysis of increased expenditure for the last four years.

	Rate in £	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure
1962/63	53/6d.	£906,000	£436,000	£470,000
1963/64	55/6d.	£998,000	£495,000	£503,000
1964/65	62/-.	£1,133,000	£553,000	£580,000
1965/66	72/7d.	£1,326,000	£644,000	£682,000
Increase in 4 years:		£ 420,000	£208,000	£212,000
Percentage increase:		46%	48%	45%

The following 13 items account for a total increased expenditure of £365,000 over this four year period, i.e. 87% of the overall increase of £420,000 set out above.

		1962/63 £	1965/66 £	Increase £
(1)	Health Services	179,000	265,000	86,000
(2)	Housing Loan Charges	208,000	267,000	59,000
(3)	Road Grant Expenditure	25,000	70,000	45,000
(4)	S.D. Loan Charges	74,000	110,000	36,000
(5)	Salaries	50,000	75,000	25,000
(6)	Water Supplies	25,000	40,000	15,000
(7)	Materials Machinery Accounts	23,000	40,000	17,000
(8)	Housing Repairs	37,000	52,000	15,000
(9)	Vocational Education Scholarships	18,000	33,000	15,000
(10)	Scavenging	38,000	50,000	12,000
(11)	Fire Brigade	19,000	29,000	10,000
(12)	Local Grants	10,000	17,000	7,000
(13)	Other Loan Charges and Interest	19,000	42,000	23,000
		725,000	1,090,000	365,000

No direct rate charge is incurred for three of these items of expenditure viz. Road Grant Expenditure, S.D. Loan Charges, Materials, Machinery Expense Accounts. The remaining ten items show concisely the direction in which increased expenditure is occurring annually and in this estimate account for £90,000 of the increase of £102,000 in the net expenditure to be funded from the rates, i.e. for nearly 9/6d. of the total increase of 10/7d. proposed.

In the same four year period gross and effective valuations have altered as follows:-

	Gross Valuation £	Effective Valuation. £
1962/63	192,000	175,000
1963/64	201,000	179,000
1964/65	210,000	184,000
1965/66	216,000	187,000
Increase in 4 years:	24,000 or 12½%	12,000 or 6⅔%

It is apparent that the increase in property valuations though progressive each year is not matching the rate at which expenditure is increasing. The widening gap between the gross valuation and the valuation which is effective for rating purposes is imposing a very heavy burden on the holdings which are fully rated. An appendix has been prepared to show the changes in valuations over the last ten years and is attached (Appendix 1).

The Corporation is obliged to provide in the rate estimate for statutory demands from other bodies. This year the increase in these demands has been very substantial as shown hereunder and accounts for almost half of proposed rate increase.

Increased Demand of Limerick Health Authority	£45,101.
" " " Vocational Education Committee ...	£ 3,239
	£48,340

ROADS:

The increase in the roads estimate from £94,000 to £142,000 is attributable to (a) increase in the Road Fund Grant provision which is fully recoupable (b) transfer of a sum of £8,000 for scavenging of public roads from Sanitary Services account which involves no additional rate charge (c) continuance of an additional provision of £1,300 which was voted during the year and which is necessary to provide the minimum local contribution to qualify for the Departmental grants for Trunk, Link and County Borough Roads. The receipts have been increased correspondingly and though the increase in the net levy appears at £9,000 due to the transfer mentioned above the additional rate charge for roads this year is in fact less than 2d. in the £.

SANITARY SERVICES:

The net provision for sanitary services which appears at £104,000 compared with last year's estimated figure of £103,000 does in fact require an additional rate levy of approximately 11d. due to the transfer of £8,000 of expenditure, formerly charged to this account, to the Roads account.

The main increases under the various subheadings are as follows:

	£.
Sewerage	700
Scavenging	3,000
Public Lighting	400
Rents, Rates, Insurance	1,000
Retiring Allowances	900
Loan Charges - Sewerage... ...	1,400
- Water	2,200
- Refuse Vehicles ...	800
	10,400
Less Credits - Loan Subsidy £1,450	
Water Rents £2,000	3,450
	£6,950

The Clonlara Main, Mulgrave Street, Rosbrien and Caherdavin Sewerage Schemes account for the increases in the Loan charges. The additional cost of scavenging does not provide for any extension of this service and only brings the estimate in line with the expenditure for the current financial year.

HOUSING:

Attention is directed to the provision for repair and maintenance of Corporation Houses. No additional provision has been made in the estimate for this service which has been increased substantially in recent years. It is anticipated that the sum provided this year will not be adequate at £51,600 - expenditure is estimated at this date to reach the record level of £58,000. It is evident that over-expenditure of this estimate in successive years has resulted in a heavy drain on Corporation finances which cannot continue indefinitely. The sum provided, £52,000, is substantial and an increased figure cannot be provided without further advancing the rate beyond the high level proposed.

Loan charges for Corporation houses have increased from £229,000 to £266,000 reflecting the increasing building activity in furtherance of the Housing Programme of recent years. This increased charge of £37,000 is partially offset by increased receipts from Housing Rents and the State Subsidy for Housing as follows:

Increase in Rents	£10,000
" " Subsidy	£16,000
	£26,000

For the current financial year a sum of £143,000 was provided for Housing rents. The actual receipts will fall short of this figure by £8,000. The increased provision under this heading at £153,000 is accordingly an advance of £18,000 on the actual figure for the current year which is the maximum which can be expected.

The Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts continue to operate satisfactorily without any direct rate change. The number of loans granted has increased in recent years and for the current financial year should total 225. More than 95% of the applicants for loans provide new houses and are eligible for supplementary grants from the Corporation. The cost of the financial assistance afforded in this manner requires an additional £3,500 (£10,500 1964/65, £14,000 1965/66). Rating concessions which operate in a graduated scale over a nine year period for these houses contribute substantially to the gap between the gross and effective valuation of the city which is referred to earlier in this report.

GENERAL PURPOSES:

The rate estimate for General Purposes has increased as follows:

	1964/65	1965/66
	d.	d.
Unemployment Assistance	17.5	17.9
Vocational Education	23.8	27.7
Other Purposes	150.7	182.4
	192.0	228.0
	16/-	19/-

The details of the 71 items of expenditure for this account which appear on pages 15, 17 and 19 of the official form of the estimate show that increases are general and are substantial for Fire Brigade, Office Maintenance, Vocational Education, Industrial Schools, Parks, Town Planning, Election, Salaries, Bank Interest and Loan Charges.

Practically all increases are due to higher costs of operation of services rather than to provision of new services. Election and Town Planning are exceptions. In providing £2,500 for the Local Elections provision has been made for the printing and postage of voting cards for electors which is permitted under the new electoral law. The decision on this matter is reserved to the Council. The Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 which came into operation on 1st October last has resulted in the establishment of a new Planning Section to assist in the administration of the Act. The additional cost is estimated at £2,000.

I wish to thank the City Accountant and the staff of the Corporation for assistance given in preparation of the Estimate.

Tomas MacDiarmada,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

12th March, 1965.

APPENDIX II.

INCOME FROM RATES AND OTHER SOURCES AS PERCENTAGES OF TOTAL INCOME.

	RATES.	OTHER INCOME.
1957 58	43.5%	56.5%
1958-59	44.5%	55.5%
1959-60	43.8%	56.2%
1960-61	42.8%	57.2%
1961-62	53.8%	46.2%
1962-63	51.9%	48.1%
1963-64	50.5%	49.5%
1964-65	51.2%	48.8%
1965-66	51.5%	48.5%

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APPENDIX III.

RATES FOR THE DIFFERENT SERVICES AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL RATE.

	1949/50	1954-55	1964-65	1965/66
ROADS	3.2%	5.1%	3.9%	4.3%
HEALTH & PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	38.6%	38.4%	42.3%	42.6%
SANITARY	16.2%	16.4%	18.2%	15.3%
HOUSING	10.1%	11.3%	10.0%	11.6%
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	4.2%	3.8%	2.3%	2.1%
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	2.6%	2.2%	3.2%	3.2%
OTHER PURPOSES	25.1%	22.8%	20.1%	20.9%
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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LIMERICK CITY MANAGEMENT ACTS, 1934 to 1955.

NOTICE OF ESTIMATES MEETING

A Chara,

You are summoned to attend the adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Limerick City Council, to be held in the County Courthouse, Merchant's Quay, (by kind permission of the County Registrar) Limerick on Monday, TWELFTH DAY OF APRIL, 1965, at the hour of 7.30 p.m., to consider and do and cause or direct all necessary acts to be done upon or in relation to the after-mentioned business.

1. The estimate of expenses for the local financial year ending the 31st March, 1966.

2. By resolution to adopt such estimate of expenses with or without amendments, and by resolution to determine in accordance with such estimates as so adopted the rate in the £ to be levied for the several purposes specified in such estimates.

Dated this 7th day of April, 1965.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF LIMERICK

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES

FOR THE

LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR FROM 1st APRIL, 1965

TO 31st MARCH, 1966

TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE ESTIMATES MEETING
OF THE LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN ARUS NA CATHRACH,
RUTLAND STREET, LIMERICK
ON TUESDAY, 23rd MARCH 1965

TOMAS P. MacDIARMADA,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF LIMERICK

Estimate of Expenses and determination of the municipal rate in the pound for the local financial year ending on 31st day of March, 1966.

TABLE A

Services	Purpose of Expenditure	Amount Estimated	
		Estimated by City Manager	Adopted by Council
	EXPENDITURE		
ROADS	Ordinary Road Works	14900	
	Special Grant Works :— Road Fund	86300	
	Government Grants	17000	
	Other Purposes	23500	
	TOTAL	141700	
HEALTH	Money Supplied for Health Services to Limerick Health Authority	218290	
	Money Supplied for Mental Health Services to Limerick Health Authority	47385	
	TOTAL	265675	
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	Money Supplied for Public Assistance Services to Limerick Health Authority	23700	
	TOTAL	23700	
SANITARY	Drainage and Public Sanitary Works	19500	
	Water Supplies	46700	
	Street and Domestic Scavenging	46400	
	Public Lighting	22700	
	Baths and Bathing Places	1000	
	Abattoir	100	
	Burial Grounds	300	
	Other Purposes	7000	
	TOTAL	143700	

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TABLE A—(*Continued*)

Services	Purpose of Expenditure	Amount Estimated by City Manager	Est... Adopted by Council
	EXPENDITURE		
HOUSING	Housing of the Working Classes Acts	340800	
	Local Grants and Assistance Schemes	17100	
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	111100	
	TOTAL	469000	
GENERAL PURPOSES	Public Libraries	10400	
	Weights and Measures	200	
	Fire Brigade	29900	
	Civic Buildings, Offices and Maintenance Works... ...	6850	
	Scholarships	8000	
	Vocational Education	24805	
	Unemployment Assistance	14000	
	Compensation for Criminal Injuries	3500	
	Industrial and Reformatory Schools	4000	
	School Meals...	5000	
	Money supplied for General Purposes to Limerick Health Authority	1810	
	Public Parks, Open Spaces and Tree Planting	13850	
	Town and Regional Planning	3000	
	Materials Expense Account	28000	
	Machinery Expense Account	12000	
	Other Purposes	116880	
	TOTAL	282195	
	Gas Department	300000	

TABLE B

Services	Purpose of Expenditure	Amount Estimated by City Manager	Estimated Adopted by Council
	INCOME		
ROADS	Grants from Road Fund	78600	
	Government Grants	14500	
	Other Income	19000	
	TOTAL	112100	
HEALTH	Miscellaneous Income	—	
	TOTAL	—	
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	Miscellaneous Income	—	
	TOTAL	—	
SANITARY	Drainage and Public Sanitary Works :—		
	Government Grants...	4200	
	Other Income	20	
	Water Supplies :—		
	Government Grants...	4450	
	Other Income	30500	
	Street and Domestic Scavenging	—	
	Public Lighting	—	
	Baths and Bathing Places	—	
	Abattoir	—	
	Burial Grounds	—	
	Other Income	500	
	TOTAL	39670	

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TABLE B—(*Continued*)

Services	Purpose of Expenditure	Amount Estimated by City Manager £	Amount Estimated Adopted by Council £
HOUSING	INCOME		
	Housing of the Working Classes Acts :—		
	Government Grants...	124000	
	Rents and Annuities	153400	
	Other Income	1000	
	Local Grants and Assistance Schemes	—	
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	112100	
	TOTAL	390500	
GENERAL PURPOSES	Government Grants	23920	
	Public Libraries	800	
	Markets, Weights and Measures	1400	
	Fire Brigade	860C	
	Materials Expense Account	30000	
	Machinery Expense Account	12000	
	Other Income	24730	
	TOTAL	101450	
	Gas Department	320000	

TABLE C

Services (1)	Estimated Gross Expenditure (2)	Estimated Income (3)	Estimated Net Expenditure (4)	Estimated Credit Balances (5)	Estimated Debit Balances (6)	Amount to be raised by the Municipal Rate (7)	Rate in the Pound (8)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	Pence
ROADS	141700	112100	29600			29600	37.9
HEALTH	265675		265675			265675	340.6
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ...	23700		23700			23700	30.4
SANITARY	143700	39670	104030			104030	133.4
HOUSING	469000	390500	78500			78500	100.7
GENERAL PURPOSES :—							
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ...	14000		14000			14000	17.9
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ...	24805	3210	21595			21595	27.7
OTHER PURPOSES	243390	98240	145150	2870		142280	182.4
TOTALS ...	1325970	643720	682250	2870		679380	871.0

TOTAL MUNICIPAL RATE : 72/7d. in the £.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that at the Estimates Meeting of the Council of the County Borough of Limerick held this..... day of.....1965, the Council by resolution adopted the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B and C and also by resolution determined in accordance with the said Estimate the rates set forth in column 8 of Table C to be the rates in the pound to be levied for the several services specified in the said Estimate for the local financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1966.

Dated this.....day of.....1965.

Signed.....Mayor or Chairman.

Countersigned .....City Manager and Town Clerk.

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No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	**INCOME**	£
1	22500	37500	37500	State Grants: Road Fund	70000
2	—	—	—	Road Improvement Grant ...	3900
3	4230	4200	4700	Trunk and Link Roads ...	4700
4	20948	14500	14500	E. and E. Schemes	14500
5	8094	17000	17000	Other Income	19000
	55772	73200	73700	TOTAL INCOME	112100
		20330		NET LEVIABLE	29600
				HEALTH	
1				Miscellaneous Income for Health Services ...	
2				Miscellaneous Income for Mental Health Services	
				TOTAL INCOME	
		223754		NET LEVIABLE	265675
				PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	
1				Miscellaneous Income	
				TOTAL INCOME	
		20520		NET LEVIABLE	23700

No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	**EXPENDITURE**	£
1	9326	8400	9400	Trunk and Link Roads	12400
2	14023	9600	9900	Other Roads	14900
3	14136	37500	37500	Road Fund Grant	70000
4	—	—	—	Road Improvement Grant	3900
5	28166	17000	17000	E. and E. Schemes Grant	17000
6	648	500	500	Retiring Allowances	300
7	2822	2500	5800	Other Expenses	2900
8	13987	16000	16000	Recoupable Expenditure	18000
9	834	2030	810	Loan Charges	2300
	83942	93530	96910	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	141700
				SERVICES	
1	156822	179904	179904	Demand from Limerick Health Authority for Health Services	218290
2	37644	43850	43850	Demand from Limerick Health Authority for Mental Health Services	47385
	194466	223754	223754	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	265675
				SERVICES	
1	17906	20520	20520	Demand from Limerick Health Authority for Public Assistance Services	23700
	17906	20520	20520	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	23700

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No.	Actual 1963/1954	Estimate 1954/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	**INCOME**	£
1	800	3900	3900	Loan Subsidy: Sewerage	4200
2	10	10	20	Public Conveniences	20
3	650	3400	3400	Loan Subsidy: Water	4450
4	25364	28500	28500	Water Rents and Meter Rents	30500
5	468	510	500	Other Income	500
	27292	36320	36320	TOTAL INCOME	39670
		102650		NET LEVIABLE	104030

No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	**EXPENDITURE**	£
1	4601	5300	5300	Sewerage	6000
2	1402	2850	2850	Public Conveniences	2900
3	24658	24850	24890	Water Supplies	27000
4	38485	47000	50000	Street and Domestic Scavenging	42000
5	18940	19600	19600	Public Lighting	20000
6	464	1000	500	Baths and Bathing Places	1000
7	80	80	80	Abattoir	100
8	270	300	300	Burial Grounds	300
9	4875	5500	5800	Rent, Rates and Insurances	6500
10	6782	5800	7900	Retiring Allowances	6700
11	232	200	350	Other Expenses	300
				Loan Charges :—	
12	6356	7800	8446	Sewerage	9200
13	9451	11000	9270	Water Supplies	13200
14	3558	3600	3514	Refuse Vehicles...	4400
15	2475	2600	2425	Public Lighting	2700
16	1439	1450	1450	3½% Stock	1400
	124068	138970	142675	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	143700

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No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	INCOME	£
				Housing of the Working Classes Acts :—	
1	96825	108000	94013	Housing Subsidy	124000
2	125287	143000	135000	Rents (Net)	153400
3	1184	940	1800	Other Receipts	1000
				Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts :—	
4	80676	93000	93000	Repayment of Instalments	106000
5	140	140	140	Rents Houses Let	100
6	2320	2000	2000	Ground Rents	2000
7	7127	3500	4500	Other Receipts	4000
	313559	350580	330453	TOTAL INCOME	390500
		60750		NET LEVIABLE	78500

No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	EXPENDITURE	£
				Housing of the Working Classes Acts :—	
1	49200	51600	58000	Repairs and Maintenance and Painting ...	52000
2	5748	9130	9500	Salaries	9100
3	100	100	100	Retiring Allowances	300
4	6479	8800	10000	Cost of Rent Collection...	9300
5	2337	2600	2600	Rents, Rates and Insurances	2800
6	—	400	400	Printing, Stationery and Advertising ...	500
7	—	300	300	Other Expenses...	300
				Loan Charges :—	
8	30557	30000	30000	3½% Stock	29500
9	187274	199000	201000	Other Loans	237000
10	8638	10500	11500	Local Building Grants: Loan Charges ...	14000
11	1694	2700	2500	Reconstruction and Improvement Grants Loan Charges	3100
				Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts :—	
12	862	800	800	Other Expenses...	800
				Loan Charges :—	
13	3398	3400	3400	3½% Stock	3300
14	82286	92000	93500	Other Loans	107000
	378573	411330	423600	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	469000

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No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	**INCOME**	£
				Government Grants :—	
1	10803	5400	5400	Cheap Fuel	54
2	8532	9000	9000	In Lieu of Rates	95
3	—	500	630	Rates on Fisheries	6
4	—	950	950	Allotments	2
5	1873	2300	2300	School Meals	23
6	1110	1110	1110	Agricultural Grant	111
7	769	2600	2600	Scholarships	39
8	555	630	630	Civil Defence	9
9	355	800	550	Libraries: Subscriptions and Fines, etc. ...	8
10	1400	1400	1400	Markets, Weights and Measures	14
				Vocational Education :—	
11	11	11	11	Grant: Roxboro School	1
12	587	1060	1070	Loan Charges Recoupment	13
13	820	463	1800	Retiring Allowances	9
14	951	800	800	Contributions Superannuation Acts ...	10
15	7117	8500	8500	Fire Brigade	86
16	1271	920	920	Miscellaneous Rents	9
				Recoupments :—	
17	295	250	250	Registration Fees	2
18	—	150	150	Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses ...	1
19	2152	2300	2300	Road Fund Expenses	35
20	227	200	250	Reformatories and Industrial Schools ...	2
				Refunds :—	
21	938	3800	3800	Salaries and Audit Fees	44
22	536	580	600	Superannuation from other Local Authorities	6
23	558	600	600	Fees by Officers on Inclusive Salaries ...	6
24	20899	28000	28000	Materials Expense Account	3000
25	3570	10000	10000	Machinery Expense Account	1200
	65326	82324	83591	*Forward* ...	9060

No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1954/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	**EXPENDITURE**	£
				Public Libraries :—	
1	3637	4850	6000	Salaries and Wages	5500
2	809	200	200	Books and Binding — Schools	200
		500	500	Children	500
		1000	1000	Adults	1000
		500	500	Reference	500
3	1507	1000	1000	Maintenance Expenses	1000
4	485	300	300	Other Expenses...	300
5	393	400	400	Loan Charges: Art Gallery	400
6	—	1000	600	New Books	1000
7	226	200	200	Weights and Measures	200
8	20834	25800	28000	Fire Brigade	28800
9	7082	5000	6500	Town Hall and Municipal Offices ...	6000
10	1684	3000	3000	Scholarships: University...	3000
11	2872	4500	4500	Secondary and Vocational ...	5000
				Vocational Education :—	
12	15056	17657	17657	Amounts supplied to Committee	20345
13	11	11	11	Grant: Roxboro School	10
14	749	902	3700	Retiring Allowances	1809
15	1174	2120	2150	Loan Charges	2650
16	13001	13500	13650	Unemployment Assistance	14030
17	1694	1600	1800	Malicious Injuries	3500
18	4154	3000	3500	Industrial and Reformatory Schools ...	4000
19	4488	5000	5000	School Meals	5030
20	1810	1810	1810	Contributions to Limerick Health Authority	1810
21	13384	12500	13300	Parks and Open Spaces	13500
22	45	50	50	Band Performances	50
23	712	1000	1000	Town and Regional Planning	3000
24	25162	26000	26000	Materials Expense Account	28000
25	5932	10000	10000	Machinery Expense Account	12000
	126901	143400	152328		163055

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	£	£	£	INCOME	£
	65326	82324	83591	*Brought forward*	90600
26	815	700	700	Fines and Costs	700
27	45	50	50	Petroleum, Cinema, etc., Licences	50
28	1505	1800	2200	Contributions Superannuation Acts... ...	2300
29	3200	3600	3600	Cheap Fuel	3600
30	1917	5100	5100	Miscellaneous	4200
	72808	93574	95241	*Forward* ...	101450

No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	EXPENDITURE	£
	126901	143400	152328	*Brought forward*	163065
26	1702	1500	1800	Salaries : (i) Mayor's Office	1500
27	27704	28500	33500	(ii) Administrative	35000
28	6327	8000	9500	Cost of Rate Collection and Applotment ...	8400
29	12113	4000	4000	Retiring Allowances and Gratuities... ...	4000
30	1632	1550	1650	Franchise and Jurors' Lists	1700
31	—	—	—	Election	2500
32	563	500	500	Coroner and Inquests	500
33	2325	2000	2200	Printing, Stationery, Advertising	2400
				Assessments :—	
34	270	260	260	Local Authorities (O. and E. Acts) ...	260
35	210	220	220	Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Acts	220
36	—	400	400	Cattle Disease Fund	400
37	40	40	40	Valuation	40
38	600	600	600	Tourist Development	700
39	41	100	100	Conveyance of Prisoners	100
40	3147	2800	2800	Veterinary Salaries	2800
41	70	100	800	Do. Other Expenses	700
42	165	950	950	Allotments	200
43	1837	1400	1400	Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurances ...	1500
44	288	1100	800	Refund of Rates	1000
45	1609	1200	2000	Courthouse	1500
46	112	200	200	Widows' Alms Houses	200
47	2912	3500	4000	Strand Barracks	3800
48	96	150	150	Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses ...	150
49	2852	2300	4000	Road Fund Expenses	3500
	193516	204770	224198	*Forward* ...	236135

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	£	£	£	INCOME	£
	72808	93574	95241	*Brought forward*	101450
	72808	93574	95241	TOTAL INCOME	101450
		151576		NET LEVIABLE	180745

No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1954/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	**EXPENDITURE**	£
	193516	204770	224198	*Brought forward*	236135
50	11	100	100	City Pound	100
51	500	600	600	Audit Fee	600
52	708	500	1000	Travelling Expenses	700
53	205	200	200	3½% Stock Management	200
54	47	600	600	Workmen's Compensation	600
55	903	1020	1150	Civil Defence	1400
56	512	600	600	Legal Expenses	600
57	6002	3000	6000	Bank Interest	6000
58	636	700	700	Noxious Weeds Act	700
59	1410	1500	1555	Rates : Discounts	1600
60	6243	6000	6000	Irrecoverables, Vacancies, etc. ...	6000
61	2763	1500	1500	Demolition and Derelict Sites	1500
62	9000	9000	9000	Cheap Fuel	9000
63	2966	1150	1150	Other Expenses	2000
				Loan Charges :—	
64	756	1000	1010	Fire Brigade	1100
65	2603	2570	2570	Courthouse	2570
66	3630	3630	3630	Borough Boundary Extension	3630
67	657	650	660	Feile Luimnighe	650
68	—	300	—	Parks	300
69	429	900	850	Town Hall	850
70	—	4800	4300	Gas Department	5900
71	62	60	60	3½% Stock	60
	233559	245150	267433	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	282195

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Dated this 12th day of March, 1965.
TOMAS P. MacDIARMADA
City Manager and Town Clerk.,

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refused to pay the increased demand until a full investigation into the Health Services had been ordered by the Minister. The Council should advise the Minister of this step, and demand that the Minister make health a charge on the Exchequer instead of the rates. Mr. Kennedy, the other spokesman for the Ratepayers Association, suggested that in view of the forthcoming General Election the Council should take no action on the Rates until after the result of the Election. The case for making health a national charge seemed to him to be unanswerable.

Mr. O'Farrell, on behalf of the Combined Residents Association, said the problem of increase in Rates was not peculiar to Limerick, however, the rates had risen in Limerick by 130% in ten years. The high level of rates was causing severe hardship on people on fixed incomes. He suggested that the system on which rates were assessed was inequitable and that a Committee should be formed by the Government at national level with power to investigate the whole structure of local finances. Some of the other points he made were:a greater contribution by the State towards the health charges; the stream-lining of road services between Local Authorities; the repeal of the Malicious Injury Act; examination of the cost of Rate Collectipn; the stream-lining of the accounting systems of Local Authorities; and the re-valuation of the City. Mr. Corcoran, for the Combined Residents Association, supporting Mr. O'Farrell, said, the Health Services being provided by the Limerick Health Authority were most efficient. It was contended, however, that the charge should be a national rather than a local charge. There did not seem to be any reason why some relief should not be given to Rate Payers in the same manner as relief was given to farmers.

Cllr. Feeney said the demand was very high, and was beyond the capacity of many Rate Payers to meet. He suggested that the Estimate be referred back for reconsideration by the City Manager and his staff. In reply to Cllr. Condell, the City Manager outlined the legal position of the Health Authority with regard to its' demand on the Corporation and also the powers of the Corporation in relation to this matter. Once the Estimate was adopted by the Health Authority and the Demand made, it was mandatory on the Corporation to pay. Both the Health Authority and the Corporationhad passed resolutions which had been forwarded for the attention of the Minister for Health asking that the State contribution be increased from 50% to 80%.

Cllr. Leddin said the administration of the Health Services was fair and equitable.

Ald. Coughlan said the deputation from the Rate payers Association had no constructive suggestions. The Residents Association had made some suggestions but these had been examined in the past without result. The Council had asked the Minister to increase the health grant but had not succeeded. Thequestion of the agricultural grant had been raised by him in the Dail but without success. He agreed that the question of the rate collection might merit examination, provided there would be no redundancy caused by the introduction of an alternative method. He said that irrespective of the result of the General Election it hadbeen stated that the present Minister of Health could not hold office in any new government. With a new Minister for Health there might be hope of having a greater portion of the health charge borne by the State. He suggested that further discussion of the Estimate be postponed until after the General Election.

Cllr. Liddy supported this suggestion. The system of assessing rates on a property valuation had not stood thetest of time and should be replaced by a more equitable one. With regard to health, he supported the plea that this should be a national charge.

Ald. Russell said that he was a strong advocate of local councils raising money for works and services over which they had control. There was a substantial portion of the Estimate over which the Council had in fact no control. Health should be a national charge. Whilst he supported the suggestion that further discussions on the estimate be adjourned until after the General Election, he felt that the Council would be unwise tohope for any immediate improvement in the position whatever the result of the General Election might be. An examination of the valuation and rating position as it stands would take a considerable time. An examination of the position with regard to the health charges would also take time.

Ald. Carew said he resented critisms which had been made by representatives of the Ratepayers Association of the members of the Limerick Health Authority. He reminded the representatives that local authorities were not legislative bodies as such. The laws were passed by the Oireachtas and the local authorities must carry out whatever was prescribed in law. No one received service from the local authorities other than

those who were entitled to such services. This applied in particular to the health services. After a further brief discussion the Council unanimously decided on the motion of Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Liddy, "That the Estimates Meeting of the Council do now stand adjourned to Monday 12th April, 1965, at 7.30 o'clock p.m."

Other Business:

Proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved:

"That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12(1) (a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 193[illegible], to the borrowing by way of overdraft on the Municipal Fund (Capital) Account of a sum not exceeding £[illegible] for the period ending 30th June."

Proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved. "That the Corporate Seal be affixed to Deed of Mortgage for a loan of £25,000 proposed to be advanced by the Royal Liver Insurance Co. to the Corporation for the purposes of making advances under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, to persons whose incomes exceeded £1,040, but did not exceed £1,250 per annum."

A true record.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

Confirmed = Council
this 27th April 1965

John Donaghue
Chairman.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse on Monday 12th April, 1965.

Roll Call: The Roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members answered:

In the Chair: Right Worshipful Cllr. J. Danagher, Mayor,

Aldermen: J. Carew; G. E. Russell;

Councillors: F. Condell; V. Feeney; F. Glasgow; P. Kelly; P. Kiely; J. Kirby; T. Lawlor; F. Leddin; J. P. Liddy and P. O'Sullivan.

Officers present: City Manager and Town Clerk; Assistant Town Clerk; City Engineer; City Solicitor; City Accountant; Assistant City Engineers - Messrs. Greene, Lynch and Brady; Housing Officer; Staff Officers-Engineers, Town Clerks and Account's Office; Gas Engineer; Accountant, Gas Works; Chief Officer City Fire Brigade; City Librarian, etc.

Again submitted the Estimate of expenses for the local financial year from the 1st April, 1965, to the 31st March, 1966, together with copy of the City Manager's report on the Estimate. The Estimate showed a gross estimated expenditure of £1,32[illegible],970, income £643,720. The amount to be raised by the Municipal Rate was £679,380 - a rate of 72s. 7d. in the £. The Council proceeded to examine the Estimate service by service:

Roads:
The City Manager explained that the Item 1 under the heading of Trunk and Link Road Expenditure was up £3,000 from the previous year. This was by reason of a transfer from the Sanitary Services Account. Item 2 was up £5,000, also by reason of a transfer from the Sanitary Services Account, which shows a reduction of £8,000 on last year. On the receipt side a grant of 50% of the expenditure on Trunk and Link Roads, not including the £3,000 transfer from Sanitary Services, was recorded. Ald. Russell asked if the intention in effecting this transfer from the Sanitary Services was to obtain a grant in respect of Trunk and Link Roads. The City Manager said a grant would be sought through not necessarily obtained.
After a further brief discussion, it was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, "That credit for a grant of 50% of £3,000 transferred from Sanitary Services Account to Roads and shown on the Estimate under the heading of Trunk and Link Roads be taken on the income side of the Roads Estimate".

Relief Schemes.
The Council agreed to suggestion by Cllr. Condell that the Department of Local Government be asked to expedite sanction to Relief Schemes so that work could start earlier. On the motion of Ald. Carew, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, the Estimate for Roads was approved subject to a reduction of £1,5[illegible].

Health.
The City Manager in reply to Ald. Russell said that a reply had been received by the Health Authority to representations made by the Health Authority for increased Health Services Grant. The reply stated that any steps which would be necessary to increase the grant would involve consideration of the extent to which the State should participate in the control of Health Services or in the operation of Health Services. Ald. Russell said that Health should be a national charge. The rates should be for such services overwhich the Local Authority had in fact control. He wished to protest in the strongest possible manner at the continued refusal of the Minister for Health to deal with Health on national basis. He suggested that the Council send a deputation to the Minister for Health in the new Government, that the deputation should put before the Minister the concern of the Council at the high level of rate charge for health services and ask that the matter be dealt with as one of urgency.

In reply to Cllr. Condell, the City Manager said that the principal cause for the increase in the Health Estimate was increases in salaries and wages and increased costs generally. Institutional costs constituted two-thirds of the total of the Health Estimates.

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In reply to further queries the City Manager said it was not possible to make a direct comparison between different Health Authorities but it could be said that in areas where the rateable valuation was comparable the charge for health compared with the charge in Limerick.

Ald. Carew said the increase in wages and salaries, the increased cost of institutional services were matters outside the control of local authorities. The implementation of the Health Act had been responsible for a substantial increase in the rates in Limerick since the Act was first introduced. He pointed out, however, that it was the duty of the Health Authority to provide services for the people who were entitled to them. He did not agree with the criticism of the Health Authority. In his opinion it was a most efficient organisation. He supported the plea that health be made a national charge.

Cllr. Liddy said that all members of the Council agreed that the Government should pay a bigger proportion of the cost of the health services. He did not agree with criticism of the Act. The people of this country were entitled to the best health services which could be afforded but the Government should make an effort to try to ease the burden on the ratepayers. He supported Ald. Russell's suggestion that a deputation be sent to the Minister and went on to recommend that other local authorities affected by this problem should be invited to participate. Cllr. Leddin said the health services as operated by the Health Authority were excellent. He asked if it were possible for the Corporation to float a loan to finance the charge for health services until such time as the Corporation was given a decision by the Minister for Health in respect of their representations.

Cllr. Condell said the Corporation should pay the same as had been paid last year to the Health Authority and carry over the balance, pending the decision of the Minister for Health on the representations of the Council regarding the health grant.

The City Manager explained that the Health Authority had submitted its' provisional estimate to the Limerick Corporation. The provisional Estimate had been considered by the City Council and no amendment in the Estimate had been made. A statutory demand had subsequently been received from the Health Authority and the Corporation had no authority to alter this Estimate. The position was that the Corporation must now meet the demand. The City Solicitor confirmed this view. The City Manager said the suggestion made by Cllr. Leddin was not in order. The Corporation had no authority to raise a loan for the purpose of meeting health service charges. The charge must be met by way of rates.

The Council agreed on the proposal of Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Liddy, "That a deputation from the Council should wait on the Minister for Health at the earliest possible opportunity to press strongly the Council's view that health should be a national charge. Other local authorities affected by the problem of increased health charges to be invited to make representations to the Minister in the matter in support".

After a further brief discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, "That the Estimate for Health and public assistance services as set out in the Estimate of Expenses be approved on condition that arrangements be made to send a deputation to the Minister as proposed and agreed by the Council".

Sanitary Services: Public Conveniences.

Cllr. Condell said the public conveniences in the city were a disgrace. The Estimate showed an expenditure of £2,900 and value was not been given for this money.

The City Manager said the greater portion of this Estimate was for wages. The Corporation was not happy with the condition of public conveniences and a report would be furnished at the next General Purposes Meeting in connection with this matter.

Baths and Bathing Places.

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Condell, "That a sum of £500 be deducted from the Estimate of £1,000 in respect of baths and bathing places".

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The Estimate for Sanitary Services was approved on the motion of Ald. Russell, seconded by Ald. Carew, subject to the deduction of a sum of £500.

Housing Services: Repair and Maintenance:
Cllr. Feeney suggested that repairs and maintenance and painting of Corporation houses could be carried out by contract cheaper than by direct labour. The City Manager said that any new system would disorganise the present set-up which was considered satisfactory by the City Engineer. Ald. Russell said the Government subsidy on new houses was limited to an expenditure of £1,650 per house. The houses were in fact costing £2,[illegible]. He suggested that the Department should increase the subsidy to a more realistic figure. The City Manager said the gap between the subsidy limit and building costs had widened with the increase in building costs in recent years. The annual increase in rates to meet 150 houses per annum had been estimated at 1/6d. The Estimate was examined in detail and after a further brief discussion it was passed on the motion of Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Leddin.

General Purposes:
Each item on the General Purposes Account under Expenditure and Receipts was examined.

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Liddy, and agreed. "That a reduction of £750 be made under Item 63 under the heading of 'Other Expenses'." The Estimate for General Purposes was agreed on the motion of Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Kiely. This concluded the examination in detail of the Estimates, reductions as follows having been made:

Roads:	minus £1,5[illegible]
Sanitary	minus £[illegible]
General Purposes	minus £750

A total reduction of £2,7[illegible].

It was proposed by Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Condell, "That the rate in the £ for the financial year commencing the 1st April, 1965, be 7[illegible]d. a reduction of 2/7d. on the Estimate presented by the City Manager". The City Manager said the proposal was not practicable.. In his opinion it was not in order as it was encumbant on the Council to indicate where the reduction of 2/7d. should be made. The Council had examined the Estimate in detail and had made reductions of approximately 3½d.(say 4d.) in the £. If the Council required a general further reduction in the Estimate it was necessary for them to specify the service where the reduction should be made.

Ald. Russell said the Council were hopeful of an increase in the Health Services Grant. He suggested that a sum sufficient to effect a reduction in the rate of 2/3d. in the £ might be shown as a credit balance under Health Services. The City Manager said the introduction of a credit balance as suggested would mean a further deficit. The Council were bound to meet the demand of the Limerick Health Authority by making the rate in respect of this demand. Ald. Carew; Cllr. Condell and Cllr. Liddy appealed for a reduction in the Rate.

The City Manager said that the Council must examine the estimate in the light of the Law as it was. The Council could not anticipate decisions of the Minister for Health in respect of Health Grants, or the Minister for Local Government in respect of housing subsidy. In his opinion it was unlikely that any representations would result in credit to the Corporation in the current financial year. If the Council persisted in its' attitude the net result would be the striking of an insufficient rate. The Manager said he was not disagreeing with the Council on the need for increased aid from central funds towards health and housing. He reminded the Council, however, that it had a duty imposed by Law to consider the Estimate.

The City Accountant outlined the financial position of the Corporation. He said the deficit at the 31st March 1964 was £[illegible],000. Whatever credit accrued to the Corporation during the coming financial year would only reduce the deficit. A reduction of 2s. 7d. in the rate represented a reduction of £24,000. There was no hope of making a reduction of this order in the Estimate without cutting or restricting the services.

The City Solicitor said the Council must relate the rate to be struck to the Estimate as presented.

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The Health Demand was a legal demand which must be met. If the Council struck a rate which was, in the opinion of the City Manager, insufficient it was the duty of the Manager to report the matter to the Minister for Local Government, and if the Minister agreed with his view, this could lead to the removal from office of the City Council.

The City Manager again indicated to the Council that it had a duty to strike a rate in accordance with the Law. The proposal before the Council was not a legal motion as there was no proposal to reduce the Estimate.

After some further discussion, it was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, "That the amount shown for rents in the housing estimate be increased from £153,400 to £170,000." The Mayor accepted this motion, put it to the Council, and declared it passed without dissent. He said this would effect a reduction of 1s. 9d. which, together with the 4d. which the Council had cut from the Estimate, constituted a reduction of 2s. 1d. or a rate of 7os. 6d. The Manager said it was his duty to formally advise the Council that it would be impossible to find a sum of £170,000 in the current financial year from rents. A rate of 7os. 6d. in the £ was insufficient and he must advise the Minister for Local Government to that effect.

The Mayor said the Council had indicated that they wished to have a rate of 7os. 0d. in the £. He asked the Manager if it were not possible to find somewhere in the Estimate where a further reduction of 6d. could be made.

The Manager said it was not possible. It was the duty of the Council if they wished to reduce the Estimate to advise him what services they wished to have cut.

Cllr. Leddin referred to the figure of £35,000 in the General Purposes Services for administrative costs in the Town Hall. He suggested the services of the Corporation were not sufficiently streamlined and that economies could be made in this direction. He instanced the Motor Tax Office as an office where such economies could be effected.

The City Manager said that in his opinion the estimate for this service was merely adequate. If the Council wished to have it reduced the Council could say so and the staff would be reduced to give effect to the Council's decision. With regard to Motor Tax it was pointed out that the cost of Motor T x Office was fully recouped. Cllr. Feeney again proposed a rate of 7os. 0d. in the £.

The City Solicitor advised that the Council was not in a position to make a rate of 7os. 0d. as the estimate had not been adjusted to meet a rate of this amount. It was the duty of the Council to adopt the estimate to correspond with the rate.

The Manager again warned the Council that the substantial reduction made in the Estimate by increasing the rents shown for housing would not materialise. A rate to correspond with an estimate so reduced would be insufficient.

After a further brief discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Condell, and unanimously resolved:

"That we the Limerick City Council adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in tables (a), (b) and (c) of the Estimate of Expenses to us. We further determine in accordance with the said estimate that the rate in the £ set forth in column (a) table (c) be the rate in the £, namely for the services specified in the said estimate for the local financial year ending on the 31st March, 1966 the total Municiple Rate to be 7os. 6d. in the £, a reduction of 2s. 1d. on the estimate presented by the City Manager."

At the conclusion of the meeting the following matters were dealt with.

Invitation to parade on Easter Sunday.

The Council accepted the invitation of the Easter Week Memorial Committee to participate in the annual Easter Sunday Parade. The Council decided not to robe for the occasion.

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Sealing.

It was proposed by Cllr. Leddin, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved.

"That the Corporate Seal be affixed to undertakings in respect of loans for the Bullfield Housing Scheme and the loan of £20,000 for the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.

The meeting then adjourned.

A true record.

Tomas MacDiarmada.

Confirmed in Council
this 27th April 1965

John Donaghue
Chairman.

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LIMERICK CORPORATION

adjourned 27/4/65

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

9th April, 1965.

A Quarterly Statutory Meeting of the Limerick City Council will be held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 13th April, 1965, at 7.30. o'clock p.m.

STATUTORY BUSINESS.

1. Local Elections. Pursuant to the Provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1927 to fix a date not earlier than 23rd June nor later than 1st July, 1965, for the holding of the Election of members of the Council. (N.B. See copy of report herewith).

OTHER BUSINESS

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9th and 23rd March, 1965.

2. To consider Financial Statement and Departmental Reports for the month of March, 1965.

3. To read general correspondence.

4. Housing and any reports in connection therewith.

5. To consider Road Fund Grant Schemes for Ashbourne Avenue and South Circular Road (copy report herewith).

6. To approve of expenditure in excess of the estimate 1964/65 on the Vocational Education Account of the sum of £1,400 to enable a Superannuation allowance and gratuity to be paid.

7. Acting as the Local Old Age Pension Committee to appoint the City Manager as clerk to the Committee for a further period of six months from 1st April 1965.

8. To consider filling vacancy on the Limerick Health Authority caused by the termination of the membership of Councillor Brazier.

9. To consider communication from the Minister for Local Government re proposed Road Safety Campaign from 26th May to 2nd June, 1965.

10. To fix the date for the conference with other local authorities re itinerants.

11. To consider reports on "New Works" (if any).

12. To authorise the affixing of the Corporate Seal to any documents presented for sealing.

13. Any other matter that may be legally considered at this Meeting.

T. Collery,
Deputy City Manager and Town Clerk.

TO:
The Right Worshipful the Mayor and to each Member of the City Council ;.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

A monthly meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday 9th March, 1965.

Roll Call; The roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m when the following members answered:

In the Chair: Right Worshipful Cllr. J. Danagher, Mayor,

Aldermen: J. Carew; S. Coughlan, T.D., and G.E. Russell,

Councillors: W. Brazier; Mrs. F. Condell; V. Feeney; F. Glasgow; P. Kelly; P. Kiely; J. Kirby; T. Lawlor; F. Leddin; J. P. Liddy; M. Lipper and P. O'Sullivan.

Officers present: City Manager and Town Clerk; Assistant Town Clerk; City Accountant; City Solicitor; City Engineer; Architect, Mr. T. McNamara, Chief Planning Assistant; Mr. Quilligan, Housing Officer; Mr. Fitzpatrick, and Mr. Costelloe, Staff Officers, etc.

At the outset the Mayor welcomed Cllr. Kelly on his return to the meetings of the Council following his illness.

ITEM 1:

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Liddy and unanimously resolved: "That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 9th February, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed".

Matters arising:

It was decided to defer to the next meeting of the Planning Committee questions which arose regarding the future of Russell's Square and Goughs and Mayorstone Quarry.

Public Lighting:

It was stated that the quotation of the E.S.B. for installation of individual lights throughout the city was awaited. The City Engineer undertook to re-consider his decision not to put lights in the Bawnmore Road, in response to representations of Cllrs. Lawlor and Lipper.

ITEM 2:

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and unanimously resolved: "That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 22nd February, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

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Private Roads:

Cllr. Lipper asked if any decision had been reached regarding Rose Avenue, Ballysimon Road which he contended had been maintained by the County Council prior to the extension of the Borough Boundary. The City Engineer said he was satisfied that this Avenue was repaired by the County Council prior to 1950. In his opinion the Corporation could take it in charge as being a public road. The City Engineer said that the reports to the effect that it had not been maintained by the County Council which had been furnished to the Council previously were due to some misunderstanding. The City Manager said that he would examine the position. It might be necessary to formally declare the Avenue to be a public road.

Pound:

The Mayor said he wished to have recorded his objection to the location of a Pound in Lelia Street. He would do all in his power to prevent this pound being sited in this area.

ITEM 3:

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. O'Sullivan, "That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on the 12th February, and the 2nd March, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

Development at Lanahrone, Corbally, Co. Clare:

In reply to Ald. Coughlan the City Manager said that in the event of services being required in respect of this development the Council would be consulted before a decision was made. Clare County Council had granted an outline permission for the development. An approval to detailed proposals was necessary. The Corporation had asked to be kept fully advised of developments.

ITEM 4:

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Liddy, and unanimously resolved: "That the minutes of the meeting of the tenders committee held on the 2nd March, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

Correspondence:

Submitted communication dated 4th March, 1965, from the Department of Local Government, regarding the Watergate Part 1 Housing Scheme. The communication stated that the plans for the 2, 3 and 4 accommodation flats were in order subject to examination of the balcony for the four apartments. Final plans were awaited by the Department. The Mayor, Ald. Carew, Ald. Russell said the Corporation should now press on with the Watergate Proposal.

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St. Patrick's Day:

Submitted communication from the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee inviting the Council to partake in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. After a brief discussion the Council decided to take part in the Parade and to march in their robes of office.

ITEM 6:

Submitted Financial Statement and Departmental Report for the month of February, 1965. Noted.
Arising out of the foregoing Cllr. Leddin referred to a noxious odour in the vicinity of the Gas Works. The Gas Engineer said he was not aware of any complaints and said he would look into the matter. Cllr. Feeney queried the increase in the price of coke. The City Manager said that coal prices had gone up and coke prices had also risen. An attempt had also been made in recent adjustment of price to rationalise the price structure. Cllr. Liddy complained about the gas pressure in the Ballinacurra area, and Cllr. Glasgow about the gas pressure in the Janesboro' area. The Gas Engineer promised to look into both these complaints.

ITEM 7:

Housing:

Submitted report dated 22nd February, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk stating that discussions had taken place between officers of the Corporation and the Department of Local Government on the possibility of supplementing the Corporation's housing programme by the utilization in conjunction with other housing authorities of system building or standardised non-traditional building methods. The report gave details of the steps which had been taken by Dublin Corporation regarding the introduction of system building on a site at the Albert College. The Department officials had advised that a project for system building would necessitate a minimum of 2,000 dwelling units for construction over a four to five year period. The report gave details of the Corporation's housing programme of 1200 on a 7 year basis, 100 for the year ended 31st March, 1964, 200 houses per annum for each of the five years 1965 to 1969 inclusive. The report said that doubts had been expressed of the capacity of the building industry to reach and maintain by traditional methods the high level of output which had been planned for the industry in the Government's economic programme. In the official discussions with officers of the Department the advisability of the examination of the Corporation's housing programme for 1967, '68 and subsequent years was agreed. The re-assessment should have regard to the feasibility of the Corporation completing it's programme by traditional methods within a further three years. If this did not appear practicable the Corporation might then consider requesting the Minister to examine the possibility of the programme being supplemented by non-traditional methods.

Ald. Russell said the first essential was to establish the number of houses required by the Corporation. The Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance during the discussion with the Council at the January General Purposes Meeting stated that the needs of Limerick was 3,000 houses. The Corporation's programme referred to a need of 1200.

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Provision of Out-houses in Ballynantybeg:

Submitted report dated 25th February, 1965, from the City Manager giving details of replies received from tenants in Ballynantybeg regarding the provision of out-houses. Ald. Russell said the tenants had improved the Corporation property. He felt the least the Corporation might do would be to supply the materials to allow the tenants themselves to erect the out-houses. The City Manager said he would re-examine this matter.

Private Housing Scheme in Ballinacurra:

Ald. Carew referred to a report in the local newspaper which said that work on a private housing scheme in Ballinacurra had been suspended owing to objections by the residents. He wished to say that he was a resident and he knew the residents' views on the matter. It was completely untrue to say that any action by the residents had caused a hold-up in this scheme. The residents had co-operated with the developers, had met officials of the Corporation and discussed matters. He wished to make it clear that the residents had no objection and asked the Manager to give an assurance that none of the report was issued from the Town Hall. The City Manager said he was not aware that any statement was issued from the Town Hall, and he confirmed that a deputation from the residents was received, the points they made were discussed and the deputation was informed of the decision of the Corporation to grant a permission in respect of this scheme..

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:

Ald. Coughlan said notice had been sent to borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts threatening legal action for non-payment. The City Accountant said notices were being sent to persons with more than one month's arrears. The procedure was recommended.

Greystones Housing Estates:

Ald. Russell referred to the temporary septic tank arrangements at Greystones. He said the residents were distrubed by the smell from this tank. He asked if the Corporation would have the matter examined again. The County Council should be urged to have the completion of the Caherdavin Scheme expedited.

It was agreed to refer to the Street Naming Sub Committee the question of the naming of the Greystones Schemes in respect of which the residents had already taken steps. Cllr. Lipper asked why bilingual names had not been erected in the Streets in Garryowen. The Council had already taken a decision in this matter and the delay was causing grave inconvenience especially to members of the medical profession. The Manager said this matter would be attended to without delay.

ITEM 8:

It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and unanimously resolved: "That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 4 of the Local Government No. 2 Act, 1960, to the borrowing by way of overdraft of sums not exceeding - Gas Revenue No. 1 Account - £160,000; Gas Revenue No. 2 Account - £9,000; Gas Capital Account (Plant) £10,000 and Gas Capital Account (Main laying) £17,500, for the period ending 30th June, 1965.

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Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper and unanimously resolved:

"That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 4 of the Local Government No. 2 Act, 1960, to the borrowing by way of overdraft of a sum not exceeding £250,000 on the Municipal Fund (Revenue) Account for the period ending 30th June, 1965"

Proposed by Ald. Coughlan, Seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved: "That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 4 of the Local Government No. 2 Act, 1960, to the borrowing by way of temporary overdraft (extra) on the Municipal Fund (Capital) Account of a sum not exceeding £350,000 in respect of the Bullfield Housing Scheme for the quarter ending 30th June, 1965."

It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper and unanimously resolved: "That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £25,000 for the purposes of the Gas Works main laying project at Greenhill/Tankfields, St. John's Scheme and the Bullfield Scheme." The City Manager said that the borrowing was being undertaken to relieve the strain on the finances of the Gas Undertaking. The Corporation was endeavouring to have the cost included in the Capital cost of the houses and if this was allowed it would involve supplementary borrowing for both schemes.

ITEM 9:

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper and unanimously resolved: "That having considered report dated the 4th March, 1965, from the City Manager we approved of the application of the proposed wage scale as set out therein to the employment of Storeman, Gas Department".

ITEM 10:

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper and unanimously resolved: "That having considered report dated 5th March, 1965, from the City Manager we approve of the creation of an additional office of Rent Collector to the Corporation".

ITEM 11:

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper and unanimously resolved: "That we approve of the sale of land consisting of 6 acres at Longpavement, Limerick, to Messrs. Roadstone Ltd., Naas Road, Dublin, 12, by way of a lease at a nominal rent in consideration of a fine at the rate of £600 per acre and subject otherwise to the terms and conditions set out in the notice which was sent to each member of the Council pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946."

ITEM 12:

It was decided to defer consideration of Road Fund Grant Schemes for Ashbourne Avenue and South Circular Road to the next meeting of the Council.

ITEM 13:

Defer to General Purposes meeting.

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ITEM 15:

It was decided that arrangements be made for a joint conference with representatives of the Limerick County Council and Clare County Council re the problem of itinerants and the conference might be held on the 5th April, 1965, in the County Council Offices at 4 p.m.

ITEM 16:

Scheme for University Scholarships:

The Assistant Town Clerk said that the Scheme had been amended slightly. The value of the Scholarships had been increased from £255 to £260. The open Scholarship remained at £170. It was not proposed to change the Means Qualification. The Corporation was bound by Law to provide no more than half the amount provided for Secondary Scholarships, and one quarter of the amount thus provided could be allocated for non-means candidates. The Mayor reserved the right to speak on this matter at a later meeting. The Council adopted the Scheme.

ITEM 17:

It was decided to defer this matter to the G.P. meeting.

ITEM 18:

It was decided to defer this matter to the General Purposes Meeting.

ITEM 19:

Cllr. P. O'Sullivan was appointed as representative to attend the General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

ITEM 20:

There was no submission under 'New Works'.

ITEM 21:

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved: "That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing".

S.D. ADVANCES: Re Conveyance and Memorial;

Patrick Gleeson, 'Mount Carmel', South Circular Road.

S.D. ADVANCES: Mortgages:

Patrick Reidy, Coolraine,
John Pk. Carrigy, Coolraine,
Patrick O'Shea, Coolraine.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME: Downey Street.
Lease and Mortgage:

William Lewis, 20, Downey Street,
Albert Hourigan, 16, Downey Street,
John Bourke, 4, Downey Street.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME: Rossa Villas:

Mrs. Margaret Reeves,

Hall to McNamara: Premises: Sunbrook, Plassy Avenue, Discharge.

P. Cahill, Deceased. Folio 275 l. Co. Limerick. Discharge.

Other Matters:

Ald. Russell said that a number of caravans were coming to Limerick about the end of July and required a suitable site for a few days. He suggested the Custom House Park. The City Manager said this matter was under consideration. Cllr. Liddy asked that C.I.E. be written to and asked to provide a double-deck bus in the Ballinacurra route on the 8.45 service.

It was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, and unanimously resolved: "That congratulations of the Council be tendered to Mr. William O'Reilly, Farranshone, on the ordination of his son."

Cllr. Liddy, supported by Ald. Russell and other members conveyed good wishes to the Mahor on his forthcoming trip to the United States of America for St. Patrick's Day.

Malicious Injury Claim:

Cllr. Kiely congratulated the City Solicitor, on the success of the Corporation in their defence of the malicious injury claim of Messrs. Goodbody's Ltd. which would have involved the payment of £116,000 by the Corporation.

Condolence:

Proposed by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved: "That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the Shanahan family, New Street, on their recent bereavement.

Proposed by Cllr. Glasgow, and unanimously resolved: "That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the Higgins family Ballinacurra Weston, on the death of Mr. Higgins.

A true record.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

9th April, 1965.

To/ Each Member of the Limerick City Council.

Re: L O C A L E L E C T I O N S.

It is desired to draw attention to Item 1 under Statutory Business on the Agenda of the meeting of the Council tobe held on the 13th instant. Attached hereto is copy of circular letter from theDepartment of Local Government stating that Local Elections will not be held in Junethis year.

Not withstanding this,the legal position at present isthat the Local Elections Act, 1927, isstill in force. The repeal of this Act and any provisions regarding local elections contained in part 6 of the Electoral Act, 1963, have not yet been brought into operation.

In the circumstances, it appears necessary for the Council at this Quarterly Statutory Meeting to fix the date for the Local Elections as prescribed in the 1927 Act, eventhoughit is recognised that it is theintention to repeal this Act as soon aspossible and that Local Elections will not in fact be held in June of this year.

T. Collery.
Deputy City Managerand Town Clerk.

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18th March, 1963.

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Local Elections.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that elections of members of local authorities will not take place next June. An order will be made by the Minister fixing a date later in the present year for the elections. A further communication will issue on the subject in due course.

Mise, le meas,

S. O'Hanlon.

To each
Local authority.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

The Estimates Meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday 23rd March, 1965.

Roll Call: The Roll was called at 7.30 o'clock, p.m. when the following members answered:

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Cllr. J. Danagher, Mayor,

Aldermen: J. Carew; S. Coughlan; and G. E. Russell;

Councillors. W. Brazier, Mrs. F. Condell; V. Feeney; F. Glasgow; P. Kelly; P. Kiely; J. Kirby; T. Lawlor; F. Leddin; J. P. Liddy; M. D. Lipper; P. O'Sullivan.

Officers present included: City Manager and Town Clerk; Assistant Town Clerk; City Engineer; City Solicitor; City Accountant; Chief Officer of the City Fire Brigade; City Librarian; Staff Officers - Housing, Engineers, Town Clerks and Account's Depts.; Asst. City Engineers - Messrs. Lynch; Greene; Brady; Gas Engineer; Accountant Gas Department, etc.

MAYORSTONE QUARRY:

The following motion, of which notice was given to the Mayor, was, with the approval of the Council, put by Ald. Russell:

"The members of the City Council, gravely shocked at the tragic drowning in Greystones Quarry on Saturday last, call on the City Manager to complete as a matter of extreme urgency the filling in of the quarry and to take any other steps necessary to protect this dangerous spot from the young people of the area. The Council will vote whatever sums are necessary for this work".

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Condell.

Ald. Russell said it was a matter of concern to the Council that the filling of the quarry at Mayorstone had not been completed. In view of the tragedy which had occurred in the quarry the previous Saturday, work of completion must be carried through as a matter of urgency, In the past it seemed that the necessary determination to finish the job was lacking. Ald. Coughlan asked that a deputation from the Mayorstone and Coolraine Residents Association (which was present at the meeting in connection with the Estimates) be heard. Mr. O'Farrell, representing the Association, said that the quarry must be made safe at once. It should be properly fenced and closed. He asked that the matter be given the immediate attention of the Corporation. The City Manager submitted a report dated 23rd March, which he had received from the City Engineer, setting out the history of the acquisition of the quarry by the Corporation and the steps which had been taken since it had been acquired in December 1962 to have it filled. The City Engineer's report pointed out that the work was, infact, in progress but had been halted in November owing to unsuitable soil conditions due to weather. The report pointed out that when the qurry was filled there would still be a dangerous rock face. To make the place completely safe it would be necessary to bank this face and to do this would involve expenditure of an extra £1,000. The Manager said he had given directions that the quarry was to be filled forthwith, and that a watchman was to be engaged, until the waterhole was removed. After a brief discussion the Council unanimously passed the motion and a further resolution proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. O'Sullivan "That an extra sum of £1,000 as requested by the City Engineer, be voted in respect of the banking of the rock face which would result from the filling of the quarry."

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES:

Submitted the Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1966. The Estimate showed a rate of 72. 7d. - an increase of 10s. 7d. on the rate for the current financial year. Copy of the Estimate, together with City Manager's report thereon, had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. The Council agreed to receive a deputation from the Ratepayers Association and from the Combined Residents Association.

Mr. Duggan, spokesman for the Ratepayers Association,said it was obvious that the Health contribution was responsible for the increase in Rates over the last nunber of years. He suggested that the Corporation should advise the Health Authority that they

refused to pay the increased demand until a full investigation into the Health Services had been ordered by the Minister. The Council should advise the Minister of this step, and demand that the Minister make health a charge on the Exchequer instead of the Rates. Mr. Kennedy, the other spokesman for the Ratepayers Association, suggested that in view of the forthcoming General Election the Council should take no action on the Rates until after the result of the Election. The case for making health a national charge seemed to him to be unanswerable.

Mr. O'Farrell, on behalf of the Combined Residents Association, said the problem of increase in Rates was not peculiar to Limerick, however, the rates had risen in Limerick by 130% in ten years. The high level of rates was causing severe hardship on people on fixed incomes. He suggested that the system on which rates were assessed was inequitable and that a Committee should be formed by the Government at national level with power to investigate the whole structure of local finances. Some of the other points he made were:a greater contribution by the State towards the health charges; the stream-lining of road services between Local Authorities; the repeal of the Malicious Injury Act; examination of the cost of Rate Collectipn; the stream-lining of the accounting systems of Local Authorities; and the re-valuation of the City. Mr. Corcoran, for the Combined Residents Association, supporting Mr. O'Farrell, said, the Health Services being provided by the Limerick Health Authority were most efficient. It was contended, however, that the charge should be a national rather than a local charge. There did not seem to be any reason why some relief should not be given to Rate Payers in the same manner as relief was given to farmers.

Cllr. Feeney said the demand was very high, and was beyond the capacity of many Rate Payers to meet. He suggested that the Estimate be referred back for reconsideration by the City Manager and his staff. In reply to Cllr. Condell, the City Manager outlined the legal position of the Health Authority with regard to its' demand on the Corporation and also the powers of the Corporation in relation to this matter. Once the Estimate was adopted by the Health Authority and the Demand made, it was mandatory on the Corporation to pay. Both the Health Authority and the Corporationhad passed resolutions which had been forwarded for the attention of the Minister for Health asking that the State contribution be increased from 50% to 80%.

Cllr. Leddin said the administration of the Health Services was fair and equitable.

Ald. Coughlan said the deputation from the Rate payers Association had no constructive suggestions. The Residents Association had made some suggestions but these had been examined in the past without result. The Council had asked the Minister to increase the health grant but had not succeeded. Thequestion of the agricultural grant had been raised by him in the Dail but without success. He agreed that the question of the rate collection might merit examination, provided there would be no redundancy caused by the introduction of an alternative method. He said that irrespective of the result of the General Election it hadbeen stated that the present Minister of Health could not hold office in any new government. With a new Minister for Health there might be hope of having a greater portion of the health charge borne by the State. He suggested that further discussion of the Estimate be postponed until after the General Election.

Cllr. Liddy supported this suggestion. The system of assessing rates on a property valuation had not stood thetest of time and should be replaced by a more equitable one. With regard to health, he supported the plea that this should be a national charge.

Ald. Russell said that he was a strong advocate of local councils raising money for works and services over which they had control. There was a substantial portion of the Estimate over which the Council had in fact no control. Health should be a national charge. Whilst he supported the suggestion that further discussions on the estimate be adjourned until after the General Election, he felt that the Council would be unwise tohope for any immediate improvement in the position whatever the result of the General Election might be. An examination of the valuation and rating position as it stands would take a considerable time. An examination of the position with regard to the health charges would also take time.

Ald. Carew said he resented critisms which had been made by representatives of the Ratepayers Association of the members of the Limerick Health Authority. He reminded the representatives that local authorities were not legislative bodies as such. The laws were passed by the Oireachtas and the local authorities must carry out whatever was prescribed in law. No one received service from the local authorities other than

those who were entitled to such services. This applied in particular to the health services. After a further brief discussion the Council unanimously decided on the motion of Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Liddy, "That the Estimates Meeting of the Council do now stand adjourned to Monday 12th April, 1965, at 7.30 o'clock p.m."

Other Business:

Proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved:

"That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12(1) (a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934, to the borrowing by way of overdraft on the Municipal Fund (Capital) Account of a sum not exceeding £350,000 for the period ending 30th June."

Proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved.
"That the Corporate Seal be affixed to Deed of Mortgage for a loan of £25,000 proposed to be advanced by the Royal Liver Insurance Co. to the Corporation for the purposes of making advances under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, to persons whose incomes exceeded £1,040, but did not exceed £1,250 per annum."

A true record.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

FINANCIAL POSITION ON THE LAST DAY OF MARCH, 1965.

Municipal Fund.

1. EXPENDITURE.

	Current Year.	Last Year.
From 1st April to 28th February	£1,019,110	£938,366
For the month of March	82,706	63,469
Total Expenditure to date:	£1,101,816	£1,001,835

2. RECEIPTS

	RATES		RENTS		ALL OTHER SOURCES		TOTAL	
	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year
From 1st April to 28th Feb.	£404,430	£355,819	219,929	£198,687	£281,330	£268,909	£905,685	£822,415
For the month of March	44,894	£ 41,898	23,701	18,407	46,263	46,329	£113,862	£106,634
Total Receipts to date:	£449,324	£396,717	243,630	217,094	326,193	£315,238	£1019,547	£929,049.

3. RATE COLLECTION:

	CURRENT WARRANT	CURRENT PERCENTAGE	LAST YEAR'S WARRANT	LAST YEAR'S PERCENTAGE
	£483,857	100.00%	£428,441	100.00%
Collected to 28th Feb. £404,430				
Discounts 1,055	£405,985	83.88%	£356,229	83.14%
Balance outstanding at Feb.	77,872	16.12%	72,212	16.86%
Collected for month of March	44,894	9.28%	41,898	9.78%
Balance outstanding at March	32,978	6.84%	30,314	7.08%

Transferred to Rate Mortgate A/c	to 31/3/65	£15,295	to 31/3/1964	£15,295
Paid " " " "	to 31/3/65	458	to 31/3/1964	446.

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4.	HOUSING RENTS:	31/3/1965	31/3/1964
	Arrears	£4,251	£4,043

5.	SMALLDWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:	31/3/1965	31/3/1964
	Arrearsof Instalmentsdueby Borrowers	£4,820	£5,466.

6.	WATER CHARGES.	CurrentYear	Last Year.
	Arrears due on 28th February	£1,219	£1,301
	Debited forCollectionduring month ofMarch	171	226
	Total for Collection	£1,390	£1,527
	Collectedand lodgedduring month ofMarch	£1,061	£1,095
	Balance outstandingatendofMarch	329	432

7.	Revenue Account.	Current Year	Last Year
	Amount due To Bank asper BankPass Book atend ofMarch	£168,810	£89,317
	Paying Orders issued but not cashed at end of March	29,007	34,013
	Total Debit Balance	£197,817	£123,330

8.	CAPITAL ACCOUNT:	Current Year	Last Year
	Amount due To Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of March	£89,802	£116,425

9.	GAS ACCOUNT.	Current Year	Last Year
	Amount due per Bank Pass Book No. 1. Revenue A/C to end of March	£151,916	£141,624
	Amount due per Bank Pass Book No. 2. Revenue A/C to end of March	9,053	14,699
	Amount due per Bank Pass Book CAPITAL A/C to end of March	Cr. 1,109	£206,351

In pursuance of Section 16(2) of the Limerick City Management Act 1934, I have caused to be prepared by the City Accountant the foregoing statement of the financial position of the Corporation of Limerick on the last day of March, 1965, with the corresponding figures for the same month and period last year.

Date: 8th April, 1965.

Town Ma[illegible] Diarmada,
Manager and Town Clerk

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR,
ALDERMEN, AND MEMBERS OF THE
LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

To be considered at the Meeting of the Council

TO BE HELD ON 13th APRIL, 1965

For Four Weeks ended 27th MARCH, 1965

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1.—HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.

St. John's Housing Scheme.
Work proceeding on the construction of 23 houses.
Site Works 89.1% complete.
Development 80.7% complete.
Superstructure 88.2% complete. 10 houses roofed and tiled. 6 houses to ground floor level. 7 houses to first floor level.
63 houses completed and handed over.
No. of men employed 64; 37 unskilled ; 27 skilled.

Roxboro Road Housing Scheme (Bullfield).
Work proceeding on the construction of 204 houses.
Site Works 55.7% complete.
Development 27.8% complete.
Superstructure 49.9% complete.
50 houses completed and handed over.
84 houses roofed and tiled. 28 houses to first floor level.
73 houses to ground floor level.
No. of men employed, 200; 99 skilled ; 101 unskilled.

Convent Field Janesboro' Housing Scheme.
Contract documents in final stages of preparation.

Watergate.
Work on modified 4-apartment, 3-apartment, and 2-apartment dwelling types and site layout in progress.

South Hill Housing Scheme (East).
Draft scheme for the layout of South Hill Site to provide 153 dwellings submitted to the Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil.

Housing Letting—

No. of first lettings	16
Number of houses re-let	9
No. of houses vacant 31/3/65	3

2.—HOUSING MAINTENANCE.

Items of Repair attended to in Month of March, 1965.

Strand Barracks Area	317	Complaints taken	415
Garryowen Area ...	197	" " ...	284
Prospect Area ...	240	" " ...	310
Ballynanty Beg Area ...	225	" " ...	250
Janesboro ...	175	" " ...	200
TOTAL	1154		1459

3.—ROADS. —No. of men employed, 27. 27 unskilled.
Relief Schemes in progress. No. of men employed 53 ; 3 skilled, 50 unskilled.

4.—SANITARY SERVICE WORKS.

Rosbrien Pumping Station—Preparations being made for testing of pumps. Connection to sewer completed.

Clonlara Water Main.
3,600 yards of 18" Raw Water main laid. Back filling almost completed. Work progressing satisfactorily. No. of men employed—8.

5.—PARKS.

Area	Number of Trees (Replacements) Planted in March	Additional Trees Planted	Number of Old Trees Broken Since February
Corbally Nursery		137	
Russell Park	11	1 Walnut	4
Shelbourne Road	6		
Mayorstone Park	1		1
Mayorstone Gdns.	4		
Mayorstone	4		
Distillery	1		
Corbally Road	4		
Priory Park	1	1 Prunus Hisakura	
Short Avenue	4		1
Pennywell Road	5		2
Carey's Road	2		1
Prospect	1		
Belfield	2		1
King John's Castle	1		
Hyde Road	27	4 already broken	4
Opp. Church on Hyde Road	6		
Garryowen :			
(Lower Green)	10		
(Upper Green)	13		
(Small Greens)	12		1

6.—VETERINARY INSPECTION.

INSPECTION OF PRIVATE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES STALLS, Etc.

	Inspected	Condemned Whole	Partial	Tubercular	%	Other Diseases
Cattle	266	—	17	—	—	—
Calves	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep	1587	—	—	—	—	—
Pigs	7	—	—	—	—	—
Sows	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Visited by Inspector	Weight of Food Condemned Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Private Slaughter-houses ...	107	—	1	2	2
Stalls, Shops, etc.	80	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	187	—	1	2	2

7.—MILK AND DAIRIES ACT : VETERINARY LABORATORY, etc

Number of Milk Shops Inspected	2
Number of Milk Cars Inspected	4
Total Number of Tests carried out...	34
Number of Reductase Tests	—
" " failures	—
" " Gerber Tests	17
" " failures	—
" " Coliform Tests	—
" " failures	—
" " Plate Counts	17
" " visits to approved Milk Shops	2
" " Cows examined	64
" " Dairy Yards Inspected	4
" " Phosphotase Test	—
" " Phosphotase Test of failures	—

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5.—GAS DEPARTMENT. March, 1965

Make of Gas for month	99526 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1964	98410 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1963	108243 Therms
Sale of Coke for month	347 Tons
Sale of Coke same month last year	405 Tons

	Crude Gallons	Refined
		t. c. q.
Sale of Tar for month	111	214 0 0
Sale of Tar for same month last year ...	122	5 tons

Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of month—		
	Revenue No. 1	£151,916 15 6
do	Revenue No. 2	£9,053 3 2
Credit do	Capital Ac.	£1,109 4 8
Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of same month last year—	Revenue No. 1	£141.624 14 3
do	Revenue No. 2	£14,699 2 8
do.	Capital Ac.	£206,351 13 0
Number of Men employed at end of month		59
Number of Men employed at end of same month 'ast year		63

6.—PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Statistical Return for Period from Feb. 24th, 1965, to March 27th, 1965.

BOOK STOCK—

Total number of books in stock 23/2/65	26,467
Number of books added during above period	260
Number of books withdrawn	—
Total number of books in stock 27/3/'65	26,727

2. BOOK ISSUES—

	Number	% of Total Issue
Fiction	2812	37.2%
Non-Fiction	1928	25.5%
Reference	440	5.8%
Juvenile	2386	31.5%
TOTAL ...	7566	100%
Average Daily Issue		280

3. BORROWERS—

Tickets in use—Adult Fiction	1130
" " " Adult Non-Fiction	1210
" " " Juvenile	1330
TOTAL ...	3670

Newsroom—Average daily attendance	7
Museum—Total attendance for month	1804
*6. Art Gallery—Total attendance for month	1257

*Art Gallery closed due to preparation for Exhibition of French Impressionists Paintings from March 15th to 25th.

TOMAS MAC DIARMADA,
City Manager and Town Clerk

McKerns Printing, Limerick

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Town Hall,
Limerick.

5th March, 1965.

Road Fund Grant Proposals.

The City Engineer has prepared two schemes for road improvements to be carried out with the aid of grants from Road Fund.

(1) The widening of South Circular Road from Quin Street to Courtbrack Avenue. The work will involve some property acquisition, principally the front gardens of houses bounding this roadway. The estimated cost of this scheme is £2,120.

(2) The continuation of the widening of Courtbrack Avenue. The Council will recall that portion of this Avenue near the Dock Road was widened some years ago. The proposal is to continue the widening to thejunction of the Avenue with the South Circular Road. Land acquisition will be involved. It is not possible to estimate the cost of land acquisition in this case. The cost of the works other than for land is estimated at £19,723.

Maps showing the works proposed and the extent of the acquisition involved will be available for the inspection of the members.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

To/ His Worship the Mayor
and each Member of the Limerick City Council.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

The adjourned Quarterly Statutory Meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on ~~Monday~~ Tuesday, 27th April, 1965.

Present:

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful Cllr. J. Danagher, N.T., Mayor,

Alderman: S. Coughlan, T.D.,

Councillors: F. Glasgow; P. Kiely; V. Feeney; T. Lawlor: F. Leddin; J.P. Liddy; P. O'Sullivan; M. D. Lipper.

Officers present: Deputy City Manager; Assistant Town Clerk; City Solicitor; City Engineer; Architect; etc.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from: Ald. Russell; Cllrs. Condell; Kiely and the City Manager and Town Clerk.

It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by the Mayor, and unanimously resolved:

"That the congratulations of the Council be conveyed to Mr. D. B. O'Malley, T.D. on his appointment to the Office of Minister for Health".

Other members of the Council associated themselves with the resolution.

STATUTORY BUSINESS.

Local Elections:
It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Cllr. Liddy, and unanimously resolved:

"That pursuant to the provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1927, the local elections for the Council of the Corporation of Limerick be held on Monday 28th June, 1965".

The Council had before them a copy of communication dated 18th March, 1965, from the Department of Local Government, stating that the local elections would not take place in June, and that an order would be made by the Minister fixing a date later in the present year for the elections. The Council also had a report from the Deputy City Manager and Town Clerk drawing attention to the legal position which was that the Local Elections Act 1927 was still in force, and in the circumstances, it appeared necessary for the Council at this Quarterly Meeting to fix a date for the Local Elections as prescribed in the 1927 Act, eventhough it was recognised that it was the intention of the Minister to repeal this Act as soon as possible. The members noted the position.

Item 1:

It was proposed by Cllr. Leddin, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor,

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 9th March, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed".

Town Planning:

In reply to Ald. Coughlan, the Deputy City Manager said the Council had the function of making the development plan for the City. The day-to-day business of dealing with applications for planning permission was dealt with by the City Manager, and copies of the Orders made by the Manager were put before the Council at the monthly meetings. It was intended at future planning meetings to advise the Council of the decisions made in the previous month and also of the particular applications awaiting attention at the end of the previous month.

Scholarships:

The Mayor said that whilst he noted that the Council had approved of the University Scholarship Scheme, and that the Law provided that the amount of money which could be voted for University Scholarships, should not exceed half that provided for Secondary Scholarships, he wished to make the point, that in his view, there should be no connection between funds for both Schemes. He recognised the matter was one for the Dail. He hoped the matter would be raised and that the Minister for Education would re-examine the position. Ald. Coughlan supported. Cllr. Liddy said business concerns and Trade Unions should provide Scholarships for students.

It was proposed by Cllr. Glasgow, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor,

> "That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 23rd March, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted".

Proposed by Cllr. O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved:

> "That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 12th April, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed".

The Deputy City Manager in reply to Cllr. Leddin, said, that it was not possible for the Corporation to raise a loan, as a temporary expedient, to meet the excess in the Health Demand this year over last year. Some confusion may have arisen in the minds of the members arising from press reports of the action of Cork Corporation in raising a loan. The Deputy City Manager pointed out that this was due to the extension of the Borough Boundary in Cork and the loan was raised to meet a payment which the Corporation would have to make to Cork County Council on the extension of the City Boundary.

Deputation to the Minister for Health:

The Council agreed that the deputation to the Minister for Health, to press the views of the Council that Health should be a National charge, should consist of the Mayor, Ald. Russell; Ald. Carew; Ald. Coughlan; Cllr. Liddy and the City Manager and Town Clerk.

Item 2:

Submitted Financial Statement and Departmental Reports for the month of March, 1965. Noted.

Item 3: Correspondence:

Submitted communication dated 5th March, 1965, from Assistant Commissioner E. A. Reynolds acknowledging the Council's resolution and congratulating him on his promotion to the office of Assistant Commissioner of the Gardai. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 16th March, 1965, from His Eminence Cardinal Conway Archbishop of Armagh, acknowledging the Council's resolution of congratulations and good wishes on his elevation to the cardinalate. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 25th March, 1965, from the Office of Public Works acknowledging the Council's resolution regarding the condition of King John's Castle and stating the matter was receiving attention. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 31st March, 1965, from the Department of Local Government with regard to the Council's resolution regarding the proposed development of lands at Lanahrone, Corbally, Co. Clare, for housing purposes, and stating that the Minister could not formulate any opinion on the proposals for which outline permission had been granted as the matter was not brought before him by way of appeal. The Minister proposes to request Clare County Council to consult Limerick Corporation and the regional planning consultant before granting approval for detailed plans in relation to this development. The Deputy City Manager said the Council will be kept fully advised of developments in relation to this scheme.

Submitted communication dated 23rd April, 1965, from the Manager of Shannonside, Mid Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd., acknowledging the contribution of the Corporation of £700 for the year 1965/'66. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 15th April, 1965, from the Department of Local Government stating that there was no objection in principal to the development proposed for the Southill Housing Scheme. The layout submitted was generally in order subject to the consideration of certain points discussed between the Corporation's Architect and the Department's Inspector. Noted.

Submitted acknowledgments of Votes of Sympathy from the family of the late Felix O'Neill, and the parents, brothers and sisters of the laterDermot O'Farrell. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 5th April, 1965, from the Department of Local Government giving notice of the Trunk and Link Road Improvement Grant £55,000; Trunk and Link Road Upkeep Grant, 50% of approved expenditure; County Borough Road Improvement Grant £4,290. The Grants showed an increase of 10% on last year. Noted.

Submitted communication from the Administrator of St. Michael's, Limerick, inviting the members of the Council to Mass on the Feast of St. Joseph on the 1st, May, at 8 p.m.. The Council accepted the invitation and decided to robe for the occasion.

Item 4:
Housing:

The Council decided to invite the representatives of the Builders and the Building Trade Operatives and Workers to the meeting of the Planning Committee on the 4th May, to have a discussion regarding the use of non-traditional methods of building.

Submitted report on land for housing, industry and other purposes (copy of the report is included in the official minute). The report advised that the Corporation was taking the following steps:

(a) The acquisition by Compulsory Purchase Order of lands for housing and Urban renewal in Vizes Fields; John's Gate; St. Francis Avvey; Thomondgate; Mungret Street and John's Square.

(b) The acquisition by agreement (if possible) of approximately 100 acres of land for housing and industrial purposes.

(c) The acquisition by agreement (if possible) of approximately 100 acres of land in the Longpavement area to be used initially as an extension of the refuse dump, and ultimately to be available for sale or lease for industrial purposes.

The Council noted the contents of the report, and approved, subject to the reservation made by Ald. Coughlan and Cllr. Lipper that they objected to the acquisition of further lands at Longpavement for use as a dump.

Demolition of Buildings by the Corporation:

Cllr. Brazier raised the case where the Corporation had demolished an old lodging house in Mungret Street and he said not had sufficient regard to where the occupants might go. The Assistant Town Clerk said the house in question was dangerous and the Corporation had moved in the last resort to have it demolished. The occupants had been informed and were told that if they found it impossible to obtain alternative accommodation, shelter could be provided in the City Home. Ald. Coughlan, supported by Cllr. Lipper, said he did not consider this satisfactory. He said the Corporation should be able to do something to assist towards the provision of accommodation other than the City Home for persons of this class. The Deputy City Manager pointed out that the function of providing shelter for destitute persons was a matter for the Limerick Health Authority. The Mayor asked that the matter be put down for discussion at a future meeting. This was agreed.

Horses on Public Highways:

There was a brief discussion about the problem of horses which are allowed to ramble

uncontrolled on the public streets especially in the Janesboro' area. It was stated by Cllr. O'Sullivan, Ald. Coughlan and Cllr. Glasgow, that the horses were doing considerable damage in this area especially to gardens, fences, etc. Ald. Coughlan said the horses were owned by a person who resided in the area and were deliberately loosed at night in the area. The City Solicitor said the matter was one for the Gardai. The Corporation could not exercise control. Where the Guards found animals on the public streets and knew the ownersthey invariably prosecuted. There was a difficulty in the fact that there was no proper Pound in the City and he felt th the only effective contribution that the Corporation could make was to provide such a Pound. The Council agreed that the Gardai should be notified, of the information given by the members regarding the ownership of the horses.

Derelict Sites:

The Mayor referred to the basement areas in front of houses in John's Square which he said were dangerous and Cllr. Feeney referred to the derelict site at the junction of

Ellen Street and Patrick Street, and also derelcit sties in Nicholas Street and Mary Street. The Deputy City Manager said that a further examination of these sites would be made.

S. D. A. Loans - Arrears:

Ald. Coughlan asked what stage Civil Bill proceedings were instituted for the recovery

of arrears due by borrowers under the S.D.A. Act. The Deputy City Manager said there was no set pattern. Each case was taken and treated individually, matters were not put in the hands of the City Solicitor until after the borrower had received at least one warning notice from the City Accountant's Office. Ald. Coughlan said he had examined the City Manager's Orders on the matter and noted that in some cases the amount due was less than £10. He thought it was not proper that persons owing such small sums should be threatened with legal proceedings. The City Solicitor said that in dealing with the matter those owing large sums were taken first. It rarely happened that proceedings were issued against those owing small sums, usually they paid these sums without obliging the Corporation to have recourse to legal action. Cllr. Feeney and Cllr. Lipper said there should be a minimum sum below which the Corporation would not resort to legal proceedings. Cllr. Liddy said it was a difficult matter to discuss, as each case must be taken on its merits. He always found the Corporation officials dealing with the question of arrears of instalments humane in their approach.

Houses in the Castle Barracks:

Ald. Coughlan said that the old houses in Castle Barracks were in very bad condition. The Corporation should take immediate action to have them cleared when demolished. Cllr. Feeney supported. The Deputy City Manager said that this matter was being borne in mind and a number of dwellings in this area had been cleared and not re-let in recent years. It was the intention of the Corporation to clear the houses and demolish them in due course.

Demolition of Houses subject to Demolition Orders:

Ald. Coughlan said that at the present time the Corporation took steps to take the roof off houses which were subject to Demolition Orders as soon as the occupants left the houses and were provided with alternative accommodation by the Corporation. This resulted in the creation of eye-sores throughout the City. He agreed there was a difficulty in the matter in so far as the Corporation must ensure that houses to be demolished were not re-occupied. However, he suggested that if the doors and windows were blocked up this would have the same effect as taking the roof off. The Deputy City Manager said that the Corporation was obliged to ensure that houses which were subject to Demolition Orders were in fact demolished. The blocking up of doors and windows might suffice in a number of cases but as long as the roof was left on it would be found that some persons might consider the houses habitable. Difficulties had been experienced in the past: persons squatting in houses which were subject to Demolition Orders and for that reason the present procedure had been adopted as the only practicle solution.

Public Lighting:

Cllr. Lipper, supported by Cllr. Lawlor, asked if consideration could be given to the

provision of a second light in Bawnmore Road. The City Engineer said he examined this matter and one light had been recommended by him and approved of by the City Manager, a second was not, in his opinion, warranted. He pointed out that with the development of this area lighting would come in due course.

The Architect in reply to Cllr. Lipper said he had consulted with the residents of portion of the Greenhill/Tankfield Housing Scheme who had complained about not having separate entrances to their dwellinghouses. He had found the residents most courtious but adamant in their approach to the problem. He had asked them to wait until the scheme was completely finished and to give the experiement a trial for six months after that date. He would then be repared to re-examine and if the residents were still not happy with the situation, would make a recommendation to have the matter rectified. Cllr. Lipper said he thought this would satisfy.

Item 5:
It was proposed by Cllr. O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved:
"That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12(1)(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934, to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £5,600 for the purchase of a new refuse collection truck".

Item 6:
Submitted report dated 5th March, 1965, from the City Manager seeking the approval of the City Council to roadworks being carried out with the aid of grants from the Road Fund:

(1) The widening of South Circular Road from Quin Street to Courtbrack Avenue; the estimated cost of this scheme, including land acquisition, was £42,120.

(2) The widening of Courtbrack Avenue;
the estimated cost of this scheme other than for land was estimated at £19,723.

The proposals were on the motion of Cllr.Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, approved by the Council.

Ald. Coughlan referred to the need for road widening in the Farranshone area. The City Engineer said this matter was being examined. Proposals relating to it would come before the Council at a future meeting.

Item 7:
It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. O'Sullivan, and unanimously resolved:

"That we approve of expenditure in the sum of £1,400 in excess of the Estimate 1964/'65 on the Vocational Education Account to enable a superannuation allowance and gratuity to be paid".

Item 8:
Acting as the local Old Age Pensions Committee, the Council, on the motion of Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. O'Sullivan, unanimously approved of the appointment of the City Manager and Town Clerk as Clerk to the Committee for a further period of six months from the 1st April, 1965.

Item 9:
Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper and unanimously resolved:

"That Cllr. W. Brazier be and is hereby appointed a member of the Limerick Health Authority to fill the vacancy on the Limerick Health Authority caused by the termination of the membership of Cllr. Brazier".

Item 10:
Submitted communication from the Minister for Local Government regarding Road Safety Campaign to be carried out at the end of May. The Asst. Town Clerk said arrangements would be made to re-convene the Committee which organised the Road Safety Campaign before Christmas. The Campaign proposed would be primarily directed to the dangers of excessive speed and the safety of children during the summer holidays. Noted.

Item 11:
Closing of Island Bank Baths:

It was decided to defer further consideration of this matter to the General Purposes Committee meeting.

Item 12:

Submitted copies of resolutions forwarded by other Local Authorities, same were marked 'read'.

Item 13:

The Council agreed that any Monday at 4.30 p.m. would be a suitable time for a meeting for the proposed conference with other Local Authorities regarding itinerants.

Item 14:
New Works:

There was no report on new works.

Item 15:
Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and unanimously resolved:

"That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing:

Baker's Lands, Rosbrien - Corporation & E.S.B.:
Conveyance of additional plot at Rosbrien.

Undertaking re Loan £200,000 - making of loans under Section 11 of Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.

S. D. TRANSFERS:

Assignment:
Meagher to Gilligan.
Donoghue to O'Neill, 14, Greenfields, Rosbrien.

Release and Memorial:
David H. Lindsay, North Circular Road.

Form of Discharge:
Miss Helen Barry (Now Mrs. O'Dwyer) Folio 1811 Co. Limerick.

S. D. ADVANCES:

Mortgages:

David Harrington,	St. Patrick's Road,
Anthony Conway,	St. Patrick's Road,
John Brown,	St. Patrick's Road,
Anthony O'Grady,	Clareview Estate,
Timothy Leddin,	Eden Terrace,
Patrick Carey,	Park,
Edmond Ginivan,	Park,
James Cunneen,	Coolraine,
Thomas Healy,	Clareview Estate,
Philbert O'Sullivan,	Coolraine,
Brian Gaule,	Coolraine,
Joseph P. Hanrahan,	Coolraine,
James O'Gorman,	Clareview,
Samuel F. Shier,	Park,
William Mannix	Park.

Release:
Thomas Kinirons, Corbally.

Original Mortgage with Release endorsed thereon, also Memori
9, Ashbourne Park - File 95c.

250.

DEMOLITION ORDERS: 50, Sexton Street North,
52, " " "
54, " " "
51, " " "
53, " " "
56, " " "
57, " " "
1, Back Davis Street,
4, Little Davis Street,
6, Little Back Davis Street,
3, Back Davis Street,
3, Spellacy Square,
3, Middle Row, Vizes Fields,
18, Middle Row, Vizes Fields,
2, Trousdell Range, Vizes Fields,
1, Reeves Path,
6, New Road, Pennywell,
14, Naughtons Lane,
27, Sir Harry's Mall,
3, Little Ellen Street.

Limerick Corporation 3½% Redeemable Stock 1956/'72:
Certificates No. 1859 - Timothy Mulcahy,
1860 - Rubicon Holdings,
1861 - Mrs. Elizabeth Gallivan.

Undertaking re Loan £590,400 - Bullfield Housing Scheme:

Tenant Purchase Schemes:

KILLALEE: Lease and Mortgage:
Albert Kearsley,
Richard McNamara, 10, Downey Street,
James O'Shaughnessy, 35, Downey Street.

O'DWYER VILLAS: Lease and Mortgages:
William Logan, 79, O'Dwyer Villas,
John McDonagh, 23, O'Dwyer Villas,
Maurice Hartery,
Mrs. Mary O'Grady, 44, O'Dwyer Villas.

William Cussen, 4, Greenfields, North Circular Road:
Transfer to John Reville, Discharge. F. 17.

Form of Undertaking re Loan £30,000 - making of Grants under Section 12 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.

Form of Undertaking re Loan £25,000 - making of Grants under Section 8 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.

Mortgage: Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Limerick to Trustees of Royal Liver Friendly Society - to secure the sum of £20,000.

Street Traders' Stall Licence:
F. X. King, 9, Old Thomondgate.

Item 16:
See Tenders Minute.

Item 17:
Ald. Coughlan, raised the question of the arrangements for the reception to Mr. D. B. O'Malley, Minister for Health, for which the Mayor had sent an invitation to the Council to take part in the reception. This invitation had issued on the day of the reception and was received by members of the Council at a late hour. He absolved the Mayor from any responsibility in connection with the matter as the Mayor did not

receive the invitation until a late hour. He suggested to the Mayor that any last minute invitations should be ignored. Cl r. Lipper said he was not present at the ceremonies as he was out of town but he would like it to be understood that his absence did not in any way relect on the Minister for whom he had the highese personal regard. Clir. Liddy said, on behalf of the organisers of the reception, that it was regretted that invitations to the Council to anticipate were left so late. The fact that some members were unable to be present was understood.

Congratulations to Limerick Soccer Team:

The Mayor proposed that the congratulations of the Limerick City Council be conveyed tothe Limerick Soccer Team on their achievement in reaching the F.A.I. Cup final and wished them every success in the competition.

Condolence:

Proposed by the Mayor and unanimously resolved:

"That the sympathy and condolence, of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. Hall of Flood Street who had died as a result of an accident".

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy and unanimously resolved.
"That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. Hall of Flood Street who had died as a result of injuries."

A true copy.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

Confirmed in Council this 11th May 1965

John Donaghue
Chairman

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LIMERICK CORPORATION

Oifig Cleirigh na Cathrach,
Árus na Cathrach,
LUIMNEACH.

7th May, 1965.

NOTICE is hereby given that a SPECIAL MEETING of the Limerick City Council will be held in the County Courthouse, Merchant's Quay, Limerick, (by kind permission of the County Registrar), on Tuesday, 11th May, 1965 at 7.30 p.m. to dispose of the following business :-

To make the Municipal Rate as already fully determined by the Council of Seventy Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1966, and to do all such acts as are required by law to be done in connection with the making of such rate.

Notice is hereby given that at the conclusion of the above business, the Monthly Meeting of the Limerick City Council will be held in the County Courthouse, Merchant's Quay, Limerick, on Tuesday, 11th May, 1965 at 8 p.m. approx., to dispose of the following business :

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on the 27th April, 1965.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 4th May, 1965.

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tenders Committee held on the 27th April, 1965.

4. To read general correspondence.

5. To consider Monthly Financial Statement and Departmental Reports for the Month of April, 1965.

6. Housing.

7. To authorise the borrowing of an additional sum of £100,000. by way of overdraft on the Municipal Fund Revenue A/C up to 30th June, 1965.

8. To consider the disposal of certain lands in Mungret Street and Kileely Road, pursuant to notice already given under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946

9. To consider Report of the Street Naming Sub-Committee re the naming of the Bullfield Housing Scheme and the Greystones Housing Estate.

10. To consider Report on the revised speed limit Regulations as they affect Limerick City.

11. To authorise the affixing of the Corporate Seal to any documents presented for sealing.

12. To receive notice of new works (if any).

13. To receive tenders.

14. To consider any matter that may legally be dealt with at this Meeting.

Your attendance at this Meeting is requested.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
CITY MANAGER AND TOWN CLERK.

To/Each Member of the City Council :

COUNTY BOROUGH OF LIMERICK

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES

FOR THE

LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR FROM 1st APRIL, 1965

TO 31st MARCH, 1966

ADOPTED AT THE ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING

OF THE LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COURTHOUSE

MERCHANT'S QUAY, LIMERICK

ON MONDAY, 12th APRIL, 1965

TOMAS P. MacDIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

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CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF LIMERICK

Estimate of Expenses and determination of the municipal rate in the pound for the local financial year ending on 31st day of March, 1966.

TABLE A

Services	Purpose of Expenditure	Amount Estimated	
		Estimated by City Manager	Adopted by Council
	EXPENDITURE		
ROADS	Ordinary Road Works	14900	14900
	Special Grant Works :— Road Fund	86300	86300
	Government Grants	17000	17000
	Other Purposes	23500	23500
	TOTAL	141700	141700
HEALTH	Money Supplied for Health Services to Limerick Health Authority	218290	218290
	Money Supplied for Mental Health Services to Limerick Health Authority	47385	47385
	TOTAL	265675	265675
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	Money Supplied for Public Assistance Services to Limerick Health Authority	23700	23700
	TOTAL	23700	23700
SANITARY	Drainage and Public Sanitary Works	19500	19500
	Water Supplies	46700	46700
	Street and Domestic Scavenging	46400	46400
	Public Lighting	22700	22700
	Baths and Bathing Places	1000	500
	Abattoir	100	100
	Burial Grounds	300	300
	Other Purposes	7000	7000
	TOTAL	143700	143200

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TABLE A—(*Continued*)

Services	Purpose of Expenditure	Amount Estimated by City Manager	Amount Estimated Adopted by Council
	EXPENDITURE		
HOUSING	Housing of the Working Classes Acts	340800	340800
	Local Grants and Assistance Schemes	17100	17100
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	111100	111100
	TOTAL	469000	469000
GENERAL PURPOSES	Public Libraries	10400	10400
	Weights and Measures	200	200
	Fire Brigade	29900	29900
	Civic Buildings, Offices and Maintenance Works... ...	6850	6850
	Scholarships	8000	8000
	Vocational Education	24805	24805
	Unemployment Assistance	14000	14000
	Compensation for Criminal Injuries	3500	3500
	Industrial and Reformatory Schools	4000	4000
	School Meals...	5000	5000
	Money supplied for General Purposes to Limerick Health Authority	1810	1810
	Public Parks, Open Spaces and Tree Planting	13850	13850
	Town and Regional Planning	3000	3000
	Materials Expense Account	28000	28000
	Machinery Expense Account	12000	12000
	Other Purposes	116880	116130
	TOTAL	282195	281445
	Gas Department	300000	309000

TABLE B

services	Purpose of Expenditure	Amount Estimated by City Manager	Amount Estimated Adopted by Council
	INCOME		
ROADS	Grants from Road Fund	78600	80100
	Government Grants	14500	14500
	Other Income	19000	19000
	TOTAL	112100	113600
HEALTH	Miscellaneous Income	—	—
	TOTAL	—	—
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	Miscellaneous Income	—	—
	TOTAL	—	—
SANITARY	Drainage and Public Sanitary Works :—		
	Government Grants...	4200	4200
	Other Income	20	20
	Water Supplies :—		
	Government Grants...	4450	4450
	Other Income	30500	30500
	Street and Domestic Scavenging	—	—
	Public Lighting	—	—
	Baths and Bathing Places	—	—
	Abattoir	—	—
	Burial Grounds	—	—
	Other Income	500	500
	TOTAL	39670	39670

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TABLE B—(*Continued*)

Services	Purpose of Expenditure	Amount Estimated by City Manager	Estimate Adopted by Council
		£	£
HOUSING	**INCOME**		
	Housing of the Working Classes Acts :—		
	Government Grants...	124000	124000
	Rents and Annuities	153400	170180
	Other Income	1000	800
	Local Grants and Assistance Schemes	—	—
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	112100	112100
	TOTAL	390500	407250
GENERAL PURPOSES	Government Grants	23920	23920
	Public Libraries	800	800
	Markets, Weights and Measures	1400	1400
	Fire Brigade	8600	8600
	Materials Expense Account	30000	30000
	Machinery Expense Account	12000	12000
	Other Income	24730	24730
	TOTAL	101450	101450
	Gas Department	320000	320000

TABLE C

Services (1)	Estimated Gross Expenditure (2)	Estimated Income (3)	Estimated Net Expenditure (4)	Estimated Credit Balances (5)	Estimated Debit Balances (6)	Amount to be raised by the Municipal Rate (7)	Rate in the Pound (8)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	Pence
ROADS	141700	113600	28100			28100	36.0
HEALTH	265675		265675			265675	340.6
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	23700		23700			23700	30.4
SANITARY	143200	39670	103530			103530	132.7
HOUSING	469000	407250	61750			61750	79.2
GENERAL PURPOSES :—							
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ...	14000		14000			14000	17.9
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ...	24805	3210	21595	2870		21595	27.7
OTHER PURPOSES ...	24640	98240	14400			14153	181.5
TOTALS ...	1324720	661970	662750	2870		659880	846.0

TOTAL MUNICIPAL RATE : 70/6d. in the £.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that at the Adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Council of the County Borough of Limerick held this 12th day of April, 1965, the Council by resolution adopted the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B and C and also by resolution determined in accordance with the said Estimate the rates set forth in column 8 of Table C to be the rates in the pound to be levied for the several services specified in the said Estimate for the local financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1966.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1965.

Signed : JOHN DANAGHER, Mayor.

Countersigned : TOMAS MAC DIARMADA, City Manager & Town Clerk.

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No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	**INCOME**	£
1	22500	37500	37500	State Grants: Road Fund	70000
2	—	—	—	Road Improvement Grant ...	3900
3	4230	4200	4700	Trunk and Link Roads ...	6200
4	20948	14500	14500	E. and E. Schemes	14500
5	8094	17000	17000	Other Income	19000
	55772	73200	73700	TOTAL INCOME	113600
		20330		NET LEVIABLE	29600
				HEALTH	
1				Miscellaneous Income for Health Services ...	
2				Miscellaneous Income for Mental Health Services	
				TOTAL INCOME	
		223754		NET LEVIABLE	265675
				PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	
1				Miscellaneous Income	
				TOTAL INCOME	
		20520		NET LEVIABLE	23700

No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	**EXPENDITURE**	£
1	9326	8400	9400	Trunk and Link Roads	12400
2	14023	9600	9900	Other Roads	14900
3	14136	37500	37500	Road Fund Grant	70000
4	—	—	—	Road Improvement Grant	3900
5	28166	17000	17000	E. and E. Schemes Grant	17000
6	648	500	500	Retiring Allowances	300
7	2822	2500	5800	Other Expenses	2900
8	13987	16000	16000	Recoupable Expenditure	18000
9	834	2030	810	Loan Charges	2300
	83942	93530	96910	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	141700
				SERVICES	
1	156822	179904	179904	Demand from Limerick Health Authority for Health Services	218290
2	37644	43850	43850	Demand from Limerick Health Authority for Mental Health Services	47385
	194466	223754	223754	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	265675
				SERVICES	
1	17906	20520	20520	Demand from Limerick Health Authority for Public Assistance Services	23700
	17906	20520	20520	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	23700

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No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	**INCOME**	£
1	800	3900	3900	Loan Subsidy: Sewerage	4200
2	10	10	20	Public Conveniences	20
3	650	3400	3400	Loan Subsidy: Water	4450
4	25364	28500	28500	Water Rents and Meter Rents	30500
5	468	510	500	Other Income	500
	27292	36320	36320	TOTAL INCOME	39670
		102650		NET LEVIABLE	103530

No.	Actual 1963/1954	Estimate 1964/1955	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	**EXPENDITURE**	£
1	4601	5300	5300	Sewerage	6000
2	1402	2850	2850	Public Conveniences	2900
3	24658	24890	24890	Water Supplies	27000
4	38485	47000	50000	Street and Domestic Scavenging	42000
5	18940	19600	19600	Public Lighting	20000
6	464	1000	500	Baths and Bathing Places	500
7	80	80	80	Abattoir	100
8	270	300	300	Burial Grounds	300
9	4875	5500	5800	Rent, Rates and Insurances	6500
10	6782	5800	7900	Retiring Allowances	6700
11	232	200	350	Other Expenses	300
				Loan Charges :—	
12	6356	7800	8446	Sewerage	9200
13	9451	11000	9270	Water Supplies	13200
14	3558	3600	3514	Refuse Vehicles	4400
15	2475	2600	2425	Public Lighting	2700
16	1439	1450	1450	3½% Stock	1400
	124068	138970	142675	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	143200

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No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	**INCOME**	£
				Housing of the Working Classes Acts :—	
1	96825	108000	94013	Housing Subsidy	124000
2	125287	143000	135000	Rents (Net)	170150
3	1184	940	1800	Other Receipts	1000
				Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts :—	
4	80676	93000	93000	Repayment of Instalments	106000
5	140	140	140	Rents Houses Let	100
6	2320	2000	2000	Ground Rents	2000
7	7127	3503	4500	Other Receipts	4000
	313559	350580	330453	TOTAL INCOME	407250
		60750		NET LEVIABLE	61750

No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	**EXPENDITURE**	£
				Housing of the Working Classes Acts :—	
1	49200	51600	58000	Repairs and Maintenance and Painting ...	52000
2	5748	9130	9500	Salaries	9100
3	100	100	100	Retiring Allowances	300
4	6479	8800	10000	Cost of Rent Collection...	9300
5	2337	2600	2600	Rents, Rates and Insurances	2800
6	—	400	400	Printing, Stationery and Advertising ...	500
7	—	300	300	Other Expenses...	300
				Loan Charges :—	
8	30557	30000	30000	3½% Stock	29500
9	187274	199000	201000	Other Loans	237000
10	8638	10500	11500	Local Building Grants: Loan Charges ...	14000
11	1694	2700	2500	Reconstruction and Improvement Grants Loan Charges	3100
				Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts :—	
12	862	800	800	Other Expenses	800
				Loan Charges :—	
13	3398	3400	3400	3½% Stock	3300
14	82286	92000	93500	Other Loans	107000
	378573	411330	423600	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	469000

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No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	**INCOME**	£
				Government Grants :—	
1	10800	5400	5400	Cheap Fuel	5400
2	8532	9000	9000	In Lieu of Rates	9500
3	—	500	600	Rates on Fisheries	600
4	—	950	950	Allotments	200
5	1873	2300	2300	School Meals	2300
6	1110	1110	1110	Agricultural Grant	1110
7	769	2600	2600	Scholarships	3900
8	555	630	630	Civil Defence	910
9	355	800	550	Libraries: Subscriptions and Fines, etc. ...	800
10	1400	1400	1400	Markets, Weights and Measures	1400
				Vocational Education :—	
11	11	11	11	Grant: Roxboro School	10
12	587	1060	1070	Loan Charges Recoupment	1300
13	820	463	1800	Retiring Allowances	900
14	951	800	800	Contributions Superannuation Acts ...	1000
15	7117	8500	8500	Fire Brigade	8600
16	1271	920	920	Miscellaneous Rents	920
				Recoupments :—	
17	295	250	250	Registration Fees	250
18	—	150	150	Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses ...	150
19	2152	2300	2300	Road Fund Expenses	3500
20	227	200	250	Reformatories and Industrial Schools ...	250
				Refunds :—	
21	938	3800	3800	Salaries and Audit Fees	4400
22	536	580	600	Superannuation from other Local Authorities	600
23	558	600	600	Fees by Officers on Inclusive Salaries ...	600
24	20899	28000	28000	Materials Expense Account	30000
25	3570	10000	10000	Machinery Expense Account	12000
	65326	82324	83591	*Forward* ...	90600

No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	**EXPENDITURE**	£
				Public Libraries :—	
1	3637	4850	6000	Salaries and Wages	5500
2	809	200	200	Books and Binding — Schools	200
		500	500	Children	500
		1000	1000	Adults	1000
		500	500	Reference	500
3	1507	1000	1000	Maintenance Expenses	1000
4	485	300	300	Other Expenses	300
5	393	400	400	Loan Charges: Art Gallery	400
6	—	1000	600	New Books	1000
7	226	200	200	Weights and Measures	200
8	20834	25800	28000	Fire Brigade	28800
9	7082	5000	6500	Town Hall and Municipal Offices ...	6000
10	1684	3000	3000	Scholarships: University	3000
11	2872	4500	4500	Secondary and Vocational ...	5000
				Vocational Education :—	
12	15056	17657	17657	Amounts supplied to Committee	20345
13	11	11	11	Grant: Roxboro School	10
14	749	902	3700	Retiring Allowances	1800
15	1174	2120	2150	Loan Charges	2650
16	13001	13500	13650	Unemployment Assistance ...	14000
17	1694	1600	1800	Malicious Injuries	3500
18	4154	3000	3500	Industrial and Reformatory Schools ...	4030
19	4488	5000	5000	School Meals	5000
20	1810	1810	1810	Contributions to Limerick Health Authority	1810
21	13384	12500	13300	Parks and Open Spaces	13500
22	45	50	50	Band Performances	50
23	712	1000	1000	Town and Regional Planning	3000
24	25162	26000	26000	Materials Expense Account	28000
25	5932	10000	10000	Machinery Expense Account	12000
	126901	143409	152328		163065

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No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	**INCOME**	£
	65326	82324	83591	*Brought forward*	90600
26	815	700	700	Fines and Costs	700
27	45	50	50	Petroleum, Cinema, etc., Licences	50
28	1505	1800	2200	Contributions Superannuation Acts... ...	2300
29	3200	3600	3600	Cheap Fuel	3600
30	1917	5100	5100	Miscellaneous	4200
	72808	93574	95241	*Forward* ...	101450

No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	**EXPENDITURE**	£
	126901	143400	152328	*Brought forward*	163065
26	1702	1500	1800	Salaries : (i) Mayor's Office	1500
27	27704	28500	33500	(ii) Administrative	35000
28	6327	8000	9500	Cost of Rate Collection and Applotment ...	8400
29	12113	4000	4000	Retiring Allowances and Gratuities... ...	4000
30	1632	1550	1650	Franchise and Jurors' Lists	1700
31	—	—	—	Election	2500
32	563	500	500	Coroner and Inquests	500
33	2325	2000	2200	Printing, Stationery, Advertising	2400
				Assessments :—	
34	270	260	260	Local Authorities (O. and E. Acts) ...	260
35	210	220	220	Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Acts	220
36	—	400	400	Cattle Disease Fund	400
37	40	40	40	Valuation	40
38	600	600	600	Tourist Development	700
39	41	100	100	Conveyance of Prisoners	100
40	3147	2800	2800	Veterinary Salaries	2800
41	70	100	800	Do. Other Expenses	700
42	165	950	950	Allotments	200
43	1837	1400	1400	Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurances ...	1500
44	288	1100	800	Refund of Rates	1000
45	1609	1200	2000	Courthouse	1500
46	112	200	200	Widows' Alms Houses	200
47	2912	3500	4000	Strand Barracks	3800
48	96	150	150	Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses ...	150
49	2852	2300	4000	Road Fund Expenses	3500
	193516	204770	224198	*Forward* ...	236135

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No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	INCOME	£
	72808	93574	95241	*Brought forward*	101450
	72808	93574	95241	TOTAL INCOME	101450
		151576		NET LEVIABLE	179995

McKerns Printing, Limerick

No.	Actual 1963/1964	Estimate 1964/1965	Amount (actually and estimated) 1964/65	PARTICULARS	Estimate 1965/1966
	£	£	£	EXPENDITURE	£
	193516	204770	224198	*Brought forward*	236135
50	11	100	100	City Pound	100
51	500	600	600	Audit Fee	600
52	708	500	1000	Travelling Expenses	700
53	205	200	200	3½% Stock Management	200
54	47	600	600	Workmen's Compensation	600
55	903	1020	1150	Civil Defence	1400
56	512	600	600	Legal Expenses	600
57	6002	3000	6000	Bank Interest	6000
58	636	700	700	Noxious Weeds Act	700
59	1410	1500	1555	Rates : Discounts	1600
60	6243	6000	6000	Irrecoverables, Vacancies, etc. ...	6000
61	2763	1500	1500	Demolition and Derelict Sites	1500
62	9000	9000	9000	Cheap Fuel	9000
63	2966	1150	1150	Other Expenses	1250
				Loan Charges :—	
64	756	1000	1010	Fire Brigade	1100
65	2603	2570	2570	Courthouse	2570
66	3630	3630	3630	Borough Boundary Extension	3630
67	657	650	660	Feile Luimnighe	650
68	—	300	—	Parks	300
69	429	900	850	Town Hall	850
70	—	4800	4300	Gas Department	5900
71	62	60	60	3½% Stock	60
	233559	245150	267433	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	281445

Dated this 12th day of March, 1965.
TOMAS P. MacDIARMADA,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR,
ALDERMEN, AND MEMBERS OF THE
LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

To be considered at the Meeting of the Council

TO BE HELD ON 11th MAY, 1965

For Four Weeks ended 24th APRIL, 1965

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1.—HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.

St. John's Housing Scheme. (86 houses)
Work proceeding on the construction of 23 houses.
Site Works 92.27% complete.
Development 89.1% complete.
Superstructure 91.9% complete. 22 houses roofed and tiled.
1 house to ground floor level.
63 houses completed and handed over.
No. of men employed 60; 37 unskilled ; 23 skilled.

Roxboro Road Housing Scheme (Bullfield). (254 Houses)
Work proceeding on the construction of 204 houses.
Site Works 57.0% complete.
Development 30.8% complete.
Superstructure 54.1% complete.
50 houses completed and handed over.
107 houses roofed and tiled. 27 houses to first floor level.
51 houses to ground floor level.
No. of men employed, 226, 110 skilled ; 116 unskilled.

Convent Field Janesboro' Housing Scheme.
This scheme for the erection and completion of 65 dwellings is out for tender.

Watergate.
Modified dwelling and layout plans approved by the Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil. Working drawings for Part I of Watergate Scheme in hand Draft layout plans for Watergate Part II under way.

South Hill Housing Scheme (East).
Plans approved by the Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil. Working drawings in preparation.

South Hill Housing Scheme (West).
Layout plans in course of drafting.

Housing Letting—

No. of first lettings	72
Number of houses re-let	7
No. of houses vacant 30/4/65	5

2.—HOUSING MAINTENANCE.

Items of Repair attended to in Month of April, 1965.

Strand Barracks Area	293	Complaints taken	...	417
Garryowen Area ...	193	" "	...	303
Prospect Area ...	250	" "	...	320
Ballynanty Beg Area ...	274	" "	...	310
Janesboro ...	173	" "	...	242
TOTAL	1183			1592

3.—ROADS. —No. of men employed 27. 27 unskilled.
Relief Schemes in progress. No. of men employed 42 ; 3 skilled, 39 unskilled.

4.—SANITARY SERVICE WORKS.

Rosbrien Pumping Station—Awating power connection, Connection to sewer completed.

Clonlara Water Main.
Backfilling completed. Main testing completed. Final connections in progress. No. of men employed—6.

5. PARKS.

No Tree planting during month of April

6.—VETERINARY INSPECTION.

INSPECTION OF PRIVATE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES STALLS, Etc.

	Inspected	Condemned Whole	Partial	Tubercular	%	Other Diseases
Cattle	242	—	28	3	—	—
Calves	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep	1477	—	—	—	—	—
Pigs	7	—	—	—	—	—
Sows	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Visited by Inspector	Weight of Food Condemned Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Private Slaughter-houses ...	110	—	2	3	12
Stalls, Shops, etc.	83	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	193	—	2	3	12

7.—MILK AND DAIRIES ACT : VETERINARY LABORATORY, etc.

Number of Milk Shops Inspected	5
Number of Milk Cars Inspected	2
Total Number of Tests carried out...	39
Number of Reductase Tests	—
" " failures	—
" " Gerber Tests	16
" " failures	2
" " Coliform Tests	—
" " failures	—
" " Plate Counts	16
" " visits to approved Milk Shops	5
" " Cows examined	—
" " Dairy Yards Inspected	—
" " Phosphotase Test	7
" " Phosphotase Test of failures	—

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5.—GAS DEPARTMENT. April, 1965

Make of Gas for month	88299	Therms
Make of Gas same month 1964	91098	Therms
Make of Gas same month 1963	99526	Therms
Sale of Coke for month	371	Tons
Sale of Coke same month last year	457	Tons

	Crude Gallons	Refined t. c q
Sale of Tar for month	91	83 0 0
Sale of Tar for same month last year ...	206	Nil

Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of month—

	Revenue No. 1	£153,175 4 10
do	Revenue No. 2	£7,700 3 5
Credit do	Capital Ac.	£1,109 4 8

Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of same month last year—

	Revenue No. 1	£146,490 0 8
do	Revenue No. 2	£12,888 17 1
do.	Capital Ac.	£206,351 13 0

Number of Men employed at end of month 60
Number of Men employed at end of same month last year 62

6.—PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Statistical Return for Period from March 29th, 1965 to April 27th, 1965.

BOOK STOCK—

Total number of books in stock 27/3/65	26,727
Number of books added during above period	381
Number of books withdrawn	24
Total number of books in stock 27/4/'65	27,084

2. BOOK ISSUES—

	Number	% of Total Issue
Fiction	2800	39.6%
Non-Fiction	2004	28.3%
Reference	259	3.7%
Juvenile	2005	28.4%
TOTAL ...	7068	100%
Average Daily Issue		295

3. BORROWERS—

Tickets in use—Adult Fiction	1449
" " " Adult Non-Fiction	1466
" " " Juvenile	1292
TOTAL ...	4207

Newsroom—Average daily attendance	7
Museum—Total attendance for month	1605
*6. Art Gallery—Total attendance for month	556

*Art Gallery closed from 6th to 14th April for re-hanging of paintings etc., after Exhibition.

TOMAS MAC DIARMADA,
City Manager and Town Clerk

McKerns Printing, Limerick

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COMHAIRLE CATHAIR LUIMNIGHE.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

Ballysimon Road Reconstruction.

A meeting of the above Committee was held at the County Courthouse, Merchant's Quay on Tuesday 27th April, 1965 at 7.30 p.m., the following Members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, the Mayor.

Alderman: S. Coughlan, T.D.

Councillors: F. Glasgow; P. Kiely; V. Feeney; T. Lawlor; F. Leddin; J. P. Liddy; P. O'Sullivan; and M. D. Lipper.

Officers present included the Deputy City Manager, and Town Clerk, and the Assistant Town Clerk.

In accordance with the regulations adopted by the Council for the reception and examination of tenders the following tenders were opened by the Chairman, numbered and initialled by him and delivered to the Deputy City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

	Firm	Amount.
(1)	John Whelan Ltd., Wolfe Tone Street, Limerick.	£22,261. 2. 8.
(2)	P. J. Walls & Brothers (D) Ltd. Glandore Rd. Dublin.	£22,004.11. 4.
(3)	South of Ireland Asphalt Co. Ltd., Victoria Road, Cork.	£17,800. 9. 4.
(4)	Messrs. Roadstone Ltd., Dublin.	£14,538.15. 9.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

The adjourned Quarterly Statutory Meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 27th April, 1965.

Present:

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful Cllr. J. Danagher, N.T., Mayor,

Alderman: S. Coughlan, T.D.,

Councillors: F. Glasgow; P. Kiely; V. Feeney; T. Lawlor; F. Leddin; J.P. Liddy; P. O'Sullivan; M. D. Lipper.

Officers present: Deputy City Manager; Assistant Town Clerk; City Solicitor; City Engineer; Architect; etc.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from: Ald. Russell; Cllrs. Condell; Kiely and the City Manager and Town Clerk.

It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by the Mayor, and unanimously resolved:

"That the congratulations of the Council be conveyed to Mr. D. B. O'Malley, T.D. on his appointment to the Office of Minister for Health".

Other members of the Council associated themselves with the resolution.

STATUTORY BUSINESS.

Local Elections:
It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Cllr. Liddy, and unanimously resolved:

"That pursuant to the provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1927, the local elections for the Council of the Corporation of Limerick be held on Monday 28th June, 1965".

The Council had before them a copy of communication dated 18th March, 1965, from the Department of Local Government, stating that the local elections would not take place in June, and that an order would be made by the Minister fixing a date later in the present year for the elections. The Council also had a report from the Deputy City Manager and Town Clerk drawing attention to the legal position which was that the Local Elections Act 1927 was still in force, and in the circumstances, it appeared necessary for the Council at this Quarterly Meeting to fix a date for the Local Elections as prescribed in the 1927 Act, eventhough it was recognised that it was the intention of the Minister to repeal this Act as soon as possible. The members noted the position.

Item 1:

It was proposed by Cllr. Leddin, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor,

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 9th March, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed".

Town Planning:

In reply to Ald. Coughlan, the Deputy City Manager said the Council had the function of making the development plan for the City. The day-to-day business of dealing with applications for planning permission was dealt with by the City Manager, and copies of the Orders made by the Manager were put before the Council at the monthly meetings. It was intended at future planning meetings to advise the Council of the decisions made in the previous month and also of the particular applications awaiting attention at the end of the previous month.

Scholarships:

The Mayor said that whilst he noted that the Council had approved of the University Scholarship Scheme, and that the Law provided that the amount of money which could be voted for University Scholarships, should not exceed half that provided for Secondary Scholarships, he wished to make the point, that in his view, there should be no connection between funds for both Schemes. He recognised the matter was one for the Sail. He hoped the matter would be raised and that the Minister for Education would re-examine the position. Ald. Coughlan supported. Cllr. Liddy said business concerns and Trade Unions should provide Scholarships for students.

It was proposed by Cllr. Glasgow, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor,

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 23rd March, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted".

Proposed by Cllr. O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved:

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 12th April, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting, be and the same are hereby confirmed".

The Deputy City Manager in reply to Cllr. Leddin, said, that it was not possible for the Corporation to raise a loan, as a temporary expedient, to meet the excess in the Health Demand this year over last year. Some confusion may have arisen in the minds of the members arising from press reports of the action of Cork Corporation in raising a loan. The Deputy City Manager pointed out that this was due to the extension of the Borough Boundary in Cork and the loan was raised to meet a payment which the Corporation would have to make to Cork County Council on the extension of the City Boundary.

Deputation to the Minister for Health:

The Council agreed that the deputation to the Minister for Health, to press the views of the Council that Health should be a National charge, should consist of the Mayor, Ald. Russell; Ald. Carew; Ald. Coughlan; Cllr. Liddy and the City Manager and Town Clerk.

Item 2:

Submitted Financial Statement and Departmental Reports for the month of March, 1965. Noted.

Item 3: Correspondence:

Submitted communication dated 5th March, 1965, from Assistant Commissioner E. A. Reynolds acknowledging the Council's resolution and congratulating him on his promotion to the office of Assistant Commissioner of the Gardai. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 16th March, 1965, from His Eminence Cardinal Conway Archbishop of Armagh, acknowledging the Council's resolution of congratulations and good wishes on his elevation to the cardinalate. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 25th March, 1965, from the Office of Public Works acknowledging the Council's resolution regarding the condition of King John's Castle and stating the matter was receiving attention. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 31st March, 1965, from the Department of Local Government with regard to the Council's resolution regarding the proposed development of lands at Lanahrone, Corbally, Co. Clare, for housing purposes, and stating that the Minister could not formulate any opinion on the proposals for which outline permission had been granted as the matter was not brought before him by way of appeal. The Minister proposed to request Clare County Council to consult Limerick Corporation and the regional planning consultant before granting approval for detailed plans in relation to this development. The Deputy City Manager said the Council will be kept fully advised of developments in relation to this scheme.

uncontrolled on the public streets especially in the Janesboro' area. It was stated by Cllr. O'Sullivan, Ald. Coughlan and Cllr. Glasgow, that the horses were doing considerable damage in this area especially to gardens, fences, etc. Ald. Coughlan said the horses were owned by a person who resided in the area and were deliberately loosed at night in the area. The City Solicitor said the matter was one for the Gardai. The Corporation could not exercise control. Where the Guards found animals on the public streets and knew the ownersthey invariably prosecuted. There was a difficulty in the fact that there was no proper Pound in the City and he felt that the only effective contribution that the Corporation could make was to provide such a Pound. The Council agreed that the Gardai should be notified, of the information given by the members regarding the ownership of the horses.

Derelict Sites:

The Mayor referred to the basement areas in front of houses in John's Square which he said were dangerous and Cllr. Feeney referred to the derelict site at the junction of

Ellen Street and Patrick Street, and also derelcit sties in Nicholas Street and Mary Street. The Deputy City Manager said that a further examination of these sites would be made.

S. D. A. Loans - Arrears:

Ald. Coughlan asked what stage Civil Bill proceedings were instituted for the recovery

of arrears due by borrowers under the S.D.A. Act. The Deputy City Manager said there was no set pattern. Each case was taken and treated individually, matters were not put in the hands of the City Solicitor until after the borrower had received at least one warning notice from the City Accountant's Office. Ald. Coughlan said he had examined the City Manager's Orders on the matter and noted that in some cases the amount due was less than £10. He thought it was not proper that persons owing such small sums should be threatened with legal proceedings. The City Solicitor said that in dealing with the matter those owing large sums were taken first. It rarely happened that proceedings were issued against those owing small sums, usually they paid these sums without obliging the Corporation to have recourse to legal action. Cllr. Feeney and Cllr. Lipper said there should be a minimum sum below which the Corporation would not resort to legal proceedings. Cllr. Liddy said it was a difficult matter to discuss, as each case must be taken on its merits. He always found the Corporation officials dealing with the question of arrears of instalments humane in their approach.

Houses in the Castle Barracks:

Ald. Coughlan said that the old houses in Castle Barracks were in very bad condition. The Corporation should take immediate action to have them cleared when demolished. Cllr. Feeney supported. The Deputy City Manager said that this matter was being borne in mind and a number of dwellings in this area had been cleared and not re-let in recent years. It was the intention of the Corporation to clear the houses and demolish them in due course.

Demolition of Houses subject to Demolition Orders:

Ald. Coughlan said that at the present time the Corporation took steps to take the roof off houses which were subject to Demolition Orders as soon as the occupants left the houses and were provided with alternative accommodation by the Corporation. This resulted in the creation of eye-sores throughout the City. He agreed there was a difficulty in the matter in so far as the Corporation must ensure that houses to be demolished were not re-occupied. However, he suggested that if the doors and windows were blocked up this would have the same effect as taking the roof off. The Deputy City Manager said that the Corporation was obliged to ensure that houses which were subject to Demolition Orders were in fact demolished. The blocking up of doors and windows might suffice in a number of cases but as long as the roof was left on it would be found that some persons might consider the houses habitable. Difficulties had been experienced in the past: persons squatting in houses which were subject to Demolition Orders and for that reason the present procedure had been adopted as the only practicle solution.

Public Lighting:

Cllr. Lipper, supported by Cllr. Lawlor, asked if consideration could be given to the

provision of a second light in Bawnmore Road. The City Engineer said he examined this matter and one light had been recommended by him and approved of by the City Manager, a second was not, in his opinion, warranted. He pointed out that with the development of this area lighting would come in due course.

The Architect in reply to Cllr. Lipper said he had consulted with the residents of portion of the Greenhill/Tankfield Housing Scheme who had complained about not having separate entrances to their dwellinghouses. He had found the residents most courtious but adamant in their approach to the problem. He had asked them to wait until the scheme was completely finished and to give the experiement a trial for six months after that date. He would then be repared to re-examine and if the residents were still not happy with the situation, would make a recommendation to have the matter rectified. Cllr. Lipper said he thought this would satisfy.

Item 5:
It was proposed by Cllr. O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved:
"That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12(1)(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934, to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £5,600 for the purchase of a new refuse collection truck".

Item 6:
Submitted report dated 5th March, 1965, from the City Manager seeking the approval of the City Council to roadworks being carried out with the aid of grants from the Road Fund:

(1) The widening of South Circular Road from Quin Street to Courtbrack Avenue; the estimated cost of this scheme, including land acquisition, was £42,120.

(2) The widening of Courtbrack Avenue;
the estimated cost of this scheme other than for land was estimated at £19,723.

The proposals were on the motion of Cllr.Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, approved by the Council.

Ald. Coughlan referred to the need for road widening in the Farranshone area. The City Engineer said this matter was being examined. Proposals relating to it would come before the Council at a future meeting.

Item 7:
It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. O'Sullivan, and unanimously resolved:

"That we approve of expenditure in the sum of £1,400 in excess of the Estimate 1964/'65 on the Vocational Education Account to enable a superannuation allowance and gratuity to be paid".

Item 8:
Acting as the local Old Age Pensions Committee, the Council, on the motion of Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. O'Sullivan, unanimously approved of the appointment of the City Manager and Town Clerk as Clerk to the Committee for a further period of six months from the 1st April, 1965.

Item 9:
Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper and unanimously resolved:

"That Cllr. W. Brazier be and is hereby appointed a member of the Limerick Health Authority to fill the vacancy on the Limerick Health Authority caused by the termination of the membership of Cllr. Brazier".

Item 10:
Submitted communication from the Minister for Local Government regarding Road Safety Campaign to be carried out at the end of May. The Asst. Town Clerk said arrangements would be made to re-convene the Committee which organised the Road Safety Campaign before Christmas. The Campaign proposed would be primarily directed to the dangers of excessive speed and the safety of children during the summer holidays. Noted.

Item 11:
Closing of Island Bank Baths:

It was decided to defer further consideration of this matter to the General Purposes Committee meeting.

Item 12:

Submitted copies of resolutions forwarded by other Local Authorities. same were marked 'read'.

Item 13:

The Council agreed that any Monday at 4.30 p.m. would be a suitable time for a meeting for the proposed conference with other Local Authorities regarding itinerants.

Item 14:
New Works:

There was no report on new works.

Item 15:
Proposed by Cl r. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lipper, and unanimously resolved:

"That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing:

Baker's Lands, Rosbrien - Corporation & E.S.B.:
Conveyance of additional plot at Rosbrien.

Undertaking re Loan £200,000 - making of loans under Section 11 of Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.

S. D. TRANSFERS:

Assignment:
Meagher to Gilligan.
Donoghue to O'Neill, 14, Greenfields, Rosbrien.

Release and Memorial:
David H. Lindsay, North Circular Road.

Form of Discharge:
Miss Helen Barry (Now Mrs. O'Dwyer) Folio 1811 Co. Limerick.

S. D. ADVANCES:

Mortgages:

David Harrington,	St. Patrick's Road,
Anthony Conway,	St. Patrick's Road,
John Brown,	St. Patrick's Road,
Anthony O'Grady,	Clareview Estate,
Timothy Leddin,	Eden Terrace,
Patrick Carey,	Park,
Edmond Ginivan,	Park,
James Cunneen,	Coolraine,
Thomas Healy,	Clareview Estate,
Philbert O'Sullivan,	Coolraine,
Brian Gaule,	Coolraine,
Joseph P. Hanrahan,	Coolraine,
James O'Gorman,	Clareview,
Samuel F. Shier,	Park,
William Mannix	Park.

Release:
Thomas Kinirons, Corbally.

Original Mortgage with Release endorsed thereon, also Memorial:
9, Ashbourne Park - File 95c.

DEMOLITION ORDERS: 50, Sexton Street North,
52, " " "
54, " " "
51, " " "
53, " " "
56, " " "
57, " " "
1, Back Davis Street,
4, Little Davis Street,
6, Little Back Davis Street,
3, Back Davis Street,
3, Spellacy Square,
3, Middle Row, Vizes Fields,
18, Middle Row, Vizes Fields,
2, Trousdell Range, Vizes Fields,
1, Reeves Path,
6, New Road, Pennywell,
14, Naughtons Lane,
27, Sir Harry's Mall,
3, Little Ellen Street.

Limerick Corporation 3½% Redeemable Stock 1956/'72:
Certificates No. 1859 - Timothy Mulcahy,
1860 - Rubicon Holdings,
1861 - Mrs. Elizabeth Gallivan.

Undertaking re Loan £590,400 - Bullfield Housing Scheme:

Tenant Purchase Schemes:

KILLALEE: Lease and Mortgage:
Albert Kearsley,
Richard McNamara, 10, Downey Street,
James O'Shaughnessy, 35, Downey Street.

O'DWYER VILLAS: Lease and Mortgages:
William Logan, 79, O'Dwyer Villas,
John McDonagh, 23, O'Dwyer Villas,
Maurice Hartery,
Mrs. Mary O'Grady, 44, O'Dwyer Villas.

William Cussen, 4, Greenfields, North Circular Road:
Transfer to John Reville, Discharge. F. 17.

Form of Undertaking re Loan £30,000 - making of Grants under Section 12 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.

Form of Undertaking re Loan £25,000 - making of Grants under Section 8 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.

Mortgage: Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Limerick to Trustees of Royal Liver Friendly Society - to secure the sum of £20,000.

Street Traders' Stall Licence:
F. X. King, 9, Old Thomondgate.

Item 16:
See Tenders Minute.

Item 17:
Ald. Coughlan, raised the question of the arrangements for the reception to Mr. D. B. O'Malley, Minister for Health, for which the Mayor had sent an invitation to the Council to take part in the reception. This invitation had issued on the day of the reception and was received by members of the Council at a late hour. He absolved the Mayor from any responsibility in connection with the matter as the Mayor did not

receive the invitation until a late hour. He suggested to the Mayor that any last minute invitations should be ignored. Cl r. Lipper said he was not present at the ceremonies as he was out of town but he would like it to be understood that his absence did not in any way relect on the Minister for whom he had the highese personal regard. Clir. Liddy said, on behalf of the organisers of the reception, that it was regretted that invitations to the Council to anticipate were left so late. The fact that some members were unable to be present was understood.

Congratulations to Limerick Soccer Team:

The Mayor proposed that the congratulations of the Limerick City Council be conveyed tothe Limerick Soccer Team on their achievement in reaching the F.A.I. Cup final and wished them every succes in the competition.

Condolence:

Proposed by the Mayor and unanimously resolved:

"That the sympathy and condolence be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. Hall of Flood Street who had died as a result of an accident".

A true copy.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

FINANCIAL POSITION ON THE LAST DAY OF APRIL, 1965.

MUNICIPAL FUND

1. EXPENDITURE

	Current Year	Last Year
From 1st April to 30th April	£73101.	£53609.

2. RECEIPTS

	RATES		RENTS		ALL OTHER SOURCES		TOTAL	
	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year
From 1st April to 30th April.	£3719.	£4305.	£20148.	£20075.	£25553.	£21860	£49420.	£46240.

3. RATE COLLECTION

	Current Year	Last Year
Arrears at 31st March	£32978.	£30314.
Collected during month of April.	£3719.	£4305.
Balance outstanding at 30th April..	£29259.	£26009.

Transferred to Rate Mortgage A/c	to 30/4/1965	£15295	to 30/4/1964	£15295.
Paid " " " "	to 30/4/1965	£458	to 30/4/1964	£446.

4. HOUSING RENTS

	31/3/1965	30/4/1965	30/4/1964.
Arrears	£4251.	£5265.	£5152.

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5. SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS :	31/3/1965	30/4/1965	30/4/1964.
Arrears of Instalments due by Borrowers	£4820	£4757	£5780

6. WATER CHARGES:	Current Year	Last Year
Arrears due on 31st March	£261	£260
Debited for Collection during month of April	£2700	£2600
Total for Collection	£2961	£2860
Collected and lodged during month of April	£176	£111
Balance outstanding at end of April.	£2785.	£2749.

7. REVENUE ACCOUNT :	Current Year	Last Year
Amount due to Bank as per Bank pass Book at end of April	£171628.	£108149.
Paying Orders issued but not cashed at end of April	£49925.	£22634.
TOTAL DEBIT BALANCE	£221553.	£130783.

8. CAPITAL ACCOUNT :	Current Year	Last Year
Amount due to Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of April	£550279.	£108087.

9. GAS ACCOUNT :	Current Year	Last Year
Amount due per Bank Pass Book No. 1 Revenue A/c to end of April	£153175.	£146490.
" " " " " " " 2 Do April	7700.	12889.
" " " " " " " CAPITAL A/C April	1109. CR.	56352. DR.

In pursuance of Section 16 (2) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934, I have caused to be prepared by the City Accountant the foregoing statement of the financial position of the Corporation of Limerick on the last day of April, 1965, with the corresponding figures for the same month and period last year.

TOMAS MAC DIARMADA,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

DATE 7th May, 1965.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Housing Dept.,
Town Hall.

7th May, '65.

A meeting of the Street Naming Sub-Committee was held in the Mayor's Office, Town Hall on the 6th May, 1965 at 5. p.m.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE:

His Right Worshipful, the Mayor, Councillor J. Danagher.
Councillors F. Glasgow and P. O'Sullivan.
The Housing Officer was also in attendance.

It was decided to submit the following recommendations for the approval of the Council re the Ballfield Housing Scheme.

1. Name of entire scheme - Kennedy Park.

2. Names of three roadways:

(a) Roadway leading from entrance to scheme adjoining Block A1. to extreme of site, adjoining Block A17. - Galvone Road.

(b) Roadway running from Block G1. to Block L6.-Rathuard Road.

(c) Roadway running from Block L6. to entrance to site adjoining Church property - Bawnmore Road.

3. Names of 9 Squares (or units):

Unit B. Linden Court.
" C. Cedar "
" D. Rowin "
" E. Maple "
" F. Chestnut "
" G. Willow "
" H. Hawthorn "
" J. Larch "
" L. Walnut "

4. Bi-lingual name plates to be erected.

5. Each dwelling to be numbered on the front door and on the rere entrance gate.

6. Layout Map of scheme, showing the naming and numbering to be displayed at each entrance to the scheme.

7. Layout Map showing numbering to be displayed on a suitable gable of each unit.

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Greystones Housing Estate.

It was decided to recommend to the Council the names of Streets in Greystones as follows:

Avondale Drive,
Oakland Drive,
Hillcrest Drive,
Park View Drive,
Birchwood Drive.

These Street Names are as recommended by the Residents Association with the exception of Birchwood Drive in substitution for Beechwood Drive.

K. Quilligan.
Secretary to Committee.

TO the Mayor and to Each Member of the City Council.

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LIMERICK CORPORATION

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

7th May, 1965.

SPEED LIMITS.

The Minister for Local Government has made Regulations entitled 'Road Traffic (Speed Limits)(Amendment) Regulations, 1965'. These Regulations amend the Speed Limit Regulations 1963. The following changes affect Limerick City:

TIPPERARY ROAD: The 30 mile an hour speed limit will terminate at a point 65 yards north west of the junction with St. Patrick's Road.
There will be a 40 mile an hour speed limit from a point 65 yards to the west of the junction with St. Patrick's Road and a point 700 yards west of the Borough Boundary.

ENNIS ROAD: The 30 mile an hour speed limit on the Limerick/Ennis Road will extend to a point 65 yards north west of the junction with Rose's Avenue.
There will be a 40 mile an hour speed limit between a point 65 yards north west of the junction with Rose's Avenue to the Borough Boundary and beyond the Borough Boundary to a point 15 yards south east to the junction with Moylish Road.

DUBLIN ROAD: The 30 mile an hour speed limit on the Dublin Road will extend to a point 130 yards west of the junction with Lelia Street.
There will be a 40 mile an hour speed limit from the point 130 yards west of the junction with Lelia Street to the Borough Boundary.

BALLINACURRA ROAD: The 30 mile an hour speed limit on the Ballinacurra Road will extend to a point 200 yards south west of Punches Cross.
There will be a 40 mile an hour speed limit from a point 200 yards south west of Punches Cross to the Borough Boundary and beyond the Borough Boundary to a point 50 yards south west to the junction with Mungret Road.

The Regulations come into operation on the 1st June 1965, and arrangements are being made to have the speed limit signs erected or altered as the case may be.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

To/ His Worship the Mayor
and each member of the Limerick City Council.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Planning Committee (whole-house) of the Limerick City Council was held on Tuesday, 4th May, 1965, in the County Courthouse, (by kind permission of the County Registrar) at 7.30 p.m. the following Members being present.

In the Chair : Right Worshipful Councillor J. Danagher, Mayor.

Aldermen : S. Coughlan, T.D.

Councillors : W. Brazier; V. Feeney; F. Glasgow; P. Kelly; P. Kiely; T. Lawlor; F. Leddin; M.D. Lipper; P. O'Sullivan:

Officers Present: City Manager and Town Clerk; City Accountant; City Solicitor; Mr. Greene, Acting City Engineer; Mr. T. McNamara, Chief Planning Officer; Mr. K. Quilligan, Housing Officer and Mr. J. Costelloe, Staff Officer:

BUSINESS

1. The Mayor proposed that Item No. 3 on the Agenda be taken for first discussion in view of the attendance of the three Deputations to discuss the question of System Building in the light of the Corporation's Housing programme. He extended a welcome to the representatives. He knew they were as perturbed as the Corporation on the question of the current shortage of houses. As far as Limerick was concerned, a target of 200 houses per year had been set but the Council felt that this figure must be considerably increased and in this connection concrete proposals were wanted. The building operatives in Limerick had done a very good job and he felt personally that the housing figure could be increased by traditional methods. He then sought the view of the Deputations.

Mr. Vincent Moran, I.T.G.W.U. in a prepared statement said that is Union representing semi-skilled and unskilled workers in the building industry re-affirmed its adherence to the principles of increased productivity, as long as there was security of employment. He outlined a number of methods to formulate a policy to guarantee full employment in this industry.

Mr. Kemmy, Limerick Building Trades Group, in a prepared statement said the Limerick Building Trades Group was not opposed to System Building but were concerned on its impact on building workers in this area. A decision of the Minister was clearly called for setting out the proposals for system building for Local Authorities. When these proposals for System Building were available the Group would welcome an early meeting between the Minister for Local Government; Officials of the National Building Agency; The Corporation; The Builders Federation and the Trades Group to help reach a decision on future housebuilding policy in this area.

Mr. J. Whelan, Chairman, Builders Federation gave his views as follows :

The whole matter was best taken on a co-operative basis and accordingly a Meeting with the Corporation officials was desirable. At that Meeting the Corporation could formulate its requirements in terms of the number of houses, the time factor and location of available sites. He had no definite ideas on System Building and while they did not disagree they had certain reservations. This type of building was very popular in England some time ago and about 400 systems had been in operation. There are now only about 60 systems. They were also aware that London County Council's annual figure of 30,000 houses built contains only about 1% System Built houses. These figures clearly pointed out that the traditional systems were again re-introduced as people discovered they were cheaper and just as fast.

The Mayor thanked the speakers and called on the Council Members for their views :

Alderman Coughlan said the occasion was a memorable one from the point of view that representatives of management and employees could come together with the Corporation to discuss amicably the progress and future of the City. He personally was opposed to System Building and he was glad to see others sharing this view. System Building would wipe out the old traditional trades and his Party was naturally opposed to this. He referred to delays in sanctions from the Department to the Corporation Housing Schemes and said that this factor and also lack of planning had been adverse factors in the housing programme. System Building was not the answer but he was glad to see they were all facing up to the problem and a future combination of ideas including a future meeting with officers of the Corporation would considerably help progress. Limerick County Council were also interested and there would be some immediate progress on the Fairgreen question.

Councillor V. Fenney apologised for Councillor Liddy's absence. He thanked the Deputation and said they had put the case very clearly. System Building he thought was not feasible or necessary. It was too stereotyped. The builders could supply the demand by the old method if guarantees were given. The Minister could not be blamed for present Housing shortage but planning at local level could be improved. He had no doubt if there was continuity in building traditional methods would cater for demand.

Councillor Lawlor stated System Building would defeat its own ends and said it would have an adverse effect on Local Labour by the importation of outside labour.

Councillor P. Kelly congratulated the speakers and said they should avail of the proposal for a meeting with the Minister and the National Building Agency - the Meeting to be representative of all Groups.

Councillor Leddin also congratulated the speakers and said the new system of building should be investigated in the interest of progress but there should be no danger to employment or standard of building.

The City Manager joined with the Mayor and Members in thanking the deputation for their helpful remarks. The Members were all aware of the problem. In recent years a programme had evolved showing 1,350 houses as an immediate housing objective of the Corporation. Off these approximately 500 were nearly completed. There were now indications that a re-assessment of the whole housing position should be carried out, and accordingly an immediate examination would be made and a report submitted in due course. In the light of this, an extension of the current programme would be made or if necessary a complete second programme formulated. Formerly the programmes were based on need but now there were other factors. The City population was changing upwards and the number of persons per house was falling. The new programme would have to be related to the Regional Planning survey which should be completed within the next nine to ten months. The Manager then stated they would have to be realistic in their approach to System Building. There were adaptations in the industry of which they would have to take notice. His interest was if there was any movement of National importance they should be fully alive to it.
He welcomed the suggestion that further discussions should take place and he undertook to contact all parties.

Finally the Manager gave details of progress of the present housing programme, for which he stated there was sufficient land to complete. Further investigations were being made for the acquisition of additional land.

The Mayor in conclusion thanked the Deputations and said it was good to know that they could call on them at any time for their help and advice. He commented on the prevailing harmony between all parties in their efforts to create their future city.

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1. (a) Consideration of report from City Engineer on amenities (open spaces) Section 19 (3) Third Schedule Part IV Amenities.

Councillor Glasgow enquired regarding the cost. The City Manager explained that the intention of putting this report before them was to get approval for its insertion in the plan for the city.

Alderman Coughlan enquired as to the function of the Council in the whole field of Town Planning and in relation to decisions regarding applications for permission. The City Manager explained the legal position in the matter that the formulation of the Development plan was a matter in which the City Council would exercise their reserved power and this plan would influence decisions on individual Planning applications which would be made by the City Manager.

Councillor Lipper enquired as to what an Outline Permission was and was informed by the Manager.

Councillor Leddin queried a decision by the Manager to grant a Permission for a sign and a decison to refuse Permission for another sign in the list of Planning decisions, taken during the Month of April, 1965. The Chief Planning Assistant, Mr. T. McNamara, explained the circumstances in each case.

Councillor Leddin stated that in addition to the list of decisions taken each month the relevant Manager's Orders should also be submitted at each Meeting. The Manager undertook to do this.

The Council then went on to examine the contents of the report and on the proposition of Councillor Glasgow seconded by Councillor Lawlor this report was adopted.

1. (b) General Clauses for inclusion in the Development Plan Section 19 (3) - Third Schedule - Part II.

This was considered and agreed.

Alderman Coughlan commented on schemes formerly approved by Corporation which were open to criticism because of density etc..

The Mayor stated the advice of the Council would be of big help because of their local knowledge.

The City Manager stated that before a decision was taken in any case the proposal was subjected to a very critical and exhaustive examination and the members could feel sure their general policy was being implemented.

1. (c) Progress report on preparation of Development Plan and Provisional Development Plan.

This was considered by the Members. Alderman Coughlan referred to the report on places of historic interest and queried as to what its provisions were in relation to King John's Castle. He stated that a caretaker had been employed there at a very low wage, but at the present time there was nobody caretaking or showing the visitors around. The caretaker had been a very courteous man and took a deep interest in the Castle. There were no sanitary conveniences and he had received complaints from people in the adjoining area of tourists calling to their houses for toilet facilities.

The City Manager informed the Council that the Castle was in charge of the Board of Works. The question of sanitary arrangements would have to be considered by the Corporation and he would expedite a report. Alderman Coughlan requested this report for the next Meeting.

The Mayor referred to other historic monuments in Limerick which he said were badly neglected.

Councillor Feeney also spoke on King John's Castle and he said he hoped the Manager would look into the position.

Alderman Coughlan raised a question re condition of Widows Alms House which needed very urgent repairs and the Manager undertook to look into the matter.

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T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager & Town Clerk.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

A monthly meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse on Tuesday, 11th May, 1965.

ROLL CALL

The Roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members answered :

In the Chair : Right Worshipful Cllr. J. Danagher, N.T., Mayor.

Alderman : J. Carew.

Councillors : P. Kelly, J. P. Liddy, P. Kiely, F. Leddin, M. Lipper, J. Kirby, V. Feeney, P. O'Sullivan, and T. Lawlor.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Ald. G. E. Russell, Ald. S. Coughlan, T.D., Mrs. F. Condell.

Officers present : City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Accountant ; City Solicitor ; City Engineer ; Mr. Lynch, Asst. City Engineer ; Mr. Costelloe, Staff Officer ; Mr. Fitzpatrick, Staff Officer, etc.

MAKING OF RATE :

It was proposed by Cllr. Leddin, seconded by Ald. Carew, and unanimously resolved : " That we the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Limerick acting by the Limerick City Council pursuant to the provisions of the Limerick City Management Acts 1934/1955 do now make the Municipal Rate for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1966, of 70/6d. in the £—same to be collected in two equal Moieties, one Moiety for each half year by means of one Demand Note on which shall be stated that the second Moiety shall not be payable before the 30th of September, 1965."

The Rate Warrants and Rate Books were sealed and signed.

At the conclusion of the above business the ordinary monthly meeting of the City Council was held.

ITEM 1 :

It was proposed by Cllr. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and resolved : " That the minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on the 27th April, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated be and the same are hereby confirmed."

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES : Derelict Sites :

Cllr. Feeney and Cllr. Liddy referred to Derelict Sites at the junction of Ellen Street and Patrick Street and also Derelict Sites at Nicholas Street. The Assistant Town Clerk said the Corporation had planning proposals under consideration in respect of both sites. However, steps would be taken to bring to the notice of the owners the condition of the sites and to have them put in a proper state. The Mayor referred to the basements in St. John's Square which he said were dangerous to the public.

Corporation Lands in the Rathbane Area :

Cllr. Lipper referred to the fact that horses were allowed to wander freely over the Corporation lands in the Rathbane area. The City Manager said the difficulty was the fencing of the lands. The question arose whether it would be economical for the Corporation to undertake the extensive fencing required in order to prevent such trespass, or whether in view of the immediate development of the lands things should be left as they are. Cllr. Lawlor said that leaving the lands as they are was an encouragement to people to trespass on it. The Council generally indicated that there should be a charge for persons grazing these lands and that the Corporation should take whatever steps were necessary to see that free grazing was not allowed to any person.

Planning Committee :

It was proposed by Cllr. Lipper, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 4th May, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

The Council decided to defer the minutes to the next meeting of the Planning Committee for consideration.

ITEM 3 :

It was proposed by Cllr. Lipper, seconded by Cllr. Kiely : " That the minutes of the meeting of the Tenders Committee held on the 27th April, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

ITEM 4—CORRESPONDENCE :

Submitted communication dated 6th May, from the Department of Local Government stating that the scheme for the re-surfacing of Lower Shannon Street was in order and the scheme was approved subject to the usual conditions. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 6th May, 1965, from the Chief Superintendent of the Gardai acknowledging the Council's representations with regard to wandering horses in the Janesboro'/Rathbane area, and stating that the matter is receiving attention. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 30th April, 1965, from the Secretary of Clare County Council referring to the proposed housing development at Lanahrone, Corbally, Co. Clare, and stating that from an examination of the plans and documents submitted with an application for an outline permission it would appear that water supply of approximately 50,000 gallons per day would be required. The Clare County Council had under consideration a proposal for a regional water scheme to serve the area generally but it would take considerable time before this scheme would be completed. Pending completion of this scheme the Council wished to obtain a temporary water supply from the Limerick Corporation. The Council was prepared to pay the Corporation for the water on a metered or any other basis that may be agreed on. The City Manager said the City Engineer had been asked to say if a water supply of the quantity required could be made available and for how long the Corporation could guarantee this supply. The Clare County Council had been informed that the Corporation had the matter under consideration, and also that the Corporation was concerned with the

arrangements for the treatment and disposal of sewerage from the scheme and wished to have details of the sewage disposal plans as soon as possible. The Council noted the position.

Submitted communication dated the 7th May, 1965, from the Secretary of the Limerick County Council stating that the Council has appointed representatives to discuss the question of the sale of the Fairgreen with representatives of the Corporation. The Council were asked to name a suitable date for the meeting. The Council noted that a Committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor ; Ald. Carew, Ald. Coughlan, Ald. Russell and Cllr. Liddy had been appointed at the December meeting. With regard to the date the members indicated that any Monday afternoon in June at 4.30 o'clock p.m. would be suitable.

ITEM 5 :

Submitted Financial Statement and Departmental Reports for the month of April, 1965. Noted.

ITEM 6—HOUSING :

Cllr. Kiely said that no coal sheds had been provided in the bungalows in the St. John's Housing Scheme. The Architect said that storage space was provided in the houses and an area outside the houses where fuel could be stored in the open. The Architect said that the cost of providing the fuel sheds would be £70 per bungalow. Cllr. Liddy, Cllr. Lipper and Cllr. Feeney said that the question should be considered before the bungalows were completed. The Council generally were of opinion that an outside shed should be provided for the storage of fuel. The Architect said that he would examine the matter and would report back.

Erection of T.V. Aerials :

Cllr. Lawlor said that T.V. erectors were responsible for damage to the roofs of the Corporation houses in some schemes. He suggested that the matter should be taken up with the T.V. companies. The Housing Officer said that it had come to the notice of the Corporation in recent times that some T.V. erectors were fitting aerials to chimneys without using roof ladders. The matter had been taken up with the companies.

Watergate :

In reply to the Mayor, the Architect said that the working drawings for Watergate Part I were under way. He thought that the Corporation should be ready to go to tender for this scheme in about two months.

Roads :

Cllr. Liddy said the wall bounding the footpath near Punches Cross had been demolished and there is a steep drop from the path to the adjoining property. The position was dangerous. A wall also collapsed on to the footpath at Ennis Road and had not been repaired. There was also a partially demolished wall joining the E.S.B. premises at O'Curry Street causing a very steep drop on to the adjoining property. He asked that all these matters be attended to. The City Engineer said that the property owners were responsible to repair the walls. The Corporation would examine and if there was a danger to the public notices would be served.

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Flooding in Lelia Street :

Cllr. Lipper referred to extensive flooding in Lelia Street/Clare Street area. He asked if the Corporation could give any guarantee that this would not occur again. In his opinion the sewerage pump located underground in Clare Street should be taken overground and re-located. He asked if the Corporation was considering the payment of compensation to people whose property had been damaged as a result of the flooding. The Fire Brigade which assisted with pumping operation had done excellent work. He would like, however, a definition of the Brigade men's duties in regard to this type of work.

The City Engineer said the cause of flooding was a break-down in the pumping plant. The pumps themselves had not gone out of operation but the pennstock had broken down. He agreed the situation of the pumps was not the best, but pointed out that the houses in this area which had been flooded were under the flood level of the river. He was examining the whole situation at the moment and the question of situating the pump in a different position would be considered. The Corporation would try to ensure that what had happened would not occur again.

The City Manager said that this was not the first time that flooding had occurred in this area. On the last occasion what was decided was to give assistance to have the houses which were flooded dried out. The assistance was given by an allocation of fuel. The recent flooding referred to by Cllr. Lipper was in a different category, in so far as it was due to a break-down in plant operated by the Corporation. A survey of the extent of the damage caused by the flooding had been made but he was not prepared at this stage to say anything about the liability of the Corporation. Each case where damages occurred would be considered on its merits. Following this examination the Corporation would determine the liability, and if compensation should be paid, the amount of such compensation. With regard to the operations of the Fire Brigade the Manager said that the Brigade was required to deal with emergencies and flooding would come within the scope of their operations.

Bullfield Housing Scheme :

Cllr. Leddin said some complaints had been received by members of the Council about the noise level in the Bullfield Housing Scheme which arose from the adjoining C.I.E. locomotive works. There were also complaints about the cleansing of the area, as apparently no collection had been made since the houses had been occupied. Cllr. Lipper said that he was aware of complaints about noise from the C.I.E. works causing a nuisance to residents in the Bullfield Housing Scheme. However, he could assure the Council that the C.I.E. workers concerned were doing what they could to minimise this nuisance. In time the people would get used to this noise and learn to live with it.

Cleansing :

Cllr. Leddin said it seems the time was appropriate for a cleansing drive of the city. He asked that consideration might be given to the acquisition by the Corporation of a sweeper. The roads in the central city areas on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings were invariably littered with refuse. The Mayor said that an anti-litter campaign should

to the naming of the Bullfield Housing Scheme as " Kennedy Park ": the naming of the streets in this scheme as set out in the report and also with regard to the naming of a number of streets in the Greystones Housing Estate."

Cllr. Leddin arising from the foregoing asked that the Street Naming Committee might consider naming a future Scheme after the late Mr. Michael Keyes a member of the Council for a long number of years, a member of Dail Eireann and former Minister of State. The Mayor, Cllr. Liddy and other members of the Council said that this would have the complete approval of the City Council and that an appropriate scheme would be named after the late Mr. Keyes.

ITEM 10 :

Submitted report on the revised speed limit regulations as they affect Limerick City. Copy of the report was circulated to the members prior to the meeting, and included in the official minute. Cllr. Liddy said he objected to the 30 mile an hour speed limit on the Ennis Road being brought inside the Borough Boundary. He also objected to the 30 mile an hour speed limit being brought nearer the City on the Ballinacurra Road. Ald. Carew agreed, especially in regard to the Ballinacurra Road. The Assistant Town Clerk said the Minister had consulted with the Council on this matter. The Council had made representations to the Minister already with regard to the Ennis Road and notwithstanding this the Minister had made the regulations which would come into operation on the 1st June. The Council asked that further representations be made to the Minister.

Parking :

Cllr. Leddin said that the alternative day parking in Sarsfield Street was causing inconvenience to motorists especially now that the on-the-spot fines had been introduced by the Gardai. He suggested that where alternative-day parking was in operation instead of using the term 'odd and even days' the day of the week should be chosen such as Monday, Wednesday and Friday on one side, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday on the other. He also asked the Council to support him in appealing to the Chief Superintendent of the Gardai to relax the on-the-spot parking fines. Cllr. Kirby referred to the present parking arrangements in Denmark St. Upper and asked that these be examined in connection with the revision of the Parking Bye-Laws. The Assistant Town Clerk said that the revision of the Parking Bye-Laws was being made at the present time. The Gardai had the matter under consideration and the Street Traffic Study Committee was in consultation with the Gardai in the matter. The matters raised by Cllr. Leddin and Cllr. Kirby would be brought to the notice of the Gardai and the Committee. Cllr. Feeney proposed " that street markings (white lines) be put down at the main junctions of the City to guide traffic into proper lanes." Cllr. O'Sullivan seconded. The Assistant Town Clerk said that this matter had already been agreed by the Council and the Council was awaiting the request of the Chief Superintendent of the Gardai to have these markings put down.

ITEM 11 :

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously

be got under way. The schools might be encouraged to educate children in the need to keep the city streets free from debris. Cllr. Feeney supported. The City Manager said the time was appropriate to start such a campaign. The Corporation would take it in hands.

Vacant site at the rear of the Verona Esplanade :

Cllr. Feeney asked if the Corporation might consider acquiring this site for use as an open space. The Assistant Town Clerk said that a planning permission had been given some years ago for the erection of 8 houses on this site. The City Manager said that the matter was one which might be considered at the next meeting of the planning committee. Agreed.

Castle Barracks :

In reply to Cllr. Feeney, the Housing Officer gave details of the number of families in residence in the flats in Castle Barracks. He stated that the Corporation would consider re-housing the families as soon as suitable accommodation became available. Cllr. Feeney referred to the fact that a Boys' Club and a voluntary society were housed in one of the flats at the present time. In the event of the flats being demolished he asked if the Corporation would endeavour to secure alternative accommodation for these organisations. The City Manager said the Corporation's powers were limited in this regard. At the moment he saw no reason for disturbing the Clubs.

ITEM 7 :

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of overdraft on the Municipal Fund Revenue Account of an additional sum of £100,000 up to the 30th June, 1965."

ITEM 8 :

Proposed by Cllr. J. P. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. F. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That we approve of the sale of land consisting of 2.11 acres at Kileely Road, Limerick, to Mr. L. P. Cusack, Grimsby Fish Stores, Bedford Row, Limerick, by way of a lease at a nominal rent in consideration of a fine at the rate of £600 per acre, and subject otherwise to the terms and conditions set out in the notice which was sent to each member of the City Council pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946."

Proposed by Cllr. J. P. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. F. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That we approve of the sale of land consisting of 3 rds. 34 sq. perches and 17 sq. yards at Mungret Street, Limerick, to Messrs. Musgrave Brothers Ltd., Cork, by way of a lease at a nominal rent in consideration of a fine at the rate of £5,000 per acre, and subject otherwise to the terms and conditions set out in the notice which was sent to each member of the City Council pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946."

ITEM 9 :

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That having considered the report of the Street Naming Committee we hereby adopt the recommendations submitted with regard

resolved : " That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing :

S.D. Advances—Mortgages : Stephen O'Shea, Park ; Maurice O'Halloran, Lansdowne Park ; P. J. Davis, Park ; C. Pickford, Peter Street ; Martin Byrne, ngland ; John O'Connor, Singland ; William Paul Hartley, Coolraine ; Cornelius Higgins, Singland ; William Horrigan, Singland.

S.D. Transfers—Form of Release and Memorial : John B. McMullan and Anor., 55 Greenfields.

Tenant Purchase Scheme : O'Dwyer Villas—Lease/Mortgage : Michael McKeon ; Stephen George Simmonds, 5 O'Dwyer Villas. **Rossa Avenue—Lease/Mortgage :** James Jackman, 42 Rossa Avenue ; John O'Connell, 10 Rossa Avenue. **Downey Street—Lease/Mortgage :** John Ryan, 3 Downey Street, Kilalee ; Robert Daly, 12 Downey Street, Killalee.

T. A. McCarthy to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Limerick —Conveyance and Assignment—No. 3 Charlotte Quay.

ITEM 12—New Works :
No new works.

ITEM 13—Tenders :
See Tender's Minute.

ITEM 14 :
Proposed by Cllr. Lipper, seconded by Cllr. Kelly, and unanimously resolved : " That the congratulations of the Council be conveyed to the Condensed Milk Co. of Ireland Ltd. on their securing first prize at the Dublin Spring Show in the cheese section."

CONDOLENCE :
Proposed by His Worship the Mayor, and unanimously resolved : " That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the Purcell family of 26 Kilmurry Road."

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy and unanimously resolved : " That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the Ryan family on their recent bereavement."

Proposed by Cllr. Lawlor and unanimously resolved : " That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to John O'Donnell of St. Joseph's Terrace on the death of his son."

A True Record.

TOMAS MacDIARMADA,
City Manager & Town Clerk.

Confirmed in Council this
8th day of June 1955

Chairman.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Oifig Cleirigh na Cathrach,
Árus na Cathrach,
LUIMNEACH.

4th June, 1965.

NOTICE is hereby given that a monthly Meeting of the Limerick City Council will be held in the County Courthouse, Merchant's Quay, (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday 8th June, 1965, to dispose of the following business:

1. Having regard to Circular F.236/2 dated 20th May, 1965 from the Department of Local Government to fix a day not earlier than the 23rd June and not later than 1st July, 1965 for the holding of the fourth quarterly statutory Meeting and the Mayoral Election.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 11th May, 1965.

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 25th May, 1965.

4. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tenders Committee held on the 11th May, 1965.

5. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 1st June, 1965.

6. To read general correspondence.

7. To consider monthly financial statement and departmental report for the month of May, 1965.

8. Housing: To consider circular letter N.1/65 of 24th May, 1965 from the Department of Local Government. (Note: The Council has agreed to hold a special Housing Meeting on the 15th June, 1965).

9. To authorise borrowing as follows :
(a) by way of overdraft to 30/9/1965.

Revenue		£300,000.
Capital		
	Housing	£146,000.
	Sanitary	8,500.
	Others	11,000.
Gas:		
	Revenue 1	£16,000.
	Revenue 2	9,000.
	Capital	10,000.
	Plan Main-laying.	10,000.

10. To consider report from City Manager on the financial structure of the Gas undertaking. (copy report herewith).

11. To approve of increase in remuneration of a grade of employee with the Corporation in accordance with Labour Court recommendation. (copy report herewith).

12. To consider report of Meeting of Joint Local Authority Committee re Itinerants. (copy report herewith).

13. To consider Circular letter L.8/65 dated 1st June 1965 from the Department of Local Government, re Swimming Pool. (copy herewith).

14. To consider report on Childrens Playground at Garryglass Avenue. (copy report herewith).

15. To receive new works (if any).

16. To authorise the affixing of the Corporate Seal to documents present.

17. To consider any matter that may be legally dealt with at this Meeting.

Your attendance at this Meeting is requested.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
CITY MANAGER & TOWN CLERK.

TO/ Each Member of the City Council :

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the General Purposes of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar), on Tuesday 25th May, 1965, at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members were present:

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful Cllr. J. Danagher, N.T. Mayor,

Aldermen: S. Coughlan, T.D.;

Councillors: Mrs. F. Condell; V. Feeney; J. P. Liddy; P. Kiely; T. Lawlor; F. Glasgow; P. O'Sullivan; J. Kirby;

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Ald. Russell and Ald. Carew.

Officers present included: City Manager and Town Clerk; City Engineer; City Accountant; Assistant Town Clerk; Housing Officer; Chief Planning Officer; City Solicitor.

Postponement of Local Elections:

Submitted communication dated 20th May, 1965, from the Department of Local Government stating that the Elections of members of Local Authorities would not take place in 1965, and that proposals for legislation to give statutory effect to the postponement would be submitted shortly to the Oireachtais for approval. The communication stated that each local Authority should arrange forthwith for the holding of an annual or quarterly meeting during the period from the 23rd June to the 1st July next, inclusive. The City Manager said the matter would appear on the Agenda for the June meeting. Noted.

Swimming Pool:

Submitted communication from the Greystones and district Residents Association referring to the Corporation's proposal for a municipal indoor swimming pool and suggesting that the Corporation might consider in lieu of this a number of regional pools and applying for such a pool in the Mayorstone area. The Assistant Town Clerk said the position was that the Department of Local Government had asked for a soil survey on the site for the proposed pool, consultant advice had been obtained and tenders received for the carrying out of the survey. The matter is at present under consideration by the Department of Local Government. The Council had decided to proceed with the erection of the pool and had accepted the recommendation that the pool be situated on the Corporation site at the Canal off Clare Street.

There was a full discussion on the matter. The members generally felt that there was a need for a number of smaller pools throughout the city, either of the indoor or outdoor type. The Mayor, supported by Cllr. Condell and Cllr. Glasgow, was of opinion that the Council should proceed with the large municipal indoor pool as already decided, but should investigate further the idea of smaller pools in different parts of the City. Cllr. Feeney was of opinion that the cost of the larger pool was too great having regard to the level of rates at the present time. He felt a number of smaller pools could be built for the price of one large one. The matter merited further investigation.

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Ald. Coughlan said it was a good idea to have a number of pools throughout the City. It would be difficult to cater for all in one pool. He suggested the site at the People's Park as suitable and a further site in the Coolraine area. Corbally outdoor pool might also be further developed. The question of securing a larger grant than 50% of the subsidy on loan charges might be pressed with the Department.

The City Manager said that the Council had accepted the view that the City needed one large indoor swimming pool. He suggested that the Council might consider further the question of outdoor pools in other areas, and the matter could be further considered when further information on the planning of the municipal pool came before the Council. On the question of the cost it was estimated that the municipal pool allowing for subsidy and receipts would cost in the region of £7,000 per annum. The Council decided to allow matters to proceed. In the meantime the City Engineer to examine the question of the provision of smaller pools in different parts of the City. It was suggested that the City Engineer might inspect the pool in Mungret College and might also obtain information from the Department of Local Government on the pool being promoted by the Department said to cost £16, 000.

Housing:

The Mayor referred to a recent statement by the Minister for Health, Mr. D. B. O'Malley, T.D., in which he suggested that the City Council pass a resolution asking the Minister for Local Government to assist the Corporation in reaching a solution to its housing problem. The Minister had suggested that the Council should consider this matter. The Mayor sought the advice of the Council on the holding of a special meeting. The Council agreed that a special meeting to discuss housing generally should be held. It was agreed that the fixing of a date for the meeting would be put on the Agenda for the meeting of the Planning Committee to be held on the 1st June.

Tenant Purchase Scheme:

Cllr. Liddy said that there were a number of people living in Corporation houses who wished to purchase their houses but it seemed that unless a Tenant Purchase Scheme for the particular housing estate was formulated this could not be done. He had in mind a particular case in the Janesboro' Scheme. The City Manager said a scheme had been prepared for the Janesboro Estate, and the case referred to by Cllr. Liddy would be reached in due course. Referring to Tenant Purchase generally the Manager said that the rate at which Tenant Purchase was proceeding was not satisfactory. He was having the matter examined and would try to speed up the rate. Ald. Coughlan asked where the reason for the delay in progress lay. The City Manager said that the Council had decided on a number of Tenant Purchase Schemes and had placed them in certain priority. A 100 houses had been vested last year. He was hopeful of more progress in the current year. He reminded the Council that the process was new and there had been understandable delays in dealing with the first schemes. Procedures were established now and progress should be accelerated. Ald. Coughlan said that there seemed to be two aspects of the matter: 1. the repair of houses, 2. the legal work involved. It was for the Manager to say which section was responsible for the delays. If it was a question of insufficient monies being voted for repairs the Council should be informed. The City Solicitor said there was no deliberate delay in dealing with Tenant Purchase cases. He was not aware of any appreciable delay in his Department. He would check the position and tell the Council the number of orders he had in hands on this date. The procedure was long and involved. Each lease had to be signed by the Minister individually and it sometimes took some months before a document sent to the Minister for completion by him was returned. This would not operate against the person purchasing the house over a period of years, but in the case of a person wishing to

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purchase outright, a delay in having the document sealed by the Minister was an embarrasment. The City Engineer said the repair work was done by the regular staff attached to Maintenance. There was no separate item in the Estimate for repairs for tenant purchase. Repairs for house purchase were given priority and at lease twelve cases per month were attended to. The City Manager said a further report on the matter would be issued to the Council.

Wandering Horses:

Ald. Coughlan referred to the nuisance caused by horses wandering, especially in the Janesboro' district; an encouragement to this nuisance was the fact that the Corporation's property in this area was unfenced and free grazing was being allowed to animals. The City Manager said this matter had been examined. The Corporation proposed to get the letting value of the property in the area. The question of horses wandering in the public roads had been referred to the Gardai who had replied that the matter was receiving attention. In reply to Cllr. Liddy, the City Manager said that he would examine the powers of the Corporation to pass a Bye-Law prohibiting animals being allowed to wander unattended on the public streets. The Corporation would have to consider how effective in operation such a Bye-Law would be.

Flooding in Lelia Street:

In reply to Ald. Coughlan the City Engineer said that the location of the pumps in Clare Street was no longer suitable. A new scheme was being prepared which would take into account the need for an alternative site for the pumps.

Flooding due to heavy rain:

In reply to Ald. Coughlan the City Engineer said that local flooding due to heavy rain seemed to have been due to blocked gullies. It was proposed to change the system of street sweeping and it was hoped that this would result in gullies being kept clear at all times.

Fr. Russell Square:

Ald. Coughlan suggested that Fr. Russell Square be turned into a car-park. The City Engineer in reply said that he would not favour this proposal. The Manager suggested that the matter be raised at the meeting of the Planning Committee.

Rates on unfit houses:

Ald. Coughlan asked the position about the payment of rates on property which was condemmed by the Corporation as unfit. The City Manager said that when an Order was made by the Corporation condemning residential property this property was listed for revision of valuation, and the valuation was invariably reduced to a nominal sum. When property was condemned in the course of the year the valuation could not be revised until the following year. Where the owner was not collecting rents from the property, the Corporation would not press for rates in respect of such property. Such rates at the end of the year would be written off.

Planning.

Cllr. Liddy referred to the Corporation's decision to grant permission for the erection of a bowling alley at Clareview Estate, Ennis Road. The Residents' Association had appealed to the Minister for Local Government against this decision. The matter had not come before the Council, but subsequent to the making of the Corporation's decision the Council had indicated generally that it was not in favour

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of a bowling alley in this area. He thought it might be helpful if the Council passed a resolution supporting the appeal of the Residents Association. Copy of this resolution to be sent to the Minister. The City Manager said that he had no objection to the Council passing this resolution, if the Council wished he would give a full report to the planning committee on the considerations on which the Corporation reached its' decision to grant permission for the erection of this bowling alley. After a further brief discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. O'Sullivan, and unanimously resolved:

"That we ask the Minister for Local Government to accede to the appeal of the Clareview Estate Residents' Association with regard to the erection of a bowling alley at Clareview, Ennis Road, Limerick"

Item 4:

Submitted report dated 21st May, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk setting out the present position with regard to the Corporation's proposal to reclaim portion of the foreshore of the River Shannon at Arthur's Quay. Attached to the Manager's report was copy of communication dated 19th May, from the Department of Transport and Power setting out the procedures to be adopted by the Corporation in connection with the advertising of the proposal subject to the grant of permission by the Minister of Transport and Power to reclaim the foreshore. The Department of Local Government had also written saying the matter was also receiving consideration. Noted.

Item 5:

Submitted reports from the City Manager and Town Clerk; Chief Medical Officer; City Engineer; the Architect, with regard to the closing of the Island Bank Baths. The technical officers recommended the closing of the Baths. The Chief Medical Officer states in his report that he considered bathing in portion of the river downstream from sewerage inflow was a definite hazard. Cllr. Feeney said he would not agree with the closing of the Baths unless the Corporation undertook to provide an alternative bathing place for the people of St. Mary's Park. Cllr. Condell said in the face of the Chief Medical Officer's report the Corporation had no alternative but to close the Baths. Cllr. Glasgow supported this view. Cllrs. Liddy and Kirby said that there seemed to be no alternative to the closing of the baths, but the Corporation should give consideration to providing an alternative bathing place in the St. Mary's Park area without delay. The Council decided to close the Island Bank Baths, and that in consideration of the question of regional swimming pools this area would have priority.

King John's Castle:

In reply to Ald. Coughlan, the City Manager said that the Corporation had given consideration to the provision of a public convenience in or near King John's Castle. The matter had been deferred pending discussions with the Inspector of Monuments from the office of the Commissioners of Public Works who had advised that he would have discussions with officers of the Corporation with regard to the improvement of the amenities of the Castle and would visit Limerick shortly for this purpose.

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Commission on Itinerants - Local Joint Committee:

Cllr. Condell said she understood she was one of the representatives of the Council selected to act on this Committee. The Assistant Town Clerk said that Cllr. Condell's name did not appear in the minutes of the meeting as one of those selected to act on this Committee. The Council could, if they wished, add Cllr. Condell's name to the list of representatives. The Council agreed to this.

Submitted communication from the Minister for Health with regard to the request of the City Council to the Minister to receive a deputation to discuss the question of a State contribution towards the cost of health services. The Minister said he saw no purpose at this stage in meeting the deputation as suggested since the whole question of local taxation was under consideration by the Government. If, however, the Council did wish to meet him he would be happy to arrange the meeting in Limerick. He was sure the Council would look at the matter in the light of what he had said and would be prepared to await developments. The Council agreed to await further developments in the matter as suggested by the Minister.

Congratulations to Fairview Rangers:

On the motion of the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed that the congratulations of the Council be tendered to Fairview Rangers on their success in winning the F.A.I. Junior Cup.

Condolence:

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, and unanimously resolved: "That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the Relatives of the late Mr. Martin Lawlor of Catherine Street."

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Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE

Convent Field Housing Scheme (65 Houses)

A meeting of the above Committee was held at the Court House, Limerick on Tuesday the 11th May, 1965 at 7.30 p.m. The following members being present:

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, the Mayor.

Alderman: J. Carew;

Councillors: P. Kelly, J. P. Liddy; P. Kiely; F. Leddin; M. Lipper; J. Kirby; V. Feeney; P. O'Sullivan and T. Lawlor;

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Ald. G. E. Russell; Ald. S. Coughlan T.D.; Cllr. Mrs. F. Condell.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk.

In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council for the reception and examination of tenders, the following tenders were opened by the Chairman, numbered and initialled by him and delivered to the City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:

1. Messrs. Malachy Burke (Contractors) Ltd.,
   Renmore,
   GALWAY. .. .. £137,107. 17s. 3d.

2. Messrs. T. McInerney & Sons Ltd.,
   Building Contractors,
   Bluebell,
   Inchicore,
   DUBLIN 12. .. .. £147,970. 16s. 1d.

3. Messrs. Michael McNamara Ltd.,
   Building Contractors,
   Stradbrook,
   Blackrock,
   CO. DUBLIN. .. .. £155,499, 4s. 1Cd.

TOMAS MACDIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

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development of existing areas of cities, towns and villages, and the general knowledge and experience of elected members and local housing officials. Regard should also be had to planning and development objectives for the area.

3. Building Programmes

When the foregoing assessment has been completed, the housing authority should decide on both short and long term building programmes. The short term programme, to be carried out over a period of from 3 to 5 years according to local circumstances, should be sufficient to eradicate all arrears of housing requirements and keep pace with the growth of demand in the area in the period of the programme. The long term programme should aim at keeping pace with growth of demand so as to ensure that there will be no new accumulation of unsatisfied housing requirements in future years. The programme should set targets for each year for land acquisition, the planning of schemes and for house building. The resources of the building industry in the area should be reviewed in the light of the projected programmes and discussions should be initiated, where necessary, with building interests as to ways and means of augmenting or supplementing these resources to meet expanded output.

In the private sector the programme should set out the Council's proposals to provide the necessary incentives to enable those able and willing to re-house themselves to do so. It should make adequate provision for the satisfaction of demand for developed sites for private building. Arrangements for supplementary grants should also be reviewed in the light of experience. The programme should include specific measures to deal with unfit property capable of being repaired at reasonable cost, and to improve the standard or amenity of dwellings lacking in satisfactory water, sewerage and other services. The standard of maintenance of the authority's own housing estate should also be reviewed in the light of sound housing estate management principles. Sufficient resources should be set aside inthe overall housing programme to ensure proper maintenance of the housing stock.

4. Forward Planning of Acquisition of Housing Sites

When the assessment of needs has been made and the resultant programmes prepared, steps should be taken immediately to select and acquire sufficient sites to enable building to proceed on the basis planned in the programme. Site acquisition should be proceeded with well ahead of the programme requirements. Particular attention should be paid to the difficulties which may be experienced in the first years of the programme in this respect. Account should also be taken of the delays which may be entailed by the probable need to resort in some cases to Compulsory Purchase Order procedures. Continuity of the building programme can only be assured by making certain that sites are available ahead of requirements for some years to come. The new powers available to local authorities for forward site acquisition under the Local Government (Planning and Development) aCt, 1963, should be fully utilised, particularly in towns and larger villages, where suitable sites should be acquired, if necessary ahead of environmental services, so that the benefit of the provision of services accrues to the local authority, its tenants, or to house purchasers.

5. Review of Rent Policies

The Minister wishes to emphasise that no applicant should be denied re-housing by the local authority because of inability to pay rent. A substantial number of low income families are likely to require re-housing in the periods covered in the proposed programmes having regard to the number of such families who are at present in occupation of unfit dwellings. The cost of the proposed programmes should be reviewed in this light and current renting practices should be examined with a view to the adoption of a rational rent policy for the housing estate as a whole, related to the standard of accommodation and amenity provided and to the fanancial circumstances of tenants.

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6. Review of Progress

This Department should be kept regularly informed of the progress made in the assessment of needs and the preparation and execution of programmes and the advice and assistance of the Department's officers should be sought in cases of difficulty. Discussions will be arranged where appropriate. It is particularly important that regular returns be submitted by housing authorities in the revised monthly form of which a specimen copy is attached in Appendix C.

7. Elimination of Unnecessary Delays:

The Minister is anxious that all possible measures be taken to eliminate avoidable delays in the acquisition of housing sites and in the planning and execution of housing schemes. Many such delays are occasioned by failure to document proposals fully on their submission to the Department, although housing authorities have been frequently advised as to the minimum requirements necessary to enable them to be adequately examined. The Minister has reviewed these requirements and has directed me to set out in the attached memoranda the Department's minimum requirements in regard to the selection of housing sites (Appendix A) and the documentation of housing proposals (Appendix B). These memoranda supersede all earlier instructions and contain, for convenience of reference, a separate list of contents in each case.

8. Acquisition of Housing Sites by Agreement:

It will no longer be necessary to submit for prior approval proppsals for site acquisition by agreement except where either (a) the site falls short in any material respect of the principles and standards set out in Appendix A, or (b) the proposed development is inconsistent with the planning and development objectives for the area under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963. It is not anticipated that housing development will normally be proposed on such sites, but if this is intended in exceptional circumstances, the Minister's prior approval should be sought and a statement of the circumstances submitted.

In all cases of site acquisition the advice of suitably qualified specialist personnel with adequate housing experience should be obtained.

The selection of sites under the new procedure will be kept under review and the Department's Inspectors should be kept fully informed of impending developments. Housing authorities who acquire sites which do not accord with the appropriate requirements will leave themselves open to the possible rejection of the layout end building proposals at a later stage, or to a reduction or withholding of subsidy should the amenity or standard of the dwellings provided be adversely affected. Details of the sites acquired and of the prices paid should be appended to the monthly housing return.

9. Acquisition of Housing Sites by Compulsory Purchase Order.

The general principles set out in Appendix A regarding site selection should be followed in the selection of housing sites for acquisiton by Compulsory Purchase Order.

10. Documentation of House BuildingnProposals.

The procedure set out in Appendix B has been designed to avoid unnecessary delay and should be strictly adhered to in all cases.

The new procedure envisages only one full submission to the Department in regard to individual housing projects - that is at sketch plan stage. It is intended that the maximum use be made of personal consultation between officers of the Department and local authorities to solve quickly any problems or differences of opinion that may arise on such submissions. The submission at tender stage is intended to ensure that

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the Minister is kept up-to-date regarding trends in house building costs and progress generally. No detailed examination of proposals at tender stage is envisaged except where abnormal factors are involved such as the acceptance of a tender other than the lowest, or where the tender price exceeds the approved estimate of cost by more than 10%. Sympathetic consideration will be given in appropriate cases to proposals for negotiated contracts or other similar departures from the normal public notice procedure.

Consultations should be arranged with officers of this Department at the preliminary planning stage of each scheme. Normally preliminary technical consultations should be arrangedto tie in with the regular visits of the Department's Inspector to the area. Where necessary, special consultations with the Department's officers may be arranged to deal with particular problems, including those relating to site acquisition.

11. Rehousing of Small Farmers

The Minister is most dissatisfied with the response to the special scheme for the housing of small farmers with land holdings of £5 valuation or less, which was notified in this Department's circular letter H.1/64 of 9th March, 1964. Progress reports submitted up to the present show, in general, little evidence of the vigorous approach which is needed if the potentialities of the scheme to assist in the elimination of unfit rural housing conditions are to be fully exploited. In the overall assessment of housing needs already referred to, the housing authority should pay particular attention to the needs of small farmers living in unfit conditions, who would be eligible under the special scheme. A person in occupation of an agricultural holding, the land valuation of which is not more than £5, who obtains a substantial proportion of his livelihood from the holding would be eligible, if in need of rehousing, notwithstanding that he may supplement his income otherwise than from the holding. The specially advantageous terms which the scheme provides should be brought to the notice of eligible farmers individually. Separate provision should be made in the housing authority's building programme to meet their needs on a planned basis. In general the revised procedures and standards recommended in this circular letter should be followed in the provision of houses under the scheme. Special attention should, however, be paid to the individual family needs of eligible farmers.

12. Copies of this Circular letter and of the attached memoranda should be given immediately to all appropriate housing and planning personnel and to housing consultants employed by the Council. A special report should be submitted within two months on the action taken by the housing authority in response to this circular letter.

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M. Lawless.

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Each Housing Authority.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

To be considered at the Meeting of the Council

TO BE HELD ON 8th JUNE, 1965

For Five Weeks ended 29th MAY, 1965

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1.—HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.

St. John's Housing Scheme. (86 houses)
Work proceeding on the construction of 19 houses.
Site Works 95.5% complete.
Development 94.4% complete.
Superstructure 95.6% complete. 19 houses roofed and tiled.
67 houses completed and handed over.
No. of men employed 57; 30 unskilled ; 27 skilled.

Roxboro Road Housing Scheme (Bullfield). (254 Houses)
Work proceeding on the construction of 166 houses.
Site Works 63.9% complete.
Development 43.0% complete.
Superstructure 62.6% complete.
71 houses completed and handed over. 17 houses completed and not handed over.
90 houses roofed and tiled. 33 houses to first floor level.
29 houses to ground floor level.
No. of men employed, 197; 80 skilled ; 117 unskilled.

Convent Field Janesboro' Housing Scheme.
Tenders have been received: the lowest has been recommended for acceptance.

Watergate.
Work proceeding on the working drawings.

South Hill Housing Scheme (East).
Work proceeding on the working drawings.

South Hill Housing Scheme (West).
Layout plans in course of preparation.

Housing Letting—

No. of first lettings	7
Number of houses re-let	7
*No. of houses vacant 31/5/65	9

*Includes 4 New Houses at St. John's.
2 New Houses at Bullfield.

2.—HOUSING MAINTENANCE.

Items of Repair attended to in Month of May, 1965.

Strand Barracks Area	283	Complaints taken	...	407
Garryowen Area ...	210	" "	...	217
Prospect Area ...	270	" "	...	350
Ballynanty Beg Area ...	224	" "	...	226
Janesboro ...	176	" "	...	224
TOTAL	1163			1464

3.—ROADS. —No. of men employed, 35, 32 unskilled. 3 skilled
Relief Schemes in progress. No. of men employed 28 ; 2 skilled, 26 unskilled.

4.—SANITARY SERVICE WORKS.

Rosbrien Pumping Station— Connection to sewer completed.

Clonlara Water Main.
Final tests in progress. No. of men employed—5.

5. PARKS.

REPORT FOR MAY, 1965

AREA	TREES Planted	TREES Broken	TREES Damaged by Fires	GREENS Damaged by Fires
Ballynanty	—	—	1	12
Assumpta Park	—	—	1	2
Garryowen	3	3	0	5
Carey's Road	—	—	—	3
Hyde Road and Garry-glass	—	1	1	7
Rathbane	—	—	1	7
Donnellan's Buildings	—	0	—	2
Russell Park	—	1	—	—
Dwyer's Villas	—	—	—	1
People's Park	—	6	—	—
TOTAL	3	11	4	39

P.S.—Greens which were burned by May Eve fires damaged area of approx. 9 sq. yds. The cost of re-seeding and laying runs at 2s. 0d, per sq. yd. = 39 x 9 x 2s. 0d. = £35 2s. 0d.
Signed : J. POWER Head Gardener..

6.—VETERINARY INSPECTION.

INSPECTION OF PRIVATE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES STALLS, Etc.

	Inspected	Condemned Whole	Condemned Partial	Tubercular	%	Other Diseases
Cattle	263	—	—	—	—	—
Calves	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep	1353	—	—	—	—	—
Pigs	4	—	—	—	—	—
Sows	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Visited by Inspector	Weight of Food Condemned Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Private Slaughter-houses ...	98	—	2	1	6
Stalls, Shops, etc.	83	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	181	—	2	1	6

7.—MILK AND DAIRIES ACT : VETERINARY LABORATORY, etc.

Number of Milk Shops Inspected	6
Number of Milk Cars Inspected	4
Total Number of Tests carried out...	35
Number of Reductase Tests	—
" " failures	—
" " Gerber Tests	15
" " failures	3
" " Coliform Tests	—
" " failures	—
" " Plate Counts	15
" " visits to approved Milk Shops	6
" " Cows examined	—
" " Dairy Yards Inspected	—
" " Phosphotase Test	5
" " Phosphotase Test of failures	—

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5.—GAS DEPARTMENT. May, 1965.

Make of Gas for month	85711 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1964	83799 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1963	100134 Therms
Sale of Coke for month	283 Tons
Sale of Coke same month last year	350 Tons

	Crude Gallons	Refined t. c q
Sale of Tar for month	214	5 0 0
Sale of Tar for same month last year ...	85	51 0 0

Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of month—

	Revenue No. 1	£149,117 5 1½
do	Revenue No. 2	£8,036 15 8
Debit do	Capital Ac.	£8,546 1 2

Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of same month last year—

	Revenue No. 1	£146.823 6 2
do	Revenue No. 2	£17,051 9 1½
do.	Capital Ac.	£563,351 13 0

Number of Men employed at end of month 59
Number of Men employed at end of same month last year ... 63

6.—PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Statistical Return for Period from April 29th, 1965 to May 25th, 1965.

BOOK STOCK—

Total number of books in stock 27/4/65	27,084
Number of books added during above period	28
Number of books withdrawn	—
Total number of books in stock 25/5/'65	27,112

2. BOOK ISSUES—

	Number	% of Total Issue
Fiction	2408	39.3%
Non-Fiction	1533	25%
Reference	251	4.1%
Juvenile	1938	31.6%
TOTAL ...	6130	100%
Average Daily Issue		266

3. BORROWERS—

Tickets in use—Adult Fiction	1286
„ „ „ Adult Non-Fiction	1334
„ „ „ Juvenile	1302
TOTAL ...	3922

Newsroom—Average daily attendance	7
Museum—Total attendance for month	1834
*6. Art Gallery—Total attendance for month	591

TOMAS MAC DIARMADA,
City Manager and Town Clerk

McKerns Printing, Limerick

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CUSTOM HOUSE
DUBLIN.

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Baile Atha Cliath.

24th May, 1965.

Circular letter N. 1/65

HOUSING - ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING NEEDS, PREPARATION OF PROGRAMMES, ACQUISITION OF SITES AND PLANNING PROCEDURES

A Chara,

1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the White Paper - "Housing - Progress and Prospects" published last November and in particular to the proposals therein dealing with housing needs and the preparation by local authorities of building programmes. The White Paper envisages an overall increase in private and local authority housing output from 7,500 in 1963/64 to 14,000 in 1970. The output of local authority housing in 1964/65, while showing an increase over 1963/64, was still at the disappointingly low figure of approximately 2,300. The Minister intends to take every possible step open to him to ensure that this figure will be very considerably increased, immediately and progressively, so as to attain the target of 14,000 houses a year (private and local authority) by 1970. The purpose of this circular letter is to make housing authorities and their officers aware of the Minister's intentions and to set out revised procedures designed to guide and help them in dealing with the housing problem in their areas. The Minister wishes to emphasise, however, that whatever guidance and help he may give, the required results will not be produced unless there is a positive and vigorous approach by housing authorities and their officers to the solution of that problem.

2. ASSESSMENT OF Housing Needs

The first requirement of such an approach is an assessment of housing needs in each area on the broad basis envisaged in the White Paper. This assessment, if not already carried out, should be put in hands immediately in advance of the legislation referred to in the White Paper. The objective should be to ascertain, as quickly as possible, the number of dwellings likely to be required to meet the needs of -

(a) families and other persons living in unfit dwellings and in overcrowded conditions or likely to be displaced from areas scheduled for re-development before 1970;

(b) families or persons otherwise in need of re-housing and to make reasonable provision for

(c) continued obsolescence in the existing housing stock and

(d) population growth through new family formation, industrial or other economic growth, and other similar factors.

The assessment should include an estimate of the number of the required dwellings likely to be provided by private enterprise and the number of developed sites likely to be in demand to meet the latter needs.

The assessment should not be delayed by further detailed surveys but should be based on information immediately available, including existing applications lists (augmented if necessary by public advertisement), the unfit housing survey, 1961 census statistics in regard to population, age, occupancy and standard of amenity of the housing stock, plans for re-

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W. H. O'Donnell & Co.,
Chartered Accountants,
88, O'Connell Street,
Limerick.

21st May, 1965.

City Manager,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

Re: Corporation of Limerick Gas Department.

Dear Sir,

We refer to previous correspondence and discussions with you in relation to the financial position of the Gas Department.

The present financial position of the Department is related to the fact that there was never any fixed capital in the organisation. Any expenditure incurred was financed by borrowings which had to be repaid plus interest out of future profits. The fact that no proper capital remained in the organisation resulted in various outlay on the works, plans, mains and services being postponed. This eventually brought about the recent situation where a very major job had to be undertaken with very considerable borrowing from the Bankers to the Department.

As you are aware the finance arranged by way of borrowing has not been sufficient to cover the capital expenditure with the result that very considerable amounts are due to creditors. In fact we estimate that for the year to 31st March, 1966, the interest which the Department will pay on the credit granted by the coal suppliers, Messrs. Rafferty & Watson will amount to approximately £3,000. Interest at present charged is at the rate of 9% but the Gas Department is contesting their liability to pay at this high rate.

In the present situation there is also a continued problem of working within the revenue overdraft. There is approximately £12,250 due to finalise the payments in relation to the modernisation of plant. In addition to this certain monies have to be invested in appliances to increase the volume of gas sales to match the production capacity of the works. This figure is estimated at at least £5,000.

We are aware that the Corporation has already made a loan of £50,000 to the Gas Department on which interest will be payable at the rate of 5% for a fifteen year period. We understand that at the end of the fifteen year period the interest payments will cease and that this loan will not be looked on as repayable. On this basis it will be in the nature of permanent capital.

The Gas Department has now reached the stage where it is in a position to meet all interest charges, write off adequate depreciation and then show a small profit. This profit for the year to 31st March, 1965, amounted to £1,596.

It will be noted that in arriving at the profit for the year to 31st March, 1965, depreciation amounting to £10,977 was written off. This depreciation is of course not a cash loss so that the amount in question is available for repayment of capital. The reserve for repairs to retorts and producers was also increased by £3,000 during the year and this sum is also available for repayment of capital.

To summarise the position based on the Accounts to 31st March, 1965, the Gas Department has met interest of £25,605 and has available the following total to repay loan advances.

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From the information available to us it appears that on the present position the Gas Department must make profits of £19,250 after all interest charges if it is to meet its commitments as estimated for the year to 31st March, 1966. For your information the figure of £19,250 is computed as under:

Repayment of loan of £43,750	£6,250
Repayment of loan of £194,000	£13,000
	£19,250

It can be seen that for the year to 31st March, 1965, there was only £15,573 available to meet the repayments of £19,250.

This as you can well understand will lead to a future situation similar to the present one, i.e. all profits now being made are absorbed in the interest charges and loan repayments. When a future major capital expenditure has to be incurred the same position of borrowing will arise. This position is even more serious at the present time having regard to the fact that there is a considerable backlog of creditors and the operation of the Gas Department will leave very little if anything to reduce this position.

We suggest therefore that the Corporation should make available a further loan of £100,000 to the Gas Department and that this loan should be utilised in the following manner or some agreed variation of same.

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Working capital	30,000
Main laying	25,000
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We consider that this loan should be advanced on the basis that interest would be payable but that at the end of a period of years this interest would cease and that the loan would be looked on as permanent capital to the Gas Department free of interest. This scheme would have to be worked on a similar basis to the existing loan of £50,000 which we understand is to some extent being financed by a levy on the rates. To reduce the charge on the rates the terms of borrowing should be lengthy and we suggest a period of thirty five years, which period should also of course be applied to the existing loan of £50,000.

We would also like to point out that it was agreed at one stage that the Corporation would be responsible each year for any deficit shown by the Gas Department. This decision was never in fact carried out and we feel that this should be borne in mind when considering the above matters.

Any further particulars which you may require will be supplied on request.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: W. H. O'Donnell & Co.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

2nd June, 1965.

To/ The Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the Limerick City Council.

I enclose herewith, for your information, copy of letter dated 21st ultimo received from Messrs. H. O'Donnell & Co., Chartered Accountants, Auditors to the Gas Department of the Corporation. The letter is a review of the finances of the Gas Undertaking, with particular reference to its capitalisation. In previous reports to the Council it was indicated that the major defect in the industry was the lack of permanent capital. The Corporation agreed to the principle of permanent funding of the capital expenditure of the Undertaking when approving of the repayment of a loan of £50,000, part of the total amount borrowed for the reconstruction of the Gas Works.

The repayment of this loan has been, for the last financial year and for the current financial year, a charge on the rates, the cost being £3,300 per annum. In Messrs. O'Donnell's report it is recommended that a further sum of £100,000 should be borrowed in the long-term and utilised partly in redemption of existing short-term borrowings, partly to provide finance for new capital works and partly to introduce working capital, which is needed, into the industry. It is suggested that the repayment of this loan of £100,000 should be over a period of 35 years and that the period of the repayment of the loan of £50,000, already granted by the Corporation to the Gas Department, should be lengthened to a similar term of years. The total new borrowing of £150,000 would necessitate an annual repayment of £4,300 to redeem the principal, i.e. an increase of £1,000 per annum in the rate charge, which would cost approximately 1¼d. in the £.

The Gas Department would, of course, be responsible for the repayment of interest on this new loan. The proposal, while it would not involve any great saving in operating costs to the Gas Undertaking in the early years, has the merit of ensuring that the chronic financial difficulties experienced in the past, whenever new capital expenditure was required, should be less acute. It cannot be assumed that this proposed loan will provide adequate long-term permanent finance as a manufacturing industry as large as the Limerick Gas Undertaking requires at least £300,000 permanent capital. The proposal should, accordingly, be regarded as a further step towards correcting the finances of the Undertaking without imposing a very great additional burden on the rates.

It is recommended that the suggestions made by the Auditors should be implemented and that the Commissioners of Public Works should be approached by the Corporation to make available the sum of £150,000 at current borrowing rates.

The financial accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1965 for the Undertaking have been completed and show a nett profit of £1,596 in contrast to the heavy losses incurred in the two previous financial years when the new works were under construction and the old horizontal retorts, which were totally uneconomic, in operation. In the year ended 31st March, 1964 the loss, after making full provision for depreciation and reserves, amounted to £31,067. The loss for the year ended 31st March, 1963 was £8,935.

T. P. MacDiarmada,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

Copy

W. H. O'Donnell & Co.,
Chartered Accountants,
88, O'Connell Street,
Limerick.

21st May, 1965.

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Town Hall,
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Yours faithfully,

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

4th June, 1965.

To/ His Worship the Mayor
and Each Member of the Limerick City Council.

The approval of the City Council is sought to the payment of increase in renumeration to Housing Scheme Supervisors employed by the Corporation in accordance with the recommendation of the Labour Court dated 21st May, 1965, (copy attached).

It has been agreed with the Union concerned that the increase of 15s. Od. per week will operate from the 1st October, 1964. The number of men employed is five, and the annual cost of this increase will be £200. In the current financial year the additional charge will be £300.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

THE LABOUR COURT

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ACTS, 1946 AND 1955.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1894

Limerick Corporation - Miscellaneous Claims on behalf of Housing Scheme Supervisors

1. The Labour Court has investigated a dispute between the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers and Limerick Corporation concerning claims on behalf of five housing scheme Supervisors for improved remuneration and other conditions of employment.

2. The full list of claims, as submitted by the Union to the Corporation in January 1964, is as follows:-

(i) an increase of £2 per week in a differential which they enjoy over the carpenters' basic rate;

(ii) an additional week's annual holiday making a total of three weeks in the year;

(iii) payment for all overtime worked;

(iv) change of title;

(v) introduction of service increments;

(vi) change of the present seven-day week basis of employment;

(vii) increase in petrol allowance.

3. Four of the men concerned reside in houses, provided free of rent, in Corporation housing schemes, and are paid a differential of £2 per week over the weekly wage of £13. 11. 4d. for carpenters, making a total weekly wage (in addition to the free house) of £15. 11. 4d. The fifth man, who is not provided with a house, receives, in lieu thereof, 10/- per week in addition to the £2 differential. These men are employed to supervise the maintenance and repair of Corporation houses in their areas, the number of houses ranging from 645 in one area to 1,123 in another. Each man has under his supervision tradesmen and labourers, the number of whom varies in accordance with the requirements of the area but which averages about 13.

4. The Union contends that the wage rates of the five men do not compare favourably with those of general foremen in the Building Industry, whose wage rates are now generally accepted to be in the twenty/thirty pounds per week bracket, plus substantial bonuses. Although it realises that it is difficult to make comparisons between these two categories of workers, it points out that both categories come from the same pool - all the men receive the same training in Technical Schools and are tested over a number of years at their jobs. This renders the men it now represents capable of undertaking the work of general foremen in the Building Industry. The Union also argues that:-

(a) general foremen employed by Cork Corporation are paid £18.5.0. per week plus a retaining fee of £20 per annum, and it is reasonably certain that, as a result of recent negotiations, their wages will be considerably increased in the near future and they will enjoy officer status;

(b) Dublin Corporation general foremen are paid £16. 12. 6. for a standard 41½-hour week and are paid for all overtime worked.

5. The Union further presents the following points for consideration:-

(a) attached to the men's houses are workshops, offices and stores, and, in addition to their normal duties of supervision and allocation of work, they are obliged to keep registers and records and are responsible for the storekeeping of all equipment and hardware - sometimes worth in the region of £2,000 - housed in the stores; their books can be inspected at any time;

(b) they are subject to representation by the tenants regarding repairs etc. to their houses at all times for seven days of the week, which leads to great inconvenience and disturbance in the lives of the men and their wives;

(c) they are not paid overtime for work done outside their ordinary hours, and there is, at times, an appreciable amount of this extra work to be done, especially in times of emergency;

(d) in dealing with complaints they must -

(i) inspect the job to be done,

(ii) get the right man to do it,

(iii) issue the materials required, and

(iv) inspect the finished job.

This is not in line with the general practice for comparable workers employed by other local authorities, nor are the various operations mentioned required to be done by housing maintenance foremen in Dublin who have under them clerks for storekeeping and subsidiary foremen - such as plumber foremen, mason foremen, etc. - to whom they can delegate most of the operations. Furthermore, these housing maintenance foremen are not subjected to the disturbance of their home life occasioned by the complaints of tenants;

(e) the responsibilities of their work are at least as important as those of such employees of the Corporation as gas-meter men and rent-collectors, yet these latter employees have officer status and remuneration far higher than the former;

(f) they have to use their own cars and their present petrol allowance is only 10/- per week; their counterparts in Cork are supplied with vans by the Corporation.

6. The Union goes on to say that the men, in effect, work a seven-day week, and, in support of this, it refers to the fact that in cases of disallowances of pay for absence from duty, one-seventh of their weekly wage is stopped. Accordingly, their hourly rate, based on a seven-day week, is less than that of carpenters. It adds that the Corporation holds that the men are required to work only a five-day week of 42¾ hours, but this is not, in fact, the case, because if the complaints made by tenants at week-ends are not listened to, the men, or their wives, may be subjected to abuse and threats and sometimes even more forceful action, and complaints may be lodged against them in high quarters.

7. In regard to the claim for service increments, the Union says that what is envisaged is the introduction of a system of long-service increments.

8. The Corporation states that it is not prepared to concede that the housing scheme supervisors are in the same category as general foremen in the Building Industry. The former supervise only a small number of men whose work is generally of an uncomplicated nature, while the latter have as many as 60 to 100 men under them and are, at times, engaged on major projects. Even though the latter can delegate certain operations to subsidiary foremen, they still have the overall responsibility for these men as well as for the general workers under them. It points out that two of the men concerned in this claim had been general foremen in the Building Industry and had left their jobs to take up employment with the Corporation, and that, furthermore, general foreman jobs in that industry are being advertised but none of the men here concerned are

applying for them. The Corporation also maintains that the weekly wage for Dublin Corporation housing maintenance foremen, who are not provided with rent-free houses, is £15. 17. 4. and not £16. 12. 6. as stated by the Union, and this is much lower than the inclusive figure, including value of house, in Limerick (see 9 (a) below). Cork Corporation, with a population to cater for much greater than that in Limerick, employs only one foreman and his duties might, at times, be likened to those of a general foreman in the Building Industry.

9. The Corporation adds that:

(a) the real value, in the present circumstances, of the rent-free houses to the housing scheme supervisors is approximately £2 per week, and this emolument would give them a remuneration of £17.11.4. per week, which is easily the highest of any grade of foreman in its employment. In support of this, it supplies a list of wage rates of other supervisory staff in its employment, including foremen and superintendents.

(b) the men are not expected to be available for taking or attending to complaints outside their normal working hours except in cases of emergency, and if they are subjected to threats or more forceful action, appropriate steps can be taken by the Corporation for their protection;

(c) the systems operated by different local authorities for carrying out the type of work involved are so varied as to preclude any valid comparisons being made.

(d) entry to the employments of gas-meter men and rent-collectors, which are clerical employments, requires a fairly high standard of education, and the rates of pay for these employments - admittedly higher than those of housing scheme supervisors - were fixed by arbitration, generally through Trade Union activity, and are applicable throughout the whole country.

10. It is agreed by the Corporation that one-seventh of the men's weekly wage is stopped for each day of disallowed absence from duty, but it is maintained that the only thing significant about this practice is that it operates to the men's benefit when they are absent from duty; deductions of one-fifth, on the basis of a five-day week, can be introduced if the men so desire.

11. In regard to the question of service increments, the Corporation maintains that the claim is unprecedented for this particular field of employment and, accordingly, cannot be entertained.

12. The Corporation has informed the Union of its willingness to (a) alter the title of carpenter/caretaker to housing scheme supervisor (the Union accepts this title), (b) grant an additional week's annual leave to operate from 1964 and (c) pay a car allowance of £52 per annum to the men who use their private cars in the course of their official duties. It has, furthermore, intimated that it is prepared to consider the payment of overtime at the recognised standard rate in respect of work in excess of half an hour each day over the normal hours; returns of overtime would be accepted from the men in respect of work under four hours per day, but any period in excess of that would require to be certified by the engineer in charge. Overtime would not be allowed for the taking of complaints outside normal working hours, as complaints should normally be taken at stated hours only, and any practice to the contrary should be eliminated.

13. In conclusion, the Corporation states that apart from the reference to the rates enjoyed by general foremen in the Building Industry - which, as it has stated, do not form a valid basis for comparison - no evidence has been adduced which would indicate that men engaged in similar work in comparable employments with private concerns or local authorities are paid at a higher rate of wage, plus emoluments.

14. The Union states that if the Corporation concedes the claims for an increased differential and the introduction of service increments, it would be a more satisfactory arrangement than one providing for the payment of overtime and it would enable the Union to forego the claim for payment for overtime and to withdraw its objection to employment on a seven-day week basis.

15. In regard to the Corporation's offer to increase the petrol allowance from 10/- to £1 per week, the Union argues that the allowance of £1 is not adequate to cover all the travelling which the men have to do. It would be sufficient to buy petrol for only about 120 or 130 miles travel, which is not an excessive estimate of the distance which the men would have to cover in a week. It would, therefore, leave nothing towards the capital cost and wear and tear of the vehicle which the men have to provide themselves, or towards tax and insurance. The Corporation's reply to this is that as each of the men lives pretty well in the centre of a self-contained district, mechanical transport is not, strictly speaking, necessary, but the Corporation had agreed originally to give an allowance of 10/- a week for petrol to any man who wished to provide his own mechanical transport, and it was now proposing to double this allowance. It considers that it is meeting the men's claim very fairly.

RECOMMENDATION:

16. The Court has had considerable difficulty in coming to a conclusion in this case because the arrangements under which these men work in Limerick have several unusual features and this makes difficult comparison with the duties and pay of the most closely comparable workers elsewhere. Taking all the circumstances into account, however, the Court recommends that the Corporation should increase the differential from £2 to £2. 15. 0. per week, in consideration of which the Union should withdraw its claims (iii), (v) and (vi) of Paragraph 2 above. The Union should also agree to accept the Corporation's offer in relation to annual holidays and the petrol allowance.

By Order of the Labour Court

(Signed) James G. McCauley

Officer of the Court.

21 Bealtaine, 1965.

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REPORT OF JOINT LOCAL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE RE PROBLEM OF ITINERANTS.

A meeting of the above joint committee was held in the Council Chambers, Limerick County Council Offices, O'Connell Street, Limerick, on the 7th May, 1965, under the Chairmanship of Alderman S. Coughlan, T.D., Deputy Mayor.

Present for Limerick Corporation: Alderman S. Coughlan, T.D., Chairman,
Alderman J. Carew,
Alderman G. E. Russell,
Councillor P. Kelly,
Councillor J. Kirby,
City Manager,
Assistant Town Clerk,
City Engineer,
City Solicitor,
Housing Officer.

For Limerick County Council: Mr. C. Ryan, Chairman,
Mr. D. McAuliffe,
Mr. J. Barrett,
Mr. S. Hayes,
Mr. W. Madden,
County Manager,
County Secretary.

For Clare County Council: Mr. Michael Considine, Vice Chairman,
Mr. Martin Cahill,
Mr. Michael Malone,
Mr. J. Boland,
County Manager,
Dr. Michael Hanrahan, County Medical Officer.

Tipperary (North Riding) County Council was represented by Mr. D. Kennedy.

BUSINESS.

To consider in the light of the report of the Commission on Itinerancy and the subsequent circular letter from the Department of Local Government, L. 14/64 of the 4th November, 1964, the problem of itinerancy in this region, and to explore ways and means of meeting the recommendations of the Commission and of the Minister for Local Government in this matter. An extract from the report of the Commission on Itinerancy giving the statistics and the apoendixes thereto for Clare and Limerick was circulated, together with copy of the Return compiled by the Limerick Health Authority on the number of itinerants in Limerick City and County in the month of April, 1965.

There was a very full discussion on the problem of itinerancy in each local authority area.

Limerick City representatives spoke of the problem in the City which was generally one of public annoyance at the misbehaviour of the itinerants.

Limerick County representatives were of the opinion that the majority of the itinerants in the County did not give any trouble.

Clare County Council representatives were of opinion that the provision of encampments would not be a solution. The local authorities should house the itinerants and seek the assistance of voluntary organisations to visit them and rehabilitate them.

The City Manager said that it was apparent that if the counties adjoining the City could solve their problems by rehousing the itinerants the problems which the City faced in this regard would be reduced.

The Chief Medical Officer of Clare said his experience was that itinerants did not wish to be rehoused in rural areas. The same might not apply in urban areas.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

4th June, 1965.

Re: Children's Playground at Garryglass Avenue.

The Council has approved of the provision of a Playground at Garryglass Avenue. The first estimate of this work was £7,500. The Department of Local Government has indicated that there is no objection in principle to the proposal and has asked for a detailed submission. This submission has now been prepared and a further estimate made. Copy of the City Engineer's report of the 2nd June is attached.

The City Council is asked to approve of the proposal now submitted, and to agree to the borrowing of loan, of a sum not to exceed £9,700, to finance the work. There is no grant or subsidy available for work of this nature. Loan charges are estimated at £1150, for the first year, reducing to £650. in final year.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

TO:
The Mayor, and each Member of the Limerick City Council.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Town Hall,

Limerick.

City Manager,

Children's Playground at Garryglass Avenue.

Your memo of 17/2/'65 refers.

Further to acting City Engineer's report of 27/6/'63, I submit revised estimate for the above.

1.	Pavilion	£5,000
2.	Railing and dwarf wall to enclose entire site (wall 2'6" high - railing 4'6" high - length 300yds)	£1,500.
3.	Gates and Piers	£ 180.
4.	Asphalt Surface (2000 sq yards) ...	£1,500.
5.	Sand Garden	£ 120.
6.	Internal railings to enclose infants playground (70 yds.)	£ 105.
7.	Sports Equipment	£1,100.
8.	Landscaping, Shrubs and flowers ...	£ 175.
		£9,680.

There is an increase of £1600 in item 1 due to the revised design for the pavilion which is a considerable improvement on the standard which was originally envisaged.

It may be possible to have some of the work (i.e. item 4) carried out under Relief Scheme Grants, etc. This would reduce the amount of the loan required to £8,180.

I enclose herewith:-

(a) Architect's plan of pavilion.

(b) General Plan of walls, games etc.

N. C. Brennan,
City Engineer.

2/6/'65.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CUSTOM HOUSE
DUBLIN.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil
Teach an Chustaim
Baile Atha Cliath.

24th May, 1965.

Circular letter N. 1/65

HOUSING - ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING NEEDS, PREPARATION OF PROGRAMMES, ACQUISITION OF SITES AND PLANNING PROCEDURES

A Chara,

1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the White Paper - "Housing - Progress and Prospects" published last November and in particular to the proposals therein dealing with housing needs and the preparation by local authorities of building programmes. The White Paper envisages an overall increase in private and local authority housing output from 7,500 in 1963/64 to 14,000 in 1970. The output of local authority housing in 1964/65, while showing an increase over 1963/64, was still at the disappointingly low figure of approximately 2,300. The Minister intends to take every possible step open to him to ensure that this figure will be very considerably increased, immediately and progressively, so as to attain the target of 14,000 houses a year (private and local authority) by 1970. The purpose of this circular letter is to make housing authorities and their officers aware of the Minister's intentions and to set out revised procedures designed to guide and help them in dealing with the housing problem in their areas. The Minister wishes to emphasise, however, that whatever guidance and help he may give, the required results will not be produced unless there is a positive and vigorous approach by housing authorities and their officers to the solution of that problem.

2. ASSESSMENT OF Housing Needs

The first requirement of such an approach is an assessment of housing needs in each area on the broad basis envisaged in the White Paper. This assessment, if not already carried out, should be put in hands immediately in advance of the legislation referred to in the White Paper. The objective should be to ascertain, as quickly as possible, the number of dwellings likely to be required to meet the needs of -

(a) families and other persons living in unfit dwellings and in overcrowded conditions or likely to be displaced from areas scheduled for re-development before 1970;

(b) families or persons otherwise in need of re-housing and to make reasonable provision for

(c) continued obsolescence in the existing housing stock and

(d) population growth through new family formation, industrial or other economic growth, and other similar factors.

The assessment should include an estimate of the number of the required dwellings likely to be provided by private enterprise and the number of developed sites likely to be in demand to meet the latter needs.

The assessment should not be delayed by further detailed surveys but should be based on information immediately available, including existing applications lists (augmented if necessary by public advertisement), the unfit housing survey, 1961 census statistics in regard to population, age, occupancy and standard of amenity of the housing stock, plans for re-

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development of existing areas of cities, towns and villages, and the general knowledge and experience of elected members and local housing officials. Regard should also be had to planning and development objectives for the area.

3. Building Programmes

When the foregoing assessment has been completed, the housing authority should decide on both short and long term building programmes. The short term programme, to be carried out over a period of from 3 to 5 years according to local circumstances, should be sufficient to eradicate all arrears of housing requirements and keep pace with the growth of demand in the area in the period of the programme. The long term programme should aim at keeping pace with growth of demand so as to ensure that there will be no new accumulation of unsatisfied housing requirements in future years. The programme should set targets for each year for land acquisition, the planning of schemes and for house building. The resources of the building industry in the area should be reviewed in the light of the projected programmes and discussions should be initiated, where necessary, with building interests as to ways and means of augmenting or supplementing these resources to meet expanded output.

In the private sector the programme should set out the Council's proposals to provide the necessary incentives to enable those able and willing to re-house themselves to do so. It should make adequate provision for the satisfaction of demand for developed sites for private building. Arrangements for supplementary grants should also be reviewed in the light of experience. The programme should include specific measures to deal with unfit property capable of being repaired at reasonable cost, and to improve the standard or amenity of dwellings lacking in satisfactory water, sewerage and other services. The standard of maintenance of the authority's own housing estate should also be reviewed in the light of sound housing estate management principles. Sufficient resources should be set aside inthe overall housing programme to ensure proper maintenance of the housing stock.

4. Forward Planning of Acquisition of Housing Sites

When the assessment of needs has been made and the resultant programmes prepared, steps should be taken immediately to select and acquire sufficient sites to enable building to proceed on the basis planned in the programme. Site acquisition should be proceeded with well ahead of the programme requirements. Particular attention should be paid to the difficulties which may be experienced in the first years of the programme in this respect. Account should also be taken of the delays which may be entailed by the probable need to resort in some cases to Compulsory Purchase Order procedures. Continuity of the building programme can only be assured by making certain that sites are available ahead of requirements for some years to come. The new powers available to local authorities for forward site acquisition under the Local Government (Planning and Development) aCt, 1963, should be fully utilised, particularly in towns and larger villages, where suitable sites should be acquired, if necessary ahead of environmental services, so that the benefit of the provision of services accrues to the local authority, its tenants, or to house purchasers.

5. Review of Rent Policies

The Minister wishes to emphasise that no applicant should be denied re-housing by the local authority because of inability to pay rent. A substantial number of low income families are likely to require re-housing in the periods covered in the proposed programmes having regard to the number of such families who are at present in occupation of unfit dwellings. The cost of the proposed programmes should be reviewed in this light and current renting practices should be examined with a view to the adoption of a rational rent policy for the housing estate as a whole, related to the standard of accommodation and amenity provided and to the fanancial circumstances of tenants.

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6. Review of Progress

This Department should be kept regularly informed of the progress made in the assessment of needs and the preparation and execution of programmes and the advice and assistance of the Department's officers should be sought in cases of difficulty. Discussions will be arranged where appropriate. It is particularly important that regular returns be submitted by housing authorities in the revised monthly form of which a specimen copy is attached in Appendix C.

7. Elimination of Unnecessary Delays:

The Minister is anxious that all possible measures be taken to eliminate avoidable delays in the acquisition of housing sites and in the planning and execution of housing schemes. Many such delays are occasioned by failure to document proposals fully on their submission to the Department, although housing authorities have been frequently advised as to the minimum requirements necessary to enable them to be adequately examined. The Minister has reviewed these requirements and has directed me to set out in the attached memoranda the Department's minimum requirements in regard to the selection of housing sites (Appendix A) and the documentation of housing proposals (Appendix B). These memoranda supersede all earlier instructions and contain, for convenience of reference, a separate list of contents in each case.

8. Acquisition of Housing Sites by Agreement:

It will no longer be necessary to submit for prior approval proppsals for site acquisition by agreement except where either (a) the site falls short in any material respect of the principles and standards set out in Appendix A, or (b) the proposed development is inconsistent with the planning and development objectives for the area under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963. It is not anticipated that housing development will normally be proposed on such sites, but if this is intended in exceptional circumstances, the Minister's prior approval should be sought and a statement of the circumstances submitted.

In all cases of site acquisition the advice of suitably qualified specialist personnel with adequate housing experience should be obtained.

The selection of sites under the new procedure will be kept under review and the Department's Inspectors should be kept fully informed of impending developments. Housing authorities who acquire sites which do not accord with the appropriate requirements will leave themselves open to the possible rejection of the layout and building proposals at a later stage, or to a reduction or withholding of subsidy should the amenity or standard of the dwellings provided be adversely affected. Details of the sites acquired and of the prices paid should be appended to the monthly housing return.

9. Acquisition of Housing Sites by Compulsory Purchase Order.

The general principles set out in Appendix A regarding site selection should be followed in the selection of housing sites for acquisiton by Compulsory Purchase Order.

10. Documentation of House BuildingnProposals.

The procedure set out in Appendix B has been designed to avoid unnecessary delay and should be strictly adhered to in all cases.

The new procedure envisages only one full submission to the Department in regard to individual housing projects - that is at sketch plan stage. It is intended that the maximum use be made of personal consultation between officers of the Department and local authorities to solve quickly any problems or differences of opinion that may arise on such submissions. The submission at tender stage is intended to ensure that

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the Minister is kept up-to-date regarding trends in house building costs and progress generally. No detailed examination of proposals at tender stage is envisaged except where abnormal factors are involved such as the acceptance of a tender other than the lowest, or where the tender price exceeds the approved estimate of cost by more than 10%. Sympathetic consideration will be given in appropriate cases to proposals for negotiated contracts or other similar departures from the normal public notice procedure.

Consultations should be arranged with officers of this Department at the preliminary planning stage of each scheme. Normally preliminary technical consultations should be arrangedto tie in with the regular visits of the Department's Inspector to the area. Where necessary, special consultations with the Department's officers may be arranged to deal with particular problems, including those relating to site acquisition.

11. Rehousing of Small Farmers

The Minister is most dissatisfied with the response to the special scheme for the housing of small farmers with land holdings of £5 valuation or less, which was notified in this Department's circular letter H.1/64 of 9th March, 1964. Progress reports submitted up to the present show, in general, little evidence of the vigorous approach which is needed if the potentialities of the scheme to assist in the elimination of unfit rural housing conditions are to be fully explcited. In the overall assessment of housing needs already referred to, the housing authority should pay particular attention to the needs of small farmers living in unfit conditions, who would be eligible under the special scheme. A person in occupation of an agricultural holding, the land valuation of which is not more than £5, who obtains a substantial proportion of his livelihood from the holding would be eligible, if in need of rehousing, notwithstanding that he may supplement his income otherwise than from the holding. The specially advantageous terms which the scheme provides should be brought to the notice of eligible farmers individually. Separate provision should be made in the housing authority's building programme to meet their needs on a planned basis. In general the revised procedures and standards recommended in this circular letter should be followed in the provision of houses under the scheme. Special attention should, however, be paid to the individual family needs of eligible farmers.

12. Copies of this Circular letter and of the attached memoranda should be given immediately to all appropriate housing and planning personnel and to housing consultants employed by the Council. A special report should be submitted within two months on the action taken by the housing authority in response to this circular letter.

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Each Housing Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
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Circ : L.8/65.

1st June, 1965.

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I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to plans and specifications for a low-cost covered and heated swimming pool as described by the Minister in his address on the occasion of the premiere of the water-safety film "To save a life"; a copy of the address is attached. Tenders for the construction of a pool in accordance with the Minister's design or variations thereof are being examined in the Department. Contractors are prepared in many instances to give a reduction on the price for construction of the pool if they are guaranteed contracts for a number of pools within a given radius and the percentage reduction increases with an increase in the number of pools. It is clear therefore, that the greatest economies can be achieved by arranging at this stage for the placing of contracts for a number of pools serving areas in reasonable proximity to one another.

In the case of authorities which have plans already drawn up and approved or being examined, the Minister would be glad if they would re-examine their proposals in the light of the new developments and furnish a report to the Department, indicating in particular whether they would be interested in adopting the new prototype pool. Since an indoor pool at low cost has now become a practical possibility the Minister is anxious that available funds should be conserved so as to provide the basic swimming facilities as widely as possible rather than to support ambitious projects in occasional areas, and he is not, therefore, prepared to see pools proceeded with, even if already approved in principle or in detail, which could be provided at a lower cost by availing of the offers now on hand in regard to the basic pool. The design of this pool is such that if the promoters wish they may have additional amenities or features at extra cost over and above the fixed contract price for the basic pool, or, where justified, a larger pool of similar type may be obtained.

Local authorities which have been hesitating for financial reasons to provide swimming pools are requested to submit an early report as to whether this offer will now enable them to undertake the installation of a swimming pool or to have a pool provided by joint action with a neighbouring authority or by contributing towards voluntary effort. A similar letter on the subject will be addressed to swimming associations or interested groups known to the Department and it is suggested that the local authorities might examine the matter together with local interested groups. An early indication to the Minister of requirements will enable the best terms to be obtained.

You will no doubt have noted the advertisement appearing currently in the newspapers in the matter. Copies of plans and specifications and other detailed documents in regard to the pool will be available from the Department on request for a fee of £10.

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To each Sanitary Authority.

SPEECH BY MR. NEIL T. BLANEY, MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ON THE OCCASION OF THE PREMIERE OF THE FILM "TO SAVE A LIFE" ON TUESDAY, 30TH MARCH, 1965.

Rev. Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I welcome all of you to the film, "To save a Life", which I have sponsored with the object of promoting an appreciation of the importance of water safety. As you will have seen, the purpose of the film is to bring home to the public, particularly to parents, the tremendous value of proper training in the art of life-saving. The techniques are simple and voluntary organisations and local authorities are only too willing to organise instruction classes wherever possible. I do not intend to dwell on this subject as I am sure that you will agree with me that the film projects the message very eloquently. The film is of a high quality and will, I believe, be effective for its purpose and I should like to congratulate Mr.George Morrison,the producer, and Mr. Dick Power, the script-writer, and to thank those persons and groups who advised on and demonstrated the practice and techniques of life-saving and all others who co-operated. I should also like to take this opportunity of thanking the Water Safety Section of the Irish Red Cross Society and the Royal Life Saving Society for the specialised advice and assistance so readily given by them to local authorities in organising their arrangements for safety at beaches and dangerous spots and of expressing my appreciation of the excellent work done by them in providing training in life-saving wherever required. I should like to see their services availed of more fully and I would ask all those of you here who may be in a position to do so to help to ensure widespread distribution of the film. Copies will be supplied in 35 mm. reels for commercial use and 16 mm. copies will be available from the Department to facilitate its use by voluntary organisations in their branches throughout the country. This film will be available in both English and Irish versions.

I am only too keenly aware that the key to widespread and effective action to promote water safety lies in the provision of a sufficient number of pools, particularly in the large centres of population. During my term as Minister for Local Government, I have been urging local authorities to provide extended facilities for swimming, and to assist local development associations or other voluntary organisations to provide them, and since 1961 I have had State subsidy

increased to 50%, and in some exceptional cases 60%, to local authorities towards their expenditure either in providing pools or in assisting voluntary bodies to provide them. More recently, I have encouraged local authorities to assist school authorities wishing to install pools and have suggested that they consider the possibility of having a pool provided jointly by a school authority and a local voluntary organisation - the pool to be made available for local use during school holidays and at other appropriate times. I have before me at present a proposal from Dublin Corporation to make a substantial contribution to the Marian College, Ballsbridge, for installation of a pool which will be made available for agreed periods weekly to swimming groups in the city, and it has been alleged that I am holding up this proposal. The position is that the proposal is more than welcome. My technical advisers have examined the plans and wish to discuss some aspects of them with representatives of the College and the Corporation. I have arranged for such discussions.

The improved financial facilities have, I am glad to say, resulted in a stepping up of work generally on the provision of swimming pools and the position at present is that some 16 pools promoted by local authorities, or by voluntary groups in conjunction with local authorities, have reached an advanced planning stage and in some cases been completed while a number of others are receiving preliminary examination. I am not at all satisfied with the progress made, however, and will not be happy until at least one swimming pool, preferably an indoor heated pool, is available in every area. Widespread public interest has been aroused and I am keenly conscious that the major factor in impeding action is the fact, that, notwithstanding generous State assistance, the financial burden involved in the provision of indoor heated pools of standard quality, with the usual amenities, proves to be too great for local authorities and voluntary interests in many areas. I have seen frequent references in the newspapers to grandiose projects which have been mooted in some areas and huge figures as to the cost of these proposed schemes have been bandied about. Naturally this has frightened off many local authorities and swimming clubs from even considering the idea of providing a swimming pool. I have always felt that the prices mentioned have been too high and having had the matter examined I have come to the conclusion, that if any worthwhile progress is to be made it will be necessary to change current thinking on this question of pools.

I have accordingly arranged to have plans and specifications prepared for a pool which has all the basic elements without any frills. You will have noted that a public invitation to contractors to submit tenders for such a pool has been published recently. Tenders based on variations of the design will be considered provided that the basic requirements as to size, heating, filtration, chlorination and so on are complied with. I know that most of you here have a special interest in this matter and I will now give you, with the aid of some slides, an idea of what I have in mind. Drawings of the pool are on display in the ballroom.

The pool itself is constructed of reinforced concrete. The roof structure is corrugated asbestos supported on factory constructed reinforced concrete portal frames. The pool water is continuously filtered, sterilised, heated and circulated through the pool, The pool is 25 metres long and has four racing lanes of 6 ft. width each. Three quarters of the pool length will be available for swimming instruction and use of non-swimmers while at the deep end, which is 8½ . ft., a 1 metre diving board is provided. The necessary sanitary and dressing accommodation and showers are provided. The structure is so designed that extra amenities could be added at an extra cost.

I have asked the National Building Agency to undertake the erection of these pools when I receive a request to build them. As regards price I would like to say that I have had this pool designed down to cost not more than £16,000. Tenderers are being asked to quote not only for a single pool but to submit quotations for up to 20 or more. I feel that if we get a sufficient number of persons interested and a sufficient number of commissions that by bulk tendering and industrialised methods of construction we can beat this figure of £16,000. As I have said tenders based on variations in the design will be considered provided the basic requirements as to size, heating, filtration and chlorination are complied with. I am hopeful that some worthwhile designs and plans will be forthcoming. Tenderers who send in such plans of their own design can rest assured that they will receive every consideration. I am most anxious to stimulate new ideas and new thinking on swimming pools. I hope that what I have

done will give the necessary impetus to swimming associations that have been hesitating up to now about providing pools because of the enormous cost involved.

In conclusion, I wish to make it clear that the usual subsidy will be available for the pool I have shown you and for pools of other standards provided I am satisfied that the proposed costs are reasonable and that the bodies concerned are in a position to meet their part of the expenditure.

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APPENDIX.

PROTOTYPE SWIMMING POOL

Details pertaining to each Slide.

SLIDE NO. 1 : A cut-away isometric projection in which can be seen all the components of the pool. The roof structure is corrugated asbestos supported on factory constructed reinforced concrete portal frames. The pool is reinforced concrete cast-in-situ. The exterior curtain walls are in concrete block-work. The accommodation provided includes male and female changing rooms each with its appropriate hand-bag, pocket cash etc. safe keeping rooms; toilets, wash-hand basins, showers and antiseptic foot bath facilities. The pool water is continuously filtered, sterilised, heated and circulated through the pool and structural provision is made to house this equipment.

SLIDE NO. 2 : This is an interior view of the pool looking towards the deep end. The structure of the roof members, roof covering, longitudinal roof lighting is clear in this slide. One of the two extract fans is seen in the end wall. The purpose of these fans is to expel the warm moisture laden chlorinated air which will tend to accumulate in the roof area. The pool walls will be coated in light blue under water enamel and dark blue will be used in longitudinal lines defining the four racing lanes. The pool is 25 metres long and has four racing lanes of 6 ft. width each. Three quarters of the pool length will be available for swimming instruction and use by non-swimmers, since its depth over this length varies only from 3ft. 6 ins. 4 ft.

SLIDES 3 & 4 : These two slides give a general impression of the exterior aspect of the building, which I feel presents a very pleasing appearance, having regard to the utilitarian considerations which I had in mind when initiating this project.

SLIDE NO. 5 : This is an engineering drawing showing all the several design details of the structural components of the pool, and may be taken as an indication of the degree of precision which has been observed in its development.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

A monthly meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on the 8th June, 1965.

ROLL CALL

The Roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members were present :

In the Chair : Ald. S. Coughlan, T.D., Deputy Mayor.

Aldermen : J. Carew, G. E. Russell.

Councillors : V. Feeney, P. Kiely, T. Lawlor, and J. P. Liddy.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Engineer ; City Solicitor ; City Accountant ; Architect.

Deputation from Greystones and District Residents :

On the motion of Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, the Council agreed to receive a deputation from the Greystones and District Residents' Association.

The spokesman for the Association commented on the lack of open space in the Greystones area. The Corporation had refused to grant a permission for the erection of a bowling alley on a site fronting the Ennis Road which had been shown in the development of the Greystones scheme as an open space. He asked the Council to agree that the Corporation should acquire this site and develop it for use as a playground. He also asked if the Council would pass a resolution asking the Minister not to accede to the appeal of the proposers of the bowling alley. Ald. Russell said it should be mandatory on both local authorities and private builders to provide a certain amount of open space in all housing estates. The Corporation was making an effort to meet this demand in its latter housing schemes but it could not absolve itself from the responsibility for the lack of open spaces in recently completed private housing schemes as it was the planning authority which had approved of such schemes.

Cllr. Liddy said that the Corporation should ensure that adequate provision was made for open spaces in all future schemes. The Corporation should do all it could to help the Greystones residents in their demands. Cllr. Feeney and Ald. Carew supported. The Chairman said the Corporation had disposed of this land at a very cheap rate to a building society. The Corporation should now re-acquire the land compulsory and develop it as an open space. The City Manager said the Corporation had sold the land to a housing society for the purpose of erecting on it houses to an approved plan. The Corporation had not made any profit on the sale of the land. The sale, which had been approved of by the Council at the time, was in accordance with the policy to encourage private developers to engage in house building. The Corporation had refused to permit a bowling alley on this site and one of the reasons was that the site had been shown as an open space and that the transfer of the lands by the Corporation would not permit of the use of the lands for a purpose other than housing. The Corporation

had power to acquire and develop if the Council so desired.

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor : " That the Corporation examine the possibility of re-acquiring the site intended for use as an open space at Greystones and develop it as such."

Arising out of the foregoing the City Manager in reply to Ald. Russell said he would advise the Council of the conditions under which the lands at Greystones were disposed of, and would also say if these conditions had been contravened in any way.

ITEM 1 : Date of Fourth Quarterly Statutory Meeting and Mayoral Election :

After a brief discussion the Council unanimously agreed on the motion of Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Feeney : " That the Fourth Quarterly Statutory Meeting and the Mayoral Election be held on Wednesday, 30th June, 1965, in the County Courthouse at 7.30 o'clock, p.m."

ITEM 2 :

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 11th May, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

Derelict Sites :

Ald. Russell referred to a site at Halls Bow off Lower Gerald Griffin Street. He said it was in a disgraceful condition and asked that immediate steps be taken to have this area cleaned up. The Chairman referred to the visit of the Military History Society to Limerick over the Whit week-end. The parts of the city which had been visited by the members were in a very bad condition. He asked why something was not done to clean up these areas. Cllr. Feeney referred to derelict sites at the junction of Patrick Street/Ellen Street and also at Nicholas Street. The Asst. Town Clerk said that the Corporation had taken steps with regard to the sites in Patrick Street and Nicholas Street. If progress was not made shortly the Corporation would exercise its powers under the Derelict Sites Act, 1961 ; clean up and charge to the owners. The Engineer said that the area referred to by the Chairman was largely private property. The Corporation had no authority to enter such areas. He undertook to examine the area referred to by Ald. Russell.

Fuel Bins—St. John's Housing Scheme :

The Architect in reply to Cllr. Kiely said the Corporation had agreed to provide fuel bins to 15 bungalows in St. John's Housing Scheme.

King John's Castle :

In reply to Cllr. Feeney and the Chairman, the Asst. Town Clerk said that officials of the Corporation had had discussions with the Chief Inspector of Monuments in relation to King John's Castle. A separate report was being prepared and would be furnished to the Council in due course. The Chairman said he understood that four bodies were interested in a major proposal to improve a historic monument—Bord Failte, Board of Works, the Department of Local Government, and the Department of Finance. He had been assured by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance that proposals in relation to King

John's Castle would receive early consideration. He said the Castle was in poor condition generally, the caretaking was inadequate. It was regrettable that steps had not been taken long before now to make this building into the major attraction which it might be. The Council should keep pressing its case for the necessary improvements. Ald. Russell supported the Chairman's remarks.

Speed Limits :

Cllr. Liddy said the speed limits sign of 40 miles had been erected outside the borough boundary at the Ennis Road. There was no reducing sign to 30 miles within the city boundary. This was a serious matter. The Asst. Town Clerk said that the signs had not yet been put up in the altered locations within the city. There was some discussion about the proposed new Speed Limits on the Ballinacurra Road, the Ennis Road and the Dublin Road. The Asst. Town Clerk said the Council had made representations to the Minister on these matters. The Minister had, however, made the regulations and these were in operation since the 1st June. Ald. Carew suggested that the Gardai be asked to enforce the new Speed Limits. The Council agreed to this suggestion.

Name Plates in Greystones :

On the motion of Ald. Russell, seconded by the Chairman, the Council agreed to revert to the name Beechwood Avenue in lieu of Birchwood Avenue as recommended by the Street Naming Committee for one avenue in the Greystones Housing Estate. In reply to Ald. Russell, the Asst. Town Clerk said the Corporation were considering the application of the Greystones Residents' Association for a contribution towards the cost of the plates.

Parking :

Cllr. Liddy asked that 'no parking' sign in portion of Denmark Street should be removed. The street was wide in this particular area. The Asst. Town Clerk said the matter would be brought to the notice of the Gardai. The Council agreed that the question of traffic be put on the agenda for the next ordinary meeting.

ITEM 3 :

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor : " That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 25th May, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

ITEM 4 :

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Liddy : " That the minutes of the meeting of the Tenders Committee held on the 11th May, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

Arising out of the foregoing, the Architect in reply to Alds. Russell and Carew said the Convent Field Housing Scheme was a scheme which permitted of economic development. The price quoted by the lowest contractor was very keen. In reply to further queries the Architect said that a Penalty Clause was included in Corporation contracts. It was difficult to enforce such a Clause.

The contractors in question, Messrs. Burke, had been engaged in

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Garryowen/Greenhill, Tankfield and St. John's Schemes. This was a very difficult scheme and the contractor had not been able to keep to the time schedule.

ITEM 5 :

Proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor : " That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

The Council decided to defer consideration of these minutes to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

ITEM 6 :

Submitted communication dated 10th May, 1965, from the Minister for Health thanking the Council for its message of congratulations and good wishes on his appointment as Minister for Health. Noted.

ITEM 7 :

Submitted monthly Financial Statement and Departmental Reports for the month of May, 1965. Noted.

ITEM 8 : Housing :

There was no discussion on housing, as the Council agreed to hold a special housing meeting on the 15th June, 1965.

ITEM 9 :

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of overdraft on the Municipal Fund (Revenue) Account of a sum not exceeding £300,000 for period ending 30th September, 1965."

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of overdraft on the Municipal Fund (Capital) Account of the following sums for the period ending 30th September, 1965:

Housing	£136,000
Sanitary	£8,500
Other Purposes	£11,000."

Gas:

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of overdraft to the 30th September, 1965, to the following sums :

Gas Revenue No. 1	£160,000
Gas Revenue No. 2	£9,000
Capital Plant	£10,000
Main Laying	£10,000."

Gas Undertaking :

Submitted report from the City Manager dated the 2nd June, 1965, on the financial structure of the Gas Works. The report was accompanied by report of the 21st May from Messrs. O'Donnell & Co., Auditors to the Limerick Gas Undertaking. The City Manager in his report

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recalled that the City Council had agreed to the principle of permanent funding of capital expenditure of the undertaking when approving of the repayment of a loan of £50,000, part of total amount borrowed for the reconstruction of the Gas Works. The Auditors in their report recommended that a further sum of £100,000 should be borrowed on the long term and utilised partly in the redemption of existing short-time borrowings, partly to provide finance for new capital works, and partly to introduce working capital which was needed into the industry. The Manager suggested that the repayment of this loan should be over a period of 35 years and that the period of the repayment of a loan of £50,000 already granted by the Corporation to the Gas Works should be lengthened to a similar term of years. The rate charge would be approximately 1¾d. in the £. The Manager's report went on to say that it could not be assumed that the proposed loan would provide adequate long-term permanent finance as a manufacturing industry as large as the Limerick Gas Undertaking requires at least £300,000 permanent capital. The proposal should accordingly be regarded as a further step towards correcting the finances of the Undertaking without imposing a very great additional burden on the rates.

Ald. Russell said in the past he had drawn attention to the fact that the Gas Works was undercapitalised. The Auditor and the City Manager agreed with this view. The Gas Undertaking had for many years been a matter of concern to the members of the Council, and he was sure, to the officials of the Corporation. He welcomed the improvement in the financial structure of the Gas Works as proposed by the Manager, but he was discouraged to note that no great hope was set out in the report as to future prospects. He thought that further injection of capital monies might well be sought in the future. Sales of gas must improve and it was disturbing to note that the sales had not increased as quickly as hoped. He complimented the City Manager for having rescued the Gas Works from the serious situation it was in some past three years ago. Cllr. Liddy supported the proposal. He asked that steps be taken to arrest the decline in the domestic gas sales. Ald. Carew supported. He observed that the E.S.B., a national undertaking, was competing severely with the Gas Works. Sales of gas must increase. The Works was in capable hands and he congratulated the Manager on the precise report submitted.

Cllr. Feeney supported. He hoped the past losses had been due to obsolete equipment and not to the fact that the persons found it more economic to use an alternative fuel. Gas must compete in terms of cost with any alternative fuel otherwise people would not use it.

The Chairman said he was satisfied that efficient control and management had been introduced in the Gas concern. Many persons had bad experience with gas in the past. He hoped, however, that the Undertaking and the Corporation could look forward to brighter times. He was strongly in favour of improved sales and servicing.

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Liddy, and unanimously resolved : " That having considered report from the City Manager dated 2nd June, 1965, and the accompanying report from the Auditors to the Limerick Gas Undertaking, it is hereby resolved that authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £150,000 in respect of the Limerick Gas Undertaking; the Gas Undertaking to be responsible for the payment of Interest on the loan; the Corporation for the repayment of the principal. We

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further approve of the proposal that the appropriate sum be used out of this loan to redeem the existing loan of £50,000 already borrowed by the Corporation in respect of the Gas Undertaking on terms with regard to the payment of Interest and principle similar to those now agreed."

ITEM 11 :

Submitted report from the City Manager and Town Clerk dated 4th June, 1965, seeking the approval of the Council to the payment of increase in remuneration to Housing Scheme Supervisors, in accordance with the recommendations of the Labour Court dated 21st May, 1965, copy of which had been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously agreed : " That we approve of the payment of an increase of 15/0d. per week to Housing Scheme Supervisors in the employment of the Corporation with effect from the 1st October, 1964. We note the cost involved and approve of any necessary expenditure to cover such cost."

ITEM 12 :

Submitted report on the meeting of the Joint Committee of Members of Local Authority re itinerants. Copy of report had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. There was a brief discussion. The Council unanimously agreed on the motion of Cllr. Liddy, that the Council's representatives on the Working Committee consist of three members selected from amongst His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Coughlan, Ald. Russell and Ald. Carew as decided between the four nominees.

ITEM 13 :

Submitted circular letter L.8/65 dated 1st June, 1965, from the Department of Local Government re swimming pools. Copies of the circular and the accompanying statement of the Minister for Local Government had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. The Department's circular referred to the erection of indoor swimming pools at a cost of £16,000. It was stated that the Minister was anxious that available funds should be conserved so as to provide the basic swimming facilities as widely as possible and was not, therefore, prepared to see pools proceeded with even if already approved in principle, or in detail, which could be provided at a lower cost by availing of the offers now in hands in regard to the basic pool. Ald. Russell said it was obvious from the circular letter that the Minister wanted local authorities to erect the small pools. He said the Council should welcome the proposal. It was an ideal way of solving the problem of inadequacy of swimming facilities in Limerick City. He proposed " that the Corporation procure the detailed plans referred to in the circular letter and ask the technical officers to examine and put before the Council a proposal for the erection of a number of such pools in the City." Cllr. Feeney seconded. Cllr. Liddy referred to the suggestion in the circular letter that the basic pool could be enlarged. He would like the matter examined from this aspect. He felt the City must have one large pool and a number of small ones, and that the pools must be located in central areas where they would be for the use of all the citizens and not for a particular segment of the community. He welcomed the Minister's proposal. The Chairman also welcomed the proposal set out in the Minister's circular letter and he suggested that there might be room for co-operation be-

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tween the Corporation and adjoining local authorities in the siting of a number of such pools being built in the region.

The Architect, asked to comment on the basic pool, said he could not do so until he had seen the plans and specifications. He was in favour of getting the documents and having the matter examined. The Council passed the motion of Ald. Russell without dissent.

ITEM 14 :

Submitted report dated 4th June, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk, together with the report of the City Engineer of the 2nd June on the proposed children's playground at Garryglass Avenue. The report included a revised estimated cost in the sum of £9,680 as against £7,500 as originally estimated. After a brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That we approve of the proposal to erect a Children's Playground at Garryglass Avenue at an estimated cost of £9,700. We further give authority to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £9,700 to finance the work, the loan to be reduced by £1,500 provided works to this amount are included in the relief schemes for the current year."

ITEM 15—New Works :

There were no new works submitted.

ITEM 16 :

Proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved : " That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing :

S.D. Advances : Mortgages—John Sheehan, Clare Street ; Cornelius Curtin, Clareview ; Patrick O'Callaghan, Clareview ; Patrick Kearney, Clareview ; P. A. Hegarty, Clareview.

Deed of Further Charge : C. Keyes, 7 Market Field Terrace.

Demolition Orders : 4, Little John Street ; 32, Roxtown Terrace ; " Sunville," Sexton Street North.

Closing Orders : 42, Athlunkard St. (1st floor, 2 front rooms) ; 22, Thomas Street (2 front rooms on top floor).

Limerick Corporation 3½% Redeemable Stock, 1956/'72 :

Stock Certs. 1862—Patrick Murphy.
1863—Miss Irene O'Callaghan.
1864—Miss Aileen O'Callaghan.
1865—Miss Mary O'Callaghan.
1866—Timothy Mulcahy.
1867—Pk. F. Dore and Mrs. Maura Dore.
1868—Messrs. Geary Sons & Co. Ltd.
1869—Michael Comerford.
1870—Michael Hurley.

S.D. Transfer : Assignment—Gallagher to O'Connell, Premises, 47 Mayorstone Park.

S.D. Advances : Mortgages—Thomas Keane, Coolraine ; Peter M. Quaid, Lansdowne Park.

Rates—Judgment Mortgage : Miss Mary McCormack, Satisfaction Piece.

Undertaking to repay Loan from Local Loans Fund : Pennywell Link Road Housing Scheme—Supplemental Loan £1,850.

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Demolition Orders : House Nr. Railway Bridge, Dublin Road, occupied by John Keane ; 29, Brennans Row ; 3, Griffith Row, off Catherine Street.

S.D. Transfer : Assignment—Barrett to Nevin, Premises 97 Greystones.

CONDOLENCE :

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, and unanimously resolved : " That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. P. O'Brien, of the Technical Institute, and to the relatives of the late Mr. William Foley."

Proposed by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved : " That the condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. John O'Connell, Lansdowne Park, on the death of his wife."

Proposed by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. P. O'Brien, Dublin Road, on the death of his father."

Proposed by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. K. Fitzgibbon, Clino Cottage, Ballysimon Road, on the death of his brother."

A TRUE RECORD.

TOMAS MacDIARMADA,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

Confirmed in Council
this 13th July 1926

Frank Leddy
Chairman.

Limerick City Council

A Special Meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 15th June, 1965.

PRESENT

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. Danagher, N.T., The Mayor.
Aldermen : J. Carew, G. E. Russell, S. Coughlan.
Councillors : F. Leddin, J. Kirby, P. O'Sullivan, V. Feeney, J. P. Liddy, W. Brazier, P. Kiely, T. Lawlor, F. Glasgow, Mrs. F. Condell.
Officers present : The City Manager, City Engineer, City Solicitor, City Accountant, City Architect, Assistant Town Clerk, Housing Officer and Staff Officer Town Clerk's Department.

The meeting had before it for its consideration :

(1) Circular Letter N.1/65 " Assessment of Housing Needs, Preparation of Programme, Acquisition of Sites and Planning Procedures " dated 24th May, 1965 from the Department of Local Government.

(2) Report from the City Manager and Town Clerk dated 11th June, 1965. Attached to the City Manager's report was report from the Housing Officer dated 10th June, 1965 setting out details of :

(a) Assessment of Corporation's housing requirements under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts,

(b) Details of Corporation's present building programme,

(c) Memorandum from the Assistant Town Clerk on Population Figures for Limerick City for the period 1951-1965, and

(d) Memorandum from the Assistant Town Clerk on private house building in Limerick.

Alderman Russell referring to the assessment of housing needs suggested that the assessment made in the Housing Officer's Report should be accepted by the Council. It appeared that everything had been covered with the exception of industrial growth which could not be measured at present. It was however, disappointing to note that in 1957 the then City Manager had circulated a report giving the number of families in need of re-housing as 1,357. He would regard the assessment as a minimum figure and asked if Corporation sub-tenants had been taken into account.

Councillor Mrs. Condell asked what were the requirements necessary to qualify for re-housing by a local authority and asked if the priorities were adhered to in all cases.

Councillor Liddy inquired the number of qualified applicants for re-housing and a number of members asked for better provision for

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newly-weds in the future.

Replying, the City Manager stated that sub-tenants were included in the assessment of housing needs and detailed the regulations under which houses erected under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts were let. The number of qualified applicants for re-housing at present was 700.

The assessment of the housing needs to 1970 was agreed at the figure of 1,800.

The Building Programme.

Alderman Coughlan stated that two Corporation Housing Schemes in the City were nearing completion and one builder was laying off workers this week. If the Corporation Housing Scheme at the Convent Field was sanctioned it would not be necessary to lay off these workers. He proposed that the Corporation contact the Minister for Local Government on the following morning to impress on him the necessity for expediting the sanction for the Convent Field Housing Scheme. This was unanimously agreed to. He referred to the irresponsible statements made by the Minister for Local Government on his visit to Limerick in regard to the House Building Programme of the Limerick County Council. He also complained about delay in the payment of grants by the Department of Local Government. He was satisfied that the Limerick Corporation were ahead of the Minister's requirements in e matter of planning.

Alderman Russell was satisfied that the Corporation could not at a rate in excess of 250 houses per annum and it appeared that s own resources it could not meet a target of 1,800 houses in five s. If this view were accepted it only required a simple resolution alling on the Minister for Local Government to provide the additional houses and he recommended this course to the Council.

Councillor Mrs. Condell agreed with the remarks of Alderman Russell.

Councillor Liddy said he considered the assessment low and a figure of 2,500 required would be nearer the reality of the position. He was in agreement with the previous two speakers and subscribed wholeheartedly to Alderman Russell's view. He felt sure there would be no objection from the Unions. He had discussed the matter with the Minister for Local Government and could assure the Council that the price would not be higher than current building costs and in all probability would be much lower. He was aware that the Council had about four weeks to decide and the Minister's decision would be conveyed to them in a matter of three months after which their problem would be solved.

Ald. Coughlan said his party were opposed to system building. He asked the Manager if the discussions with officials of the I.T.G.W.U. had taken place. He referred to the present condition of the houses in St. Mary's Park and envisaged a similar set of circumstances in the future if system building were adopted. His party was opposed to any form of system building until agreement had been reached with the Building Trades Group and the Unions catering for the building workers.

Councillor Leddin stated that last week he had visited a chalet containing two bedrooms, a living-room and bathroom on display in Sligo. Tradesmen who erected it had estimated its life at thirty years.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Office of the City Manager and Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

11th June, 1965.

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Limerick City Council will be held in the County Courthouse, Merchant's Quay, (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 15th June 1965 at 8 p.m.

B U S I N E S S

1. Housing : To consider circular letter N. 1/65 of the 24th May, 1965 from the Department of Local Government and City Manager's Report on Housing. (copy circular and report herewith).

Your attendance at this Meeting is requested.

Tomas Mac Diarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

TO/ His Worship, The Mayor and Each Member of the Limerick City Council :

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK

Town Hall,

Limerick.

10th June, 1965

HOUSING - ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING NEEDS AND PREPARATION OF BUILDING PROGRAMME.

Dear Sir,

Circular letter N. 1/65 of 24th May, 1965 requires housing authorities to assess, as quickly as possible, their housing requirements to provide for -

(a) families and other persons living in unfit dwellings and in overcrowded conditions or likely to be displaced from areas scheduled for re-development before 1970;

(b) families or persons otherwise in need of re-housing and to make reasonable provision for

(c) continued obsolescence in the existing housing stock and

(d) population growth through new family formation, industrial or other economic growth, and other similar factors.

Having established its requirements each housing authority "should decide on short and long term building programme". The short term programme to be carried out over a period of from 3 to 5 years" should be sufficient to eradicate all arrears of housing requirements and keep pace with the growth of demand in the area in the period of the programme".

The housing requirements of the Limerick Corporation under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts as ascertained at 30th April, 1965 under the broad headings set out in the circular are as follows:

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Number of unfit dwellings in City of Limerick as per detailed Survey completed in June, 1964		1435
Number of families qualified for re-housing on grounds of overcrowding		345
		1780

Additions

1.	New applications received from families qualified for re-housing	436	
2.	Obsolescence in Existing Housing from June 1964 to date 1 year @ 1% of total housing stock of 11,200 dwellings.	110	
3.	Population Growth Calculated on the basis of an increase of 1% per annum for 5 year period 1965/66 to 1969/70. Corporation to provide for 50% of the increase on the basis of an occupancy rate of 4 persons per dwelling. Population of City excluding those resident in institutions etc 46,000 (approx)	300	
4.	Industrial Growth and Economic Expansion additional to population growth above No provision can be made at present Corporation has not data at its disposal to define with any exactness	-	846
			2626

Deductions

1.	Applicants who have since date of application provided their own accommodation	32	
2.	Applications received from families residing in houses regarded as 'Urfit' in Survey.	180	
3.	Proportion of small families living in unfit houses who can be accommodated in houses to be vacated by families qualified for re-housing on grounds of overcrowding.	145	
4.	Families re-housed by Corporation since date of Survey.	468	825
			1801
	Total housing needs to be included in short term building programme. Say		1800

The annual vacancy rate of approximately 100 dwellings should at all times be sufficient to provide for future obsolescence of existing housing.

To comply with the terms of the circular 1800 houses must be built by 1970. This provides for an annual output of 360 dwellings over a five year period.

The Corporation's present Housing Programme may be set out as follows:

1.	Under Construction				
	St. Johns Housing Scheme		25		
	Bullfield Housing Scheme		200	223	
2.	Tender Accepted.				
	Convent Field Housing Scheme		65	65	
3.	Schemes Planned or being Planned				
	Watergate Housing Scheme	Part 1	100		
	Southill East Housing Scheme	Part 1	167		
	Southill West Housing Scheme	Part 1	175		
	Southill West Housing Scheme	Part 2	140		
	Watergate Housing Scheme	Part 2	124	706	994
4.	Schemes to be formulated				
	Various sites		806		806
					1800

There are sites available at Southill East Part 2 Bullfield Extension etc in Roxboro Road area sufficient to accommodate 450 dwellings approx.

Yours faithfully,

K. Quilligan
HOUSING OFFICER

T. P. MacDiarmada Eas.,
CITY MANAGER AND TOWN CLERK

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

11th June, 1965.

REPORT TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS:

Circular letter 1/65 of the 24th May, 1965, which is listed for consideration by the City Council at the Special Housing Meeting on 15th June, 1965, refers to the intention of the Minister for Local Government to arrange for a steady and progressive increase in the number of private and local authority houses constructed from 1963/64 to 1970. In order that the National target of 1400 houses per year by 1970 may be achieved the Minister has requested that housing authorities should make an up-to-date assessment of the number of houses required in their areas. The assessment for Limerick city has been made on the basis laid down in the circular, and attached to this report is the detailed compilation of the figures prepared by the Housing Officer. The estimate of the number of houses required for the 5 years to 1970 is 1800 or an average annual out-put of 360 houses. This estimate differs from former estimates submitted to the Council in as much as provision has been made for population growth, as requested in the Departmental circular. Heretofore, estimates have been confined to the number of houses required to re-accommodate families and other persons living in unfit and over-crowded dwellings, or otherwise qualified for rehousing by the Corporation.

The Departmental circular also requests that a factor should be included for industrial and other economic growth. In this assessment the Corporation Officers have confined the figure to the rate of expansion of the population which has been evident in recent years. The Corporation has not available sufficient data to assess exactly the future

industrial and economic growth which will largely be dependent on the extent of the investment for industrial purposes in Limerick city and the adjoining areas. The Council is advised that the information now submitted should be adopted for the short-term building programme which is to be carried out over a period of five years, and that the long-term programme should, in the meantime, be formulated with due regard to the additional information on the economic growth of the city and region which should become available at the conclusion of the planning assessments which are being made currently. Accordingly, for the short-term programme the official assessment, which is attached to this report, of an increase of 1% per annum in the city population is accepted.

SITES AVAILABLE:

The report of the Housing Officer outlines the schemes under construction and awaiting commencement, and gives details of the proposed location of 1,000 of the 1,800 houses which are required. For the remaining 800, sites are available for an additional 450 houses and arrangements are in hands to acquire sufficient land to conclude this programme and provide for future building by the Corporation.

METHOD BY WHICH PROGRAMME MAY BE CARRIED OUT:

It will be seen from the above assessment that an annual programme of 360 houses over a period of five years is considerably above the level of building which the Corporation has carried out in recent years, and is 75% greater than the annual rate of 200 houses defined in the current building programme. In a previous report to the Council I have indicated my doubts of the possibility of achieving rapidly the new level of output of houses without arranging for a supplementary programme. The Corporation has had under consideration the invitation of the Minister for Local

Government to consider the need for a re-examination of traditional building methods with a view to expediting housing programmes, and has discussed the suggestion with the local interests concerned. As directed by the Council further official discussions have taken place with the Builders' Federation and the Limerick Building Trades Group on the need for an enlarged Corporation building programme. The Federation is mindful of the interests of its members, who are mainly engaged in traditional building operations; is conscious of the movement towards standardisation and industrialisation of the building indus and is in agreement with the policy of the Corporation that the housing programme should be enlarged. The Federation's view is that the manner in which this should be achieved is a matter for determination by the Corporation.

The Limerick Building Trades Group expressed as its primary concern the maintenance of full employment for its members in any building programme. The representatives of this Group were satisfied that this level of employment was substantially achieved during the last financial year in the public and private sectors of the building industry in Limerick city; the Group is concerned that this level should be maintained in the long-term without the recessions in employment in the building trades which have occurred in the past. The Building Trades Group is conscious of the obligations of the Corporation to provide houses for persons who are in need of rehousing. The Group is not opposed to system building as such, and is of opinion that the information, which is of importance to their members, viz. the extent of the trade employment which will be availabl cannot be ascertained without further enquiry. The Building Trades Group, accordingly, does not object to further enquir-

ies being made by the Corporation on the question of system building.

It has not proved possible to arrange discussions with representatives of the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union before this date, but it is hoped to have them concluded before the Meeting of the Council on the 15th inst. The views of this body have been already conveyed in a detailed memorandum.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The building programme, at a rate of 200 houses per annum is imposing a very heavy additional annual burden on the ratepayers which has been assessed by the City Accountant at 1s. 2d. increase in the Municipal Rate for each year of the programme.

It is evident that to advance this programme to 360 per annum will involve a pro rata increase on this figure unless

(a) subsidy from central funds is re-adjusted in conformity with present day costs, and

(b) renting schemes are re-assessed to ensure that additional burden is equitably re-distributed between tenants and ratepayers.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended, accordingly,

(1) that the programme of 1,800 houses should be adopted as the Corporation housing programme for the current and next four financial years;

(2) that the additional land required to complete the programme and to provide for future building and industrial locations should be acquired;

(3) that the Minister for Local Government should be advised of the new programme and should be informed that a supplementary building programme must be arranged if the annual output of 360 houses is to be achieved

and that he be asked to investigate the the possibility of supplementing the Corporation's own programme by system building or rationalised traditional methods;

(4) that the attention of the Minister should be directed to the serious additional financial burden which the new programme will impose on the city ratepayers and that he be asked to give consideration to the need for a raising of the subsidy limit.

(5) that the Corporation's renting schemes be re-examined and necessary amendment made.

A report made by the Assistant Town Clerk is also attached which gives details of the extent of the private building operations in the city with details of the sites available for schemes to be constructed within the next few years.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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PRIVATE HOUSING.

Table I set out hereunder gives details of the programme of the different private house builders in the city.

TABLE I.

Private Housing ... Programme Assessment.

Builder	Site	Scheme approved by Corp. or proposed by Developers.	Erected	Under construction.	To be Erected.
BUTLER	Clareview	274	88	23	163
	do.	61			61
HALLY.	Strandville	32	19	11	2
	Strand House	25	--	--	25
	Rose Avenue	14	6	--	8
	S. C. Road.	7	--	--	7
	Rosendale	40	--	--	40
QUINN.	Park	80	41	26	13
	Roseville	40	--	--	40
	Park	30			30
ST. JAMES' PARK.	St. Patrick's Road	132	100	32	--
	St. Patrick's Road	36	--	36	--
	Bloodmill Road	71	--	--	71
	Rosbrien	82		56	26
	Rosbrien	66	--	--	66
	Ballysimon Road	50			50
PROV. H. SOCIETY.	St. Munchin's Field	56	28	28	--
	Moylish (70 acres)	300	--	--	300
------	Barry's Lands (40 acres)	300	--	--	300
TOTALS:		1,696	282	212	1,202

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TABLE II.

Year Ended	Loans Approved	Houses Erected.
31/3/1959	97	76
31/3/1960	98	82
31/3/1961	124	88
31/3/1962	99	129
31/3/1963	133	98
31/3/1964	146	139 *
31/3/1965	231	177 *

Note: * These figures are the number of Government Grants paid in each year. They include houses erected without the aid of Corporation loans.

The annual rate of building of private developers in the city is at present of the order of 130 to 150 houses. This, however, is likely to be stepped up by a further 50 houses p.a. when the Provincial Housing Society re-commence operations in the city.

The programme on the private side would seem to be a seven to eight year programme. The Corporation is satisfied that while private builders have, between them, sufficient developed sites to cater for the housing needs of the community in this sector for a number of years, an extension of services will be necessary to cater for the long term programme.

The City Engineer, in his report on land use to be incorporated in the Development Plan, has indicated several other areas which will be serviced in the future by the Corporation and will be available for private building. The Corporation will continue to encourage the building of houses by private developers and will, consistent with the national policy, maintain its policy of making available loans and grants to persons who desire to erect their own houses.

T. J. McHugh.
Asst. Town Clerk.

June 1965:

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

MEMORANDUM RE POPULATION OF CITY OF LIMERICK:

The following table gives particulars of the number of persons on the Register of Electors published on the 15th April in each of the years 1951 to 1956, and the population from the official Census Return in the years 1951, 1956 and 1961.

Electors List published on 15th April.	Number of Electors	Population.
1951	28,475	50,820
1952	28,048	
1953	27,674	
1954	27,497	
1955	27,662	
1956	27,308	50,886
1957	27,313	
1958	27,071	
1959	26,835	
1960	26,915	
1961	27,328	50,786
1962	27,921	
1963	28,058	
1964	29,427	
1965	29,732	

In 1961 the qualifying age for Electors was changed from 21 on the 15th September to 21 on the following 15th April. In 1964,(which showed an increase of almost 1,400 over the previous year), the provisions with regard to the registration of in-mates of institutions, such as St. Joseph's Hospital, as prescribed in the Electoral Act, 1963, were first introduced, this was responsible for an increase of over 900 in the Register. In other words the real increase was of the order of 400 in that year. An increase of 300 is produced in the figures for 1965, i.e. an increase of 1.03%.

It will be seen that the upward trend noted in 1960 has continued in each succeeding year. From information received from the Chief Medical Officer with regard to the number of pupils at primary schools it would appear that the increase shown in the over 21's is also reflected in the lower age groups. It is thought safe, therefore, to deduce from the figures taken from the Register of Electors and from the general information available to the Corporation that an increase of the order of 1% of the total population of the city is taking place annually. This means an increase of 500 persons per annum. It may be pointed out that the natural increase in the population of the city is 700 i.e. births over deaths.

It is obvious that if the population of the city is increasing at the rate of 500 persons per year that the Corporation must make allowance in its assessment of housing needs for this increase. It is estimated that for this reason alone, and not including for population growth which might be accounted for by economic growth, it will be necessary to provide 120 extra houses per annum shared equally by public housing and private housing.

T. J. McHugh.
Asst. Town Clerk.

June 1965.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT — Rionn Rialtais Aitiuil

CUSTOM HOUSE — Teach an Chustaim

DUBLIN. — Baile Atha Cliath.

24th May, 1965.

Circular letter N. 1/65

HOUSING - ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING NEEDS, PREPARATION OF PROGRAMMES, ACQUISITION OF SITES AND PLANNING PROCEDURES

A Chara,

1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the White Paper - "Housing - Progress and Prospects" published last November and in particular to the proposals therein dealing with housing needs and the preparation by local authorities of building programmes. The White Paper envisages an overall increase in private and local authority housing output from 7,500 in 1963/64 to 14,000 in 1970. The output of local authority housing in 1964/65, while showing an increase over 1963/64, was still at the disappointingly low figure of approximately 2,300. The Minister intends to take every possible step open to him to ensure that this figure will be very considerably increased, immediately and progressively, so as to attain the target of 14,000 houses a year (private and local authority) by 1970. The purpose of this circular letter is to make housing authorities and their officers aware of the Minister's intentions and to set out revised procedures designed to guide and help them in dealing with the housing problem in their areas. The Minister wishes to emphasise, however, that whatever guidance and help he may give, the required results will not be produced unless there is a positive and vigorous approach by housing authorities and their officers to the solution of that problem.

2. ASSESSMENT OF Housing Needs

The first requirement of such an approach is an assessment of housing needs in each area on the broad basis envisaged in the White Paper. This assessment, if not already carried out, should be put in hands immediately in advance of the legislation referred to in the White Paper. The objective should be to ascertain, as quickly as possible, the number of dwellings likely to be required to meet the needs of -

(a) families and other persons living in unfit dwellings and in overcrowded conditions or likely to be displaced from areas scheduled for re-development before 1970;

(b) families or persons otherwise in need of re-housing and to make reasonable provision for

(c) continued obsolescence in the existing housing stock and

(d) population growth through new family formation, industrial or other economic growth, and other similar factors.

The assessment should include an estimate of the number of the required dwellings likely to be provided by private enterprise and the number of developed sites likely to be in demand to meet the latter needs.

The assessment should not be delayed by further detailed surveys but should be based on information immediately available, including existing applications lists (augmented if necessary by public advertisement), the unfit housing survey, 1961 census statistics in regard to population, age, occupancy and standard of amenity of the housing stock, plans for re-

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development of existing areas of cities, towns and villages, and the general knowledge and experience of elected members and local housing officials. Regard should also be had to planning and development objectives for the area.

3. Building Programmes

When the foregoing assessment has been completed, the housing authority should decide on both short and long term building programmes. The short term programme, to be carried out over a period of from 3 to 5 years according to local circumstances, should be sufficient to eradicate all arrears of housing requirements and keep pace with the growth of demand in the area in the period of the programme. The long term programme should aim at keeping pace with growth of demand so as to ensure that there will be no new accumulation of unsatisfied housing requirements in future years. The programme should set targets for each year for land acquisition, the planning of schemes and for house building. The resources of the building industry in the area should be reviewed in the light of the projected programmes and discussions should be initiated, where necessary, with building interests as to ways and means of augmenting or supplementing these resources to meet expanded output.

In the private sector the programme should set out the Council's proposals to provide the necessary incentives to enable those able and willing to re-house themselves to do so. It should make adequate provision for the satisfaction of demand for developed sites for private building. Arrangements for supplementary grants should also be reviewed in the light of experience. The programme should include specific measures to deal with unfit property capable of being repaired at reasonable cost, and to improve the standard or amenity of dwellings lacking in satisfactory water, sewerage and other services. The standard of maintenance of the authority's own housing estate should also be reviewed in the light of sound housing estate management principles. Sufficient resources should be set aside inthe overall housing programme to ensure proper maintenance of the housing stock.

4. Forward Planning of Acquisition of Housing Sites

When the assessment of needs has been made and the resultant programmes prepared, steps should be taken immediately to select and acquire sufficient sites to enable building to proceed on the basis planned in the programme. Site acquisition should be proceeded with well ahead of the programme requirements. Particular attention should be paid to the difficulties which may be experienced in the first years of the programme in this respect. Account should also be taken of the delays which may be entailed by the probable need to resort in some cases to Compulsory Purchase Order procedures. Continuity of the building programme can only be assured by making certain that sites are available ahead of requirements for some years to come. The new powers available to local authorities for forward site acquisition under the Local Government (Planning and Development) aCt, 1963, should be fully utilised, particularly in towns and larger villages, where suitable sites should be acquired, if necessary ahead of environmental services, so that the benefit of the provision of services accrues to the local authority, its tenants, or to house purchasers.

5. Review of Rent Policies

The Minister wishes to emphasise that no applicant should be denied re-housing by the local authority because of inability to pay rent. A substantial number of low income families are likely to require re-housing in the periods covered in the proposed programmes having regard to the number of such families who are at present in occupation of unfit dwellings. The cost of the proposed programmes should be reviewed in this light and current renting practices should be examined with a view to the adoption of a rational rent policy for the housing estate as a whole, related to the standard of accommodation and amenity provided and to the fanancial circumstances of tenants.

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6. Review of Progress

This Department should be kept regularly informed of the progress made in the assessment of needs and the preparation and execution of programmes and the advice and assistance of the Department's officers should be sought in cases of difficulty. Discussions will be arranged where appropriate. It is particularly important that regular returns be submitted by housing authoriiesin the revised monthly form of which a specimen copy is attached in Appendix C.

7. Elimination of Unnecessary Delays:

The Minister is anxious that all possible measures be taken to eliminate avoidable delays in the acquisition of housing sites and in the planning and execution of housing schemes. Many such delays are occasioned by failure to document proposals fully on their submission to the Department, although housing authorities have been frequently advised as to the minimum requirements necessary to enable them to be adequately examined. The Minister has reviewed these requirements and has directed me to set out in the attached memoranda the Department's minimum requirements in regard to the selection of housing sites (Appendix A) and the documentation of housing proposals (Appendix B). These memoranda supersede all earlier instructions and contain, for convenience of reference, a separate list of contents in each case.

8. Acquisition of Housing Sites by Agreement:

It will no longer be necessary to submit for prior approval proppsals for site acquisition by agreement except where either (a) the site falls short in any material respect of the principles and standards set out in Appendix A, or (b) the proposed development is inconsistent with the planning and development objectives for the area under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963. It is not anticipated that housing development will normally be proposed on such sites, but if this is intended in exceptional circumstances, the Minister's prior approval should be sought and a statement of the circumstances submitted.

In all cases of site acquisition the advice of suitably qualified specialist personnel with adequate housing experience should be obtained.

The selection of sites under the new procedure will be kept under rewiew and the Department's Inspectors should be kept fully informed of impending developments. Housing authorities who acquire sites which do not accord with the appropriate requirements will leave themselves open to the possible rejection of the layout and building proposals at a later stage, or to a reduction or withholding of subsidy should the amenity or standard of the dwellings provided be adversely affected. Details of the sites acquired and of the prices paid should be appended to the monthly housing return.

9. Acquisition of Housing Sites by Compulsory Purchase Order.

The general principles set out in Appendix A regarding site selection should be followed in the selection of housing sites for acquisiton by Compulsory Purchase Order.

10. Documentation of House BuildingProposals.

The procedure set out in Appendix B has been designed to avoid unnecessary delay and should be strictly adhered to in all cases.

The new procedure envisages only one full submission to the Department in regard to individual housing projects - that is at sketch plan stage. It is intended that the maximum use be made of personal consultation between officers of the Department and local authorities to solve quickly any problems or differences of opinion that may arise on such submissions. The submission at tender stage is intended to ensure that

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the Minister is kept up-to-date regarding trends in house building costs and progress generally. No detailed examination of proposals at tender stage is envisaged except where abnormal factors are involved such as the acceptance of a tender other than the lowest, or where the tender price exceeds the approved estimate of cost by more than 10%. Sympathetic consideration will be given in appropriate cases to proposals for negotiated contracts or other similar departures from the normal public notice procedure.

Consultations should be arranged with officers of this Department at the preliminary planning stage of each scheme. Normally preliminary technical consultations should be arrangedto tie in with the regular visits of the Department's Inspector to the area. Where necessary, special consultations with the Department's officers may be arranged to deal with particular problems, including those relating to site acquisition.

11. Rehousing of Small Farmers

The Minister is most dissatisfied with the response to the special scheme for the housing of small farmers with land holdings of £5 valuation or less, which was notified in this Department's circular letter H.1/64 of 9th March, 1964. Progress reports submitted up to the present show, in general, little evidence of the vigorous approach which is needed if the potentialities of the scheme to assist in the elimination of unfit rural housing conditions are to be fully exploited. In the overall assessment of housing needs already referred to, the housing authority should pay particular attention to the needs of small farmers living in unfit conditions, who would be eligible under the special scheme. A person in occupation of an agricultural holding, the land valuation of which is not more than £5, who obtains a substantial proportion of his livelihood from the holding would be eligible, if in need of rehousing, notwithstanding that he may supplement his income otherwise than from the holding. The specially advantageous terms which the scheme provides should be brought to the notice of eligible farmers individually. Separate provision should be made in the housing authority's building programme to meet their needs on a planned basis. In general the revised procedures and standards recommended in this circular letter should be followed in the provision of houses under the scheme. Special attention should, however, be paid to the individual family needs of eligible farmers.

12. Copies of this Circular letter and of the attached memoranda should be given immediately to all appropriate housing and planning personnel and to housing consultants employed by the Council. A special report should be submitted within two months on the action taken by the housing authority in response to this circular letter.

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M. Lawless.

To/
Each Housing Authority.

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He appealed for more concentration on in-city building particularly on derelict sites.

The City Manager stated that he had completed his discussions with the I.T.G.W.U., and the position could be summarised thus :

Builders Federation : Agreed that stepping up on housing was desirable, the question of how best this could be done was a matter for decision by the Corporation.

Building Trades Group : Their main concern was to ensure there was employment for their members. Last year a position approaching full employment was achieved. They were not opposed to system building as such.

I.T.G.W.U. : Their views were almost identical with those of the Building Trades Group.

Ald. Russell said the basic facts over a five year period were :

(1) Corporation's programme provided for the erection of 1,000 houses leaving a balance of 800 on their requirements.

(2) The Minister had made an offer to the Corporation and he thought that the offer should be taken up and he would make a proposal to that effect.

Alderman Carew, Councillor Feeney and Councillor Kiely supported the resolution.

Alderman Coughlan and Councillor O'Sullivan stated that they were against any form of system building.

Councillor Leddin appealed to Alderman Coughlan and Councillor O'Sullivan to withdraw their opposition in view of the fact that the Unions were satisfied. Finally the following resolution was proposed by Alderman Russell, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Condell, and unanimously agreed to :

" That the Limerick City Council gravely concerned at the critical housing situation in Limerick and satisfied that the demand cannot be met within a period of five years by traditional methods calls on the Minister for Local Government to provide the balance, over 1,000 houses, on the strict understanding that no loss of employment would result to any skilled or unskilled operative and subject to prior agreement between the Corporation and the Minister for Local Government on the proportion of the cost to be borne by the Corporation."

Forward Planning of Acquisition of Housing Sites.

Alderman Russell suggested that the Corporation should be planning the acquisition of sites twenty-five years in advance. The sites of demolished houses in the City could be cleared and the smaller builders in the City would be prepared to erect houses thereon.

Councillor Liddy suggested a survey of vacant sites which should be completed and submitted to the Council at an early date.

Councillor Mrs. Condell suggested the Domnick Street area was suitable for the erection of houses for old people.

Alderman Coughlan and Councillor Feeney were both concerned with the small builders and throught the Corporation should acquire sites and let them to private builders for the erection of houses.

Review of Rent Policy.

It was decided to adjourn this matter to a future meeting and Ald.

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Russell suggested that details of the Renting System in Dublin and Cork should be available for the members at the meeting.

Financial Considerations.

Alderman Russell referred to page 4 of the City Manager's Report. The financial implications of the provision of 360 houses per annum would be serious for the Ratepayers. On the Manager's estimate it would mean a progressive increase of approximately 2/- each year on the Housing Rates. This would mean that at the end of the five year period the Housing Rate would stand at more than double its present level. He suggested that the programme could not be carried through without additional financial assistance from central funds. At present the Corporation were entitled to a subsidy amounting to two-thirds of the loan charges on a capital cost not exceeding £1,650. As Corporation dwellings at present were costing about £2,500 the effective subsidy being received was less than half of the actual loan charges. Speaking on houses erected with the aid of loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, Alderman Russell said that the income limit for eligibility for such loans, which at present stood at £1,040 was in need of radical revision as was the limit for supplementary grants at £832 per annum. The maximum loan which could be advanced at present was £2,250 whereas he doubted if an ordinary three bedroom house could be built at much under £3,500. This involved a deposit of between £400 and £600 which very few applicants could afford. On the proposal of Alderman Russell seconded by Alderman Coughlan it was unanimously agreed that the Minister for Local Government be asked :

(1) To increase capital limit of houses erected under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts on which subsidy was payable above the figure of £1,650 to bring it in line with present-day building costs.

(2) That the income limit for eligibility for houses under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be increased from the present figure of £1,040 to £1,500.

(3) That the income figure for eligibility for local grants which at present stood at £832 be increased to £1,250.

(4) That the maximum loan which can be advanced for the erection or purchase of a house under Small Acquisition Acts be increased from the pr sent figure of £2,250 to bring it in line with present-day building costs.

Aldeman Coughlan speaking in support of Alderman Russell's proposals stated that the financial implications of the Minister's proposals as set out in Circular N.1/65 had been completely shelved by the Minister who merely suggested that everything should be financed out of a review of rent policies. He was not prepared to ask the Ratepayers to foot the bill to any further extent as he felt that they were assessed to the limit of their capacity at present. He referred to the discrepancy between the actual cost of a house and the market value as determined by the Local Authority and he said such discrepancy should be subject to arbitration by a competent valuer.

Alderman Coughlan raised the question of a Right of Way for Krups factory which was providing valuable employment in the City. His information was that a simple transfer of land was involved and that the matter was with the Department of Local Government since May 1964. It was very urgent and he asked that the Department be contacted by phone the following morning.

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Alderman Russell proposed that the congratulations of the Council be extended to the Committee of the Limerick Sports Festival which from the point of view of organisation had proved an outstanding success. He felt that the Festival which had had small beginnings was now firmly established and was a credit to all connected with it. Several members associated themselves with the Vote of Congratulations but Alderman Coughlan and the Mayor in associating themselves with the proposal pointed out that the Festival had received very little publicity from the authorities at Radio Eireann and Telefis Eireann. Their action was a reflection on the third largest city in the Republic. It was unanimously agreed to write for an explanation to the Director General of the Radio Eireann Authority.

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The congratulations of the Council were extended to the families of Rev. Fr. Dermot O'Brien and Rev. Father D. O'Malley, who had been ordained to the Priesthood in St. Patrick's, Thurles, on the previous Sunday and also to the O'Kelly family, Ballysimon Road, whose son Rev. Father Sean O'Kelly had been appointed Vice-Rector of the Scots College in Rome.

Reference was made to caravans at Arthur's Quay and closing of a gate leading to the Salmon Weir Bank at Corbally and the Manager undertook to look into the matters.

Freedom of City, Expenses of Mayor :

It was proposed by Alderman Coughlan, seconded by Alderman Russell and unanimously agreed:

That the allocation of £300 to the Mayor in connection with the Civic Reception on the occasion of the visit of President Kaunda of Zambia on 25th November, 1964, be increased by £30.

Votes of sympathy were passed with the Jesuit Community on the death of Rev. Father Morris, S.J., and with the Franciscan Community on the death of Rev. Father Ephram, O.F.M., who had been Guardian in Limerick for three years.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

A TRUE RECORD.

TOMAS MacDIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

Confirmed & Signed this 13th July 1965

Frank Leddin

Chairman.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,

Town Hall,

LIMERICK.

9th July, 1965.

A Quarterly Statutory Meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in th Circuit Court Chamber, County Courthouse, Limerick, on Wednesday 30th June 196

Roll Call :

The Roll was called at 7.30. o'clock p.m. when the following Members ans

In the Chair :

The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. Danagher, Mayor.

Aldermen : J. Carew, S. Coughlan, T.D., and G.E. Russell.

Councillors : W. Brazier; Mrs. F. Condell; V. Feeney; F. Glasgow; J. Keane; P. Kelly; P. Kiely; T. Lawlor; F. Leddin; J.P. Liddy; M. Lipper; P. O'Sullivan and J. Kirby.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk; City Accountant; City Solicitor; City Engineer, etc..

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor J. Danagher in the course of speech reviewed some of the problems attaching to the office of Mayor. He emphasis that the office required attention in a full-time capacity. He thanked the Manager, Corporation Staff and the Press for their co-operation during his term of office.

Item No. 1 - ELECTION OF MAYOR :

The Mayor called for nominations to fill the office of Mayor.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Liddy:

"That Councillor F. Leddin be elected to fill the office of Mayor of the City until the election of his successor, pursuant to the Provisions of the Limerick City Management Acts 1934/55 and to the Provisions of the Electoral Act 1963, at the rate of salary at present being paid.(£1,400. p.a.

There was no further nomination.

Councillor F. Leddin was then declared elected to the office of Mayor of the City of Limerick until the election of his successor.

Councillor Leddin signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and wa invested with the Chain of Office by the outgoing Mayor, Councillor J. Danag

The Mayor in the course of his speech detailed the different problems which required to be dealt with in the City and undertook to concentrate in the resolution of those problems. He thanked the Members for the kind things they had said of him and for proposing him for the exhalted office of Mayor of Limerick.

The Mayor was congratulated on his election by Members of the Council who, at the same time paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor J. Danaghe on the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of the office during the last term.

The City Manager on behalf of the staff and on his own behalf conveyed his congratulations to the Mayor on his election.

The Mayor suitably replied.

The Meeting was informed of a letter from the Limerick County Council to the effect that representatives of the Limerick County Council were agreeable to discuss the question of the sale of the Fairgreen, at the County Council Offices, O'Connell Street, Limerick, on Monday, 5th July, 1965 at 4 p.m. It was agreed that the Deputation appointed by the Corporation at their Meeting of the 11th May 1965 would attend.

On the motion of the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed :-

"That following the usual custom, the Meeting do now stand adjourned until the 13th July 1965 at 7.30. o'clock p.m."

A True Record.

T.P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

Confirmed in Council this 13th July 1965

Frank Leddy
Chairman.

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CUMCUALLACHT LUIMNIGHE.

Oifig Cleirigh na Cathrach,
Árus na Cathrach,
LUIMNEACH.

9th July, 1965.

Notice is hereby given that the adjourned Quarterly Statutory Meeting and Monthly Meeting of the Limerick City Council will be held in the County Courthouse, Merchant's Quay, Limerick, (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 13th July, 1965 at 7.30 p.m. to dispose of the following business.

STÁTUTORY BUSINESS

1. To fix the dates and hours on which the remaining Quarterly Meetings of the Council shall be held before the 23rd June 1966.

2. To appoint the following Committees (to hold office until their successors are appointed) :-

   General Purposes Committee (Whole-house)
   Tenders Committee (Whole-house)
   Town Planning Committee (Whole-house)

3. To appoint representatives of the Council on the following extern Board (to hold office until their successors are appointed) :-

   Board of Markets Trustees (seven representatives with the Mayor ex-officio).

4. To appoint a member as the representative of the Council on the Board of Directors of the Mid-Western Regional Tourism Organisation Limited.

5. To recommend to the City Manager the appointment of four members with the Mayor ex-officio on the Management Committee of St. John's Hospital.

6. To recommend to the Limerick Health Authority three members of the Council as representatives on the Board of Governors of Barrington's Hospital.

7. To transact such other business as may be properly transacted at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

(A list of the existing representatives on the foregoing Boards is enclosed).

ORDINÁRY BUSINESS.

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on the 8th, 15th and 30th June 1965.

2. To read general correspondence.

3. To consider monthly financial statement and departmental reports for the month of June 1965.

4. Housing : the following Report is submitted :

Report on the Southhill East Housing Scheme (copy herewith).

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

A monthly meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on the 8th June, 1965.

ROLL CALL

The Roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members were present :

In the Chair : Ald. S. Coughlan, T.D., Deputy Mayor.

Aldermen : J. Carew, G. E. Russell.

Councillors : V. Feeney, P. Kiely, T. Lawlor, and J. P. Liddy.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Engineer ; City Solicitor ; City Accountant ; Architect.

Deputation from Greystones and District Residents :

On the motion of Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, the Council agreed to receive a deputation from the Greystones and District Residents' Association.

The spokesman for the Association commented on the lack of open space in the Greystones area. The Corporation had refused to grant a permission for the erection of a bowling alley on a site fronting the Ennis Road which had been shown in the development of the Greystones scheme as an open space. He asked the Council to agree that the Corporation should acquire this site and develop it for use as a playground. He also asked if the Council would pass a resolution asking the Minister not to accede to the appeal of the proposers of the bowling alley. Ald. Russell said it should be mandatory on both local authorities and private builders to provide a certain amount of open space in all housing estates. The Corporation was making an effort to meet this demand in its latter housing schemes but it could not absolve itself from the responsibility for the lack of open spaces in recently completed private housing schemes as it was the planning authority which had approved of such schemes.

Cllr. Liddy said that the Corporation should ensure that adequate provision was made for open spaces in all future schemes. The Corporation should do all it could to help the Greystones residents in their demands. Cllr. Feeney and Ald. Carew supported. The Chairman said the Corporation had disposed of this land at a very cheap rate to a building society. The Corporation should now re-acquire the land compulsory and develop it as an open space. The City Manager said the Corporation had sold the land to a housing society for the purpose of erecting on it houses to an approved plan. The Corporation had not made any profit on the sale of the land. The sale, which had been approved of by the Council at the time, was in accordance with the policy to encourage private developers to engage in house building. The Corporation had refused to permit a bowling alley on this site and one of the reasons was that the site had been shown as an open space and that the transfer of the lands by the Corporation would not permit of the use of the lands for a purpose other than housing. The Corporation

had power to acquire and develop if the Council so desired.

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor : " That the Corporation examine the possibility of re-acquiring the site intended for use as an open space at Greystones and develop it as such."

Arising out of the foregoing the City Manager in reply to Ald. Russell said he would advise the Council of the conditions under which the lands at Greystones were disposed of, and would also say if these conditions had been contravened in any way.

ITEM 1 : Date of Fourth Quarterly Statutory Meeting and Mayoral Election :

After a brief discussion the Council unanimously agreed on the motion of Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Feeney : " That the Fourth Quarterly Statutory Meeting and the Mayoral Election be held on Wednesday, 30th June, 1965, in the County Courthouse at 7.30 o'clock, p.m."

ITEM 2 :

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 11th May, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

Derelict Sites :

Ald. Russell referred to a site at Halls Bow off Lower Gerald Griffin Street. He said it was in a disgraceful condition and asked that immediate steps be taken to have this area cleaned up. The Chairman referred to the visit of the Military History Society to Limerick over the Whit week-end. The parts of the city which had been visited by the members were in a very bad condition. He asked why something was not done to clean up these areas. Cllr. Feeney referred to derelict sites at the junction of Patrick Street/Ellen Street and also at Nicholas Street. The Asst. Town Clerk said that the Corporation had taken steps with regard to the sites in Patrick Street and Nicholas Street. If progress was not made shortly the Corporation would exercise its powers under the Derelict Sites Act, 1961 ; clean up and charge to the owners. The Engineer said that the area referred to by the Chairman was largely private property. The Corporation had no authority to enter such areas. He undertook to examine the area referred to by Ald. Russell.

Fuel Bins—St. John's Housing Scheme :

The Architect in reply to Cllr. Kiely said the Corporation had agreed to provide fuel bins to 15 bungalows in St. John's Housing Scheme.

King John's Castle :

In reply to Cllr. Feeney and the Chairman, the Asst. Town Clerk said that officials of the Corporation had had discussions with the Chief Inspector of Monuments in relation to King John's Castle. A separate report was being prepared and would be furnished to the Council in due course. The Chairman said he understood that four bodies were interested in a major proposal to improve a historic monument—Bord Failte, Board of Works, the Department of Local Government, and the Department of Finance. He had been assured by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance that proposals in relation to King

...n's Castle would receive early consideration. He said the Castle was in poor condition generally, the caretaking was inadequate. It was regrettable that steps had not been taken long before now to make this building into the major attraction which it might be. The Council should keep pressing its case for the necessary improvements. Ald. Russell supported the Chairman's remarks.

Speed Limits :

Cllr. Liddy said the speed limits sign of 40 miles had been erected outside the borough boundary at the Ennis Road. There was no reducing sign to 30 miles within the city boundary. This was a serious matter. The Asst. Town Clerk said that the signs had not yet been put up in the altered locations within the city. There was some discussion about the proposed new Speed Limits on the Ballinacurra Road, the Ennis Road and the Dublin Road. The Asst. Town Clerk said the Council had made representations to the Minister on these matters. The Minister had, however, made the regulations and these were in operation since the 1st June. Ald. Carew suggested that the Gardai be asked to enforce the new Speed Limits. The Council agreed to this suggestion.

Name Plates in Greystones :

On the motion of Ald. Russell, seconded by the Chairman, the Council agreed to revert to the name Beechwood Avenue in lieu of Birchwood Avenue as recommended by the Street Naming Committee for one avenue in the Greystones Housing Estate. In reply to Ald. Russell, the Asst. Town Clerk said the Corporation were considering the application of the Greystones Residents' Association for a contribution towards the cost of the plates.

Parking :

Cllr. Liddy asked that 'no parking' sign in portion of Denmark Street should be removed. The street was wide in this particular area. The Asst. Town Clerk said the matter would be brought to the notice of the Gardai. The Council agreed that the question of traffic be put on the agenda for the next ordinary meeting.

ITEM 3 :

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor : " That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 25th May, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

ITEM 4 :

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Liddy : " That the minutes of the meeting of the Tenders Committee held on the 11th May, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

Arising out of the foregoing, the Architect in reply to Alds. Russell and Carew said the Convent Field Housing Scheme was a scheme which permitted of economic development. The price quoted by the lowest contractor was very keen. In reply to further queries the Architect said that a Penalty Clause was included in Corporation contracts. It was difficult to enforce such a Clause.

The contractors in question, Messrs. Burke, had been engaged in

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Garryowen/Greenhill, Tankfield and St. John's Schemes. This was a very difficult scheme and the contractor had not been able to keep to the time schedule.

ITEM 5 :

Proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor : " That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of which printed copies were circulated prior to the meeting be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

The Council decided to defer consideration of these minutes to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

ITEM 6 :

Submitted communication dated 10th May, 1965, from the Minister for Health thanking the Council for its message of congratulations and good wishes on his appointment as Minister for Health. Noted.

ITEM 7 :

Submitted monthly Financial Statement and Departmental Reports for the month of May, 1965. Noted.

ITEM 8 : Housing :

There was no discussion on housing, as the Council agreed to hold a special housing meeting on the 15th June, 1965.

ITEM 9 :

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of overdraft on the Municipal Fund (Revenue) Account of a sum not exceeding £300,000 for period ending 30th September, 1965."

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of overdraft on the Municipal Fund (Capital) Account of the following sums for the period ending 30th September, 1965:

Housing	....	£136,000
Sanitary	....	£8,500
Other Purposes	....	£11,000."

Gas:

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of overdraft to the 30th September, 1965, to the following sums :

Gas Revenue No. 1	....	£160,000
Gas Revenue No. 2	....	£9,000
Capital Plant	....	£10,000
Main Laying	....	£10,000."

Gas Undertaking :

Submitted report from the City Manager dated the 2nd June, 1965, on the financial structure of the Gas Works. The report was accompanied by report of the 21st May from Messrs. O'Donnell & Co., Auditors to the Limerick Gas Undertaking. The City Manager in his report

recalled that the City Council had agreed to the principle of permanent funding of capital expenditure of the undertaking when approving of the repayment of a loan of £50,000, part of total amount borrowed for the reconstruction of the Gas Works. The Auditors in their report recommended that a further sum of £100,000 should be borrowed on the long term and utilised partly in the redemption of existing short-time borrowings, partly to provide finance for new capital works, and partly to introduce working capital which was needed into the industry. The Manager suggested that the repayment of this loan should be over a period of 35 years and that the period of the repayment of a loan of £50,000 already granted by the Corporation to the Gas Works should be lengthened to a similar term of years. The rate charge would be approximately 1¼d. in the £. The Manager's report went on to say that it could not be assumed that the proposed loan would provide adequate long-term permanent finance as a manufacturing industry as large as the Limerick Gas Undertaking requires at least £300,000 permanent capital. The proposal should accordingly be regarded as a further step towards correcting the finances of the Undertaking without imposing a very great additional burden on the rates.

Ald. Russell said in the past he had drawn attention to the fact that the Gas Works was undercapitalised. The Auditor and the City Manager agreed with this view. The Gas Undertaking had for many years been a matter of concern to the members of the Council, and he was sure, to the officials of the Corporation. He welcomed the improvement in the financial structure of the Gas Works as proposed by the Manager, but he was discouraged to note that no great hope was set out in the report as to future prospects. He thought that further injection of capital monies might well be sought in the future. Sales of gas must improve and it was disturbing to note that the sales had not increased as quickly as hoped. He complimented the City Manager for having rescued the Gas Works from the serious situation it was in some past three years ago. Cllr. Liddy supported the proposal. He asked that steps be taken to arrest the decline in the domestic gas sales. Ald. Carew supported. He observed that the E.S.B., a national undertaking, was competing severely with the Gas Works. Sales of gas must increase. The Works was in capable hands and he congratulated the Manager on the precise report submitted.

Cllr. Feeney supported. He hoped the past losses had been due to obsolete equipment and not to the fact that the persons found it more economic to use an alternative fuel. Gas must compete in terms of cost with any alternative fuel otherwise people would not use it.

The Chairman said he was satisfied that efficient control and management had been introduced in the Gas concern. Many persons had bad experience with gas in the past. He hoped, however, that the Undertaking and the Corporation could look forward to brighter times. He was strongly in favour of improved sales and servicing.

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Liddy, and unanimously resolved : " That having considered report from the City Manager dated 2nd June, 1965, and the accompanying report from the Auditors to the Limerick Gas Undertaking, it is hereby resolved that authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £150,000 in respect of the Limerick Gas Undertaking; the Gas Undertaking to be responsible for the payment of Interest on the loan; the Corporation for the repayment of the principal. We

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further approve of the proposal that the appropriate sum be used out of this loan to redeem the existing loan of £50,000 already borrowed by the Corporation in respect of the Gas Undertaking on terms with regard to the payment of Interest and principle similar to those now agreed."

ITEM 11 :

Submitted report from the City Manager and Town Clerk dated 4th June, 1965, seeking the approval of the Council to the payment of increase in remuneration to Housing Scheme Supervisors, in accordance with the recommendations of the Labour Court dated 21st May, 1965, copy of which had been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously agreed : " That we approve of the payment of an increase of 15/0d. per week to Housing Scheme Supervisors in the employment of the Corporation with effect from the 1st October, 1964. We note the cost involved and approve of any necessary expenditure to cover such cost."

ITEM 12 :

Submitted report on the meeting of the Joint Committee of Members of Local Authority re itinerants. Copy of report had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. There was a brief discussion. The Council unanimously agreed on the motion of Cllr. Liddy, that the Council's representatives on the Working Committee consist of three members selected from amongst His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Coughlan, Ald. Russell and Ald. Carew as decided between the four nominees.

ITEM 13 :

Submitted circular letter L.8/65 dated 1st June, 1965, from the Department of Local Government re swimming pools. Copies of the circular and the accompanying statement of the Minister for Local Government had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. The Department's circular referred to the erection of indoor swimming pools at a cost of £16,000. It was stated that the Minister was anxious that available funds should be conserved so as to provide the basic swimming facilities as widely as possible and was not, therefore, prepared to see pools proceeded with even if already approved in principle, or in detail, which could be provided at a lower cost by availing of the offers now in hands in regard to the basic pool. Ald. Russell said it was obvious from the circular letter that the Minister wanted local authorities to erect the small pools. He said the Council should welcome the proposal. It was an ideal way of solving the problem of inadequacy of swimming facilities in Limerick City. He proposed " that the Corporation procure the detailed plans referred to in the circular letter and ask the technical officers to examine and put before the Council a proposal for the erection of a number of such pools in the City." Cllr. Feeney seconded. Cllr. Liddy referred to the suggestion in the circular letter that the basic pool could be enlarged. He would like the matter examined from this aspect. He felt the City must have one large pool and a number of small ones, and that the pools must be located in central areas where they would be for the use of all the citizens and not for a particular segment of the community. He welcomed the Minister's proposal. The Chairman also welcomed the proposal set out in the Minister's circular letter and he suggested that there might be room for co-operation between the Corporation and adjoining local authorities in the siting of a number of such pools being built in the region.

The Architect, asked to comment on the basic pool, said he could not do so until he had seen the plans and specifications. He was in favour of getting the documents and having the matter examined. The Council passed the motion of Ald. Russell without dissent.

ITEM 14 :

Submitted report dated 4th June, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk, together with the report of the City Engineer of the 2nd June on the proposed children's playground at Garryglass Avenue. The report included a revised estimated cost in the sum of £9,680 as against £7,500 as originally estimated. After a brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That we approve of the proposal to erect a Children's Playground at Garryglass Avenue at an estimated cost of £9,700. We further give authority to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £9,700 to finance the work, the loan to be reduced by £1,500 provided works to this amount are included in the relief schemes for the current year."

ITEM 15—New Works :

There were no new works submitted.

ITEM 16 :

Proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved : " That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing :

S.D. Advances : Mortgages—John Sheehan, Clare Street ; Cornelius Curtin, Clareview ; Patrick O'Callaghan, Clareview ; Patrick Kearney, Clareview ; P. A. Hegarty, Clareview.

Deed of Further Charge : C. Keyes, 7 Market Field Terrace.

Demolition Orders : 4, Little John Street ; 32, Roxtown Terrace ; " Sunville," Sexton Street North.

Closing Orders : 42, Athlunkard St. (1st floor, 2 front rooms) ; 22, Thomas Street (2 front rooms on top floor).

Limerick Corporation 3½% Redeemable Stock, 1956/'72 :

Stock Certs. 1862—Patrick Murphy.
1863—Miss Irene O'Callaghan.
1864—Miss Aileen O'Callaghan.
1865—Miss Mary O'Callaghan.
1866—Timothy Mulcahy.
1867—Pk. F. Dore and Mrs. Maura Dore.
1868—Messrs. Geary Sons & Co. Ltd.
1869—Michael Comerford.
1870—Michael Hurley.

S.D. Transfer : Assignment—Gallagher to O'Connell, Premises, 47 Mayorstone Park.

S.D. Advances : Mortgages—Thomas Keane, Coolraine ; Peter M. Quaid, Lansdowne Park.

Rates Judgment Mortgage : Miss Mary McCormack, Satisfaction Piece.

Undertaking to repay Loan from Local Loans Fund : Pennywell Link Road Housing Scheme—Supplemental Loan £1,850.

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Demolition Orders : House Nr. Railway Bridge, Dublin Road, occupied by John Keane ; 29, Brennans Row ; 3, Griffith Row, off Catherine Street.

S.D. Transfer : Assignment—Barrett to Nevin, Premises 97 Greystones.

CONDOLENCE :

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, and unanimously resolved : " That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. P. O'Brien, of the Technical Institute, and to the relatives of the late Mr. William Foley."

Proposed by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved : " That the condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. John O'Connell, Lansdowne Park, on the death of his wife."

Proposed by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. P. O'Brien, Dublin Road, on the death of his father."

Proposed by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. K. Fitzgibbon, Clino Cottage, Ballysimon Road, on the death of his brother."

A TRUE RECORD.

TOMAS MacDIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

Limerick City Council

A Special Meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 15th June, 1965.

PRESENT

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. Danagher, N.T., The Mayor.
Aldermen : J. Carew, G. E. Russell, S. Coughlan.
Councillors : F. Leddin, J. Kirby, P. O'Sullivan, V. Feeney, J. P. Liddy, W. Brazier, P. Kiely, T. Lawlor, F. Glasgow, Mrs. F. Condell.
Officers present : The City Manager, City Engineer, City Solicitor, City Accountant, City Architect, Assistant Town Clerk, Housing Officer and Staff Officer Town Clerk's Department.

The meeting had before it for its consideration :

(1) Circular Letter N.1/65 " Assessment of Housing Needs, Preparation of Programme, Acquisition of Sites and Planning Procedures " dated 24th May, 1965 from the Department of Local Government.

(2) Report from the City Manager and Town Clerk dated 11th June, 1965. Attached to the City Manager's report was report from the Housing Officer dated 10th June, 1965 setting out details of :

(a) Assessment of Corporation's housing requirements under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts,

(b) Details of Corporation's present building programme,

(c) Memorandum from the Assistant Town Clerk on Population Figures for Limerick City for the period 1951-1965, and

(d) Memorandum from the Assistant Town Clerk on private house building in Limerick.

Alderman Russell referring to the assessment of housing needs suggested that the assessment made in the Housing Officer's Report should be accepted by the Council. It appeared that everything had been covered with the exception of industrial growth which could not be measured at present. It was however, disappointing to note that in 1957 the then City Manager had circulated a report giving the number of families in need of re-housing as 1,357. He would regard the assessment as a minimum figure and asked if Corporation sub-tenants had been taken into account.

Councillor Mrs. Condell asked what were the requirements necessary to qualify for re-housing by a local authority and asked if the priorities were adhered to in all cases.

Councillor Liddy inquired the number of qualified applicants for re-housing and a number of members asked for better provision for

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newly-weds in the future.

Replying, the City Manager stated that sub-tenants were included in the assessment of housing needs and detailed the regulations under which houses erected under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts were let. The number of qualified applicants for re-housing at present was 700.

The assessment of the housing needs to 1970 was agreed at the figure of 1,800.

The Building Programme.

Alderman Coughlan stated that two Corporation Housing Schemes in the City were nearing completion and one builder was laying off workers this week. If the Corporation Housing Scheme at the Convent Field was sanctioned it would not be necessary to lay off these workers. He proposed that the Corporation contact the Minister for Local Government on the following morning to impress on him the necessity for expediting the sanction for the Convent Field Housing Scheme. This was unanimously agreed to. He referred to the irresponsible statements made by the Minister for Local Government on his visit to Limerick in regard to the House Building Programme of the Limerick County Council. He also complained about delay in the payment of grants by the Department of Local Government. He was satisfied that the Limerick Corporation were ahead of the Minister's requirements in the matter of planning.

Alderman Russell was satisfied that the Corporation could not build at a rate in excess of 250 houses per annum and it appeared that on its own resources it could not meet a target of 1,800 houses in five years. If this view were accepted it only required a simple resolution calling on the Minister for Local Government to provide the additional houses and he recommended this course to the Council.

Councillor Mrs. Condell agreed with the remarks of Alderman Russell.

Councillor Liddy said he considered the assessment low and a figure of 2,500 required would be nearer the reality of the position. He was in agreement with the previous two speakers and subscribed wholeheartedly to Alderman Russell's view. He felt sure there would be no objection from the Unions. He had discussed the matter with the Minister for Local Government and could assure the Council that the price would not be higher than current building costs and in all probability would be much lower. He was aware that the Council had about four weeks to decide and the Minister's decision would be conveyed to them in a matter of three months after which their problem would be solved.

Ald. Coughlan said his party were opposed to system building. He asked the Manager if the discussions with officials of the I.T.G.W.U. had taken place. He referred to the present condition of the houses in St. Mary's Park and envisaged a similar set of circumstances in the future if system building were adopted. His party was opposed to any form of system building until agreement had been reached with the Building Trades Group and the Unions catering for the building workers.

Councillor Leddin stated that last week he had visited a chalet containing two bedrooms, a living-room and bathroom on display in Sligo. Tradesmen who erected it had estimated its life at thirty years.

He appealed for more concentration on in-city building particularly on derelict sites.

The City Manager stated that he had completed his discussions with the I.T.G.W.U., and the position could be summarised thus :

Builders Federation : Agreed that stepping up on housing was desirable, the question of how best this could be done was a matter for decision by the Corporation.

Building Trades Group : Their main concern was to ensure there was employment for their members. Last year a position approaching full employment was achieved. They were not opposed to system building as such.

I.T.G.W.U. : Their views were almost identical with those of the Building Trades Group.

Ald. Russell said the basic facts over a five year period were :

(1) Corporation's programme provided for the erection of 1,000 houses leaving a balance of 800 on their requirements.
(2) The Minister had made an offer to the Corporation and he thought that the offer should be taken up and he would make a proposal to that effect.

Alderman Carew, Councillor Feeney and Councillor Kiely supported the resolution.

Alderman Coughlan and Councillor O'Sullivan stated that they were against any form of system building.

Councillor Leddin appealed to Alderman Coughlan and Councillor O'Sullivan to withdraw their opposition in view of the fact that the Unions were satisfied. Finally the following resolution was proposed by Alderman Russell, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Condell, and unanimously agreed to :

"That the Limerick City Council gravely concerned at the critical housing situation in Limerick and satisfied that the demand cannot be met within a period of five years by traditional methods calls on the Minister for Local Government to provide the balance, over 1,000 houses, on the strict understanding that no loss of employment would result to any skilled or unskilled operative and subject to prior agreement between the Corporation and the Minister for Local Government on the proportion of the cost to be borne by the Corporation."

Forward Planning of Acquisition of Housing Sites.

Alderman Russell suggested that the Corporation should be planning the acquisition of sites twenty-five years in advance. The sites of demolished houses in the City could be cleared and the smaller builders in the City would be prepared to erect houses thereon.

Councillor Liddy suggested a survey of vacant sites which should be completed and submitted to the Council at an early date.

Councillor Mrs. Condell suggested the Domnick Street area was suitable for the erection of houses for old people.

Alderman Coughlan and Councillor Feeney were both concerned with the small builders and throught the Corporation should acquire sites and let them to private builders for the erection of houses.

Review of Rent Policy.

It was decided to adjourn this matter to a future meeting and Ald.

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Russell suggested that details of the Renting System in Dublin and Cork should be available for the members at the meeting.

Financial Considerations.

Alderman Russell referred to page 4 of the City Manager's Report. The financial implications of the provision of 360 houses per annum would be serious for the Ratepayers. On the Manager's estimate it would mean a progressive increase of approximately 2/- each year on the Housing Rates. This would mean that at the end of the five year period the Housing Rate would stand at more than double its present level. He suggested that the programme could not be carried through without additional financial assistance from central funds. At present the Corporation were entitled to a subsidy amounting to two-thirds of the loan charges on a capital cost not exceeding £1,650. As Corporation dwellings at present were costing about £2,500 the effective subsidy being received was less than half of the actual loan charges. Speaking on houses erected with the aid of loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, Alderman Russell said that the income limit for eligibility for such loans, which at present stood at £1,040 was in need of radical revision as was the limit for supplementary grants at £832 per annum. The maximum loan which could be advanced at present was £2,250 whereas he doubted if an ordinary three bedroom house could be built at much under £3,500. This involved a deposit of between £400 and £600 which very few applicants could afford. On the proposal of Alderman Russell seconded by Alderman Coughlan it was unanimously agreed that the Minister for Local Government be asked :

(1) To increase capital limit of houses erected under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts on which subsidy was payable above the figure of £1,650 to bring it in line with present-day building costs.
(2) That the income limit for eligibility for houses under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be increased from the present figure of £1,040 to £1,500.
(3) That the income figure for eligibility for local grants which at present stood at £832 be increased to £1,250.
(4) That the maximum loan which can be advanced for the erection or purchase of a house under Small Acquisition Acts be increased from the pr sent figure of £2,250 to bring it in line with present-day building costs.

Aldeman Coughlan speaking in support of Alderman Russell's proposals stated that the financial implications of the Minister's proposals as set out in Circular N.1/65 had been completely shelved by the Minister who merely suggested that everything should be financed out of a review of rent policies. He was not prepared to ask the Ratepayers to foot the bill to any further extent as he felt that they were assessed to the limit of their capacity at present. He referred to the discrepancy between the actual cost of a house and the market value as determined by the Local Authority and he said such discrepancy should be subject to arbitration by a competent valuer.

Alderman Coughlan raised the question of a Right of Way for Krups factory which was providing valuable employment in the City. His information was that a simple transfer of land was involved and

Alderman Russell proposed that the congratulations of the Council be extended to the Committee of the Limerick Sports Festival which from the point of view of organisation had proved an outstanding success. He felt that the Festival which had had small beginnings was now firmly established and was a credit to all connected with it. Several members associated themselves with the Vote of Congratulations but Alderman Coughlan and the Mayor in associating themselves with the proposal pointed out that the Festival had received very little publicity from the authorities at Radio Eireann and Telefis Eireann. Their action was a reflection on the third largest city in the Republic. It was unanimously agreed to write for an explanation to the Director General of the Radio Eireann Authority.

The congratulations of the Council were extended to the families of Rev. Fr. Dermot O'Brien and Rev. Father D. O'Malley, who had been ordained to the Priesthood in St. Patrick's, Thurles, on the previous Sunday and also to the O'Kelly family, Ballysimon Road, whose son Rev. Father Sean O'Kelly had been appointed Vice-Rector of the Scots College in Rome.

Reference was made to caravans at Arthur's Quay and closing of a gate leading to the Salmon Weir Bank at Corbally and the Manager undertook to look into the matters.

Freedom of City, Expenses of Mayor :

It was proposed by Alderman Coughlan, seconded by Alderman Russell and unanimously agreed:

That the allocation of £300 to the Mayor in connection with the Civic Reception on the occasion of the visit of President Kaunda of Zambia on 25th November, 1964, be increased by £30.

Votes of sympathy were passed with the Jesuit Community on the death of Rev. Father Morris, S.J., and with the Franciscan Community on the death of Rev. Father Ephram, O.F.M., who had been Guardian in Limerick for three years.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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TOMAS MacDIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,

Town Hall,

LIMERICK.

9th July, 1965.

A Quarterly Statutory Meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the Circuit Court Chamber, County Courthouse, Limerick, on Wednesday 30th June 1965.

Roll Call :

The Roll was called at 7.30. o'clock p.m. when the following Members answered:

In the Chair :

The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. Danagher, Mayor.

Aldermen : J. Carew, S. Coughlan, T.D., and G.E. Russell.

Councillors : W. Brazier; Mrs. F. Condell; V. Feeney; F. Glasgow; J. Keane; P. Kelly; P. Kiely; T. Lawlor; F. Leddin; J.P. Liddy; M. Lipper; P. O'Sullivan and J. Kirby.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk; City Accountant; City Solicitor; City Engineer, etc..

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor J. Danagher in the course of speech reviewed some of the problems attaching to the office of Mayor. He emphasised that the office required attention in a full-time capacity. He thanked the Manager, Corporation Staff and the Press for their co-operation during his term of office.

Item No. 1 - ELECTION OF MAYOR :

The Mayor called for nominations to fill the office of Mayor.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Liddy:

"That Councillor F. Leddin be elected to fill the office of Mayor of the City until the election of his successor, pursuant to the Provisions of the Limerick City Management Acts 1934/55 and to the Provisions of the Electoral Act 1963, at the rate of salary at present being paid.(£1,400. p.a.)"

There was no further nomination.

Councillor F. Leddin was then declared elected to the office of Mayor of the City of Limerick until the election of his successor.

Councillor Leddin signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with the Chain of Office by the outgoing Mayor, Councillor J. Danagher.

The Mayor in the course of his speech detailed the different problems which required to be dealt with in the City and undertook to concentrate in the resolution of those problems. He thanked the Members for the kind things they had said of him and for proposing him for the exhalted office of Mayor of Limerick.

The Mayor was congratulated on his election by Members of the Council who, at the same time paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor J. Danagher, on the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of the office during the last term.

The City Manager on behalf of the staff and on his own behalf conveyed his congratulations to the Mayor on his election.

The Mayor suitably replied.

The Meeting was informed of a letter from the Limerick County Council to the effect that representatives of the Limerick County Council were agreeable to discuss the question of the sale of the Fairgreen, at the County Council Offices, O'Connell Street, Limerick, on Monday, 5th July, 1965 at 4 p.m. It was agreed that the Deputation appointed by the Corporation at their Meeting of the 11th May 1965 would attend.

On the motion of the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed :-

"That following the usual custom, the Meeting do now stand adjourned until the 13th July 1965 at 7.30. o'clock p.m."

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T.P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR,
ALDERMEN, AND MEMBERS OF THE
LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

To be considered at the Meeting of the Council

TO BE HELD ON 13th JULY, 1965

For Four Weeks ended 26th JUNE, 1965

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1.—HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.

St. John's Housing Scheme. (86 houses)
Work proceeding on the construction of 10 houses.
Site Works 97.8% complete.
Development 94.8% complete.
Superstructure 97% complete. 10 houses roofed and tiled.
76 houses completed.
No. of men employed 44; 25 unskilled ; 19 skilled.

Roxboro Road Housing Scheme (254 Houses)—(J. F. Kennedy Park)
Work proceeding on the construction of 152 houses.
Site Works 70% complete.
Development 50.7% complete.
Superstructure 75.5% complete.
91 houses completed and handed over. 11 houses completed and not handed over.
87 houses roofed and tiled. 55 houses to first floor level.
9 houses to ground floor level.
No. of men employed, 227; 98 skilled ; 129 unskilled.

Convent Field Janesboro' Housing Scheme.
Lowest tender received has been sanctioned by the Department. Contract is being arranged.

Watergate.
Work proceeding on the working drawings.

South Hill Housing Scheme (East).
Negotiations to have this scheme for the erection and completion of 167 houses carried out as an extension of the Roxboro' Road Housing Scheme (J. F. Kennedy Park) are completed.
Documents necessary for Departmental sanction for this work are in course of preparation.

South Hill Housing Scheme (West).
Layout plans in course of preparation.

Housing Letting—

No. of first lettings ...	27
Number of houses re-let ...	8
No. of houses vacant 30/6/65 ...	3

2.—HOUSING MAINTENANCE.

Items of Repair attended to in Month of June, 1965.

Strand Barracks Area	307	Complaints taken	...	411
Garryowen Area ...	111	" "	...	272
Prospect Area ...	294	" "	...	410
Ballynanty Beg Area ...	223	" "	...	245
Janesboro ...	198	" "	...	309
TOTAL	1133			1647

3.—ROADS. —No. of men employed 49. 46 unskilled. 3 skilled

4.—SANITARY SERVICE WORKS.

Rosbrien Pumping Station— Connection to sewer completed.

Clonlara Water Main.
Main now in operation.

5. F[illegible]TS.

REPORT FOR JUNE, 1965

Area	Planting	No. of Trees Broken
Hyde Road	No Trees	4
People's Park	7,084 Summer Bedding Plants	
Shelbourne Park, Ennis Rd.	426 do.	
Regional Hosp. (Maternity)	791 do.	
O'Brien's Park	1,725 do.	
Regional Hosp., Dooradoyle	500 do.	

6.—VETERINARY INSPECTION.

INSPECTION OF PRIVATE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES STALLS, Etc.

	Inspected	Condemned Whole	Partial	Tubercular	%	Other Diseases
Cattle	248	—	1	1	—	—
Calves	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep	1483	—	—	—	—	—
Pigs	18	—	—	—	—	—
Sows	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Visited by Inspector	Weight of Food Condemned Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Private Slaughter-houses ...	107	—	1	3	—
Stalls, Shops, etc.	86	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	193	—	1	3	—

7.—MILK AND DAIRIES ACT : VETERINARY LABORATORY, etc.

Number of Milk Shops Inspected	4
Number of Milk Cars Inspected	6
Total Number of Tests carried out...	28
Number of Reductase Tests	—
" " failures	—
" " Gerber Tests	13
" " failures	—
" " Coliform Tests	—
" " failures	—
" " Plate Counts	12
" " visits to approved Milk Shops	4
" " Cows examined	—
" " Dairy Yards Inspected	—
" " Phosphotase Test	3
" " Phosphotase Test of failures	—

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8.—GAS DEPARTMENT. June, 1965.

Make of Gas for month	78444 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1964	82516 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1963	88938 Therms
Sale of Coke for month	316 Tons
Sale of Coke same month last year	399 Tons

	Crude Gallons	Refined t. c q
Sale of Tar for month	188	45 0 0
Sale of Tar for same month last year ...	217	14 0 0

Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of month—		
	Revenue No. 1	£156,177 16 9
do	Revenue No. 2	£6,343 2 11
Debit do	Capital Ac.	£13,921 7 7
Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of same month last year—		
	Revenue No. 1	£154,313 17 11
do	Revenue No. 2	£16,610 3 8
Credit	Capital Ac.	£2,687 9 10
Number of Men employed at end of month		60
Number of Men employed at end of same month last year ...		65

6.—PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Statistical Return for Period from May 26th, 1965 to June 23th, 1965.

BOOK STOCK—

Total number of books in stock 25/5/65	27,112
Number of books added during above period	64
Number of books withdrawn	—
Total number of books in stock 23/6/'65	27,176

2. BOOK ISSUES—	Number	% of Total Issue
Fiction	2514	39.7%
Non-Fiction	1556	24.5%
Reference	324	5.1%
Juvenile	1947	30.7%
TOTAL ...	6341	100%
Average Daily Issue		264

3. BORROWERS—	
Tickets in use—Adult Fiction	1211
" " " Adult Non-Fiction	1125
" " " Juvenile	1314
TOTAL ...	3650
Newsroom—Average daily attendance	8
Museum—Total attendance for month	1611
*6. Art Gallery—Total attendance for month	667

TOMAS MAC DIARMADA,
City Manager and Town Clerk

McKerns Printing, Limerick

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5. SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:

	31/3/1965	30/6/1965	30/6/1964.
Arrears of Instalments due by Borrowers	£4,820	£5,032	£5,300

6. WATER CHARGES:

	Current Year	Last Year.
Arrears due on 31st May	£3,566	£2,965
Debited for Collection during month of June	£2,090	£1,000
Total for Collection	£5,656	£3,965
Collected and lodged during month of June	£2,350	£3,736
Balance outstanding at end of June	£3,306	229.

7. REVENUE ACCOUNT:

	Current Year	Last Year.
Amount due To Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of June	£302,984	£212,735
Paying Orders issued but not cashed at end of June	24,895	12,401
TOTAL DEBIT BALANCE	£327,879	£225,136

8. CAPITAL ACCOUNT:

	Current Year	Last Year.
Amount due To Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of June	£90,129	£144,486

9. GAS ACCOUNT:

	Current Year	Last Year.
Amount due per Bank Pass Book No. 1 Revenue A/C to end of June	£156,178	£154,314
Amount due per Bank Pass Book No. 2 Revenue A/C to end of June	6,343	16,610
Amount due per Bank Pass Book Capital A/C	13,921	2,688

In pursuance of Section 16(2) of the Limerick City Management Act 1934, I have caused to be prepared by the City Accountant the foregoing statement of the financial position of the Corporation of Limerick on the last day of June with the corresponding figures for the same month and period last year.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

FINANCIAL POSITION ON THE LAST DAY OF JUNE, 1965.

MUNICIPAL FUND.

1. EXPENDITURE

	Current Year	Last Year
From 1st April to 31st May	£324,126	£269,466
For the month of June	73,766	65,854
Total Expenditure to date:	£397,892	£335,320

2. RECEIPTS

	RATES		RENTS		ALL OTHER SOURCES		TOTAL	
	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year.
From 1st April to 31st May.	£44,757	£27,527	£40,767	£38,900	£45,880	£32,322	£131,404	£98,749
For the month of June	£55,388	£53,229	£22,497	£20,046	£55,065	£57,763	£132,950	£131,038
Total Receipts to date:	£100,145	£80,756	£63,264	£58,946	£100,945	£90,085	£264,354.	£229,787

3. RATE COLLECTION:

		CURRENT WARRANT	CURRENT PERCENTAGE	LAST YEAR'S WARRANT	LAST YEAR'S PERCENTAGE
		£556,463	100.00%	£483,857	100.00%
Collected to 31st May	£44,757				
Discounts	707	45,464	8.17%	27,939	5.77%
Balance outstanding at 31st May		£510,999	91.83%	£455,918	94.23%
Collected for month of June		£55,388	9.95%	53,229	11.00%
Balance outstanding at 30th June		£455,611	81.88%	£402,689	83.23%

Transferred to Rate Mortgate A/c	to 30/6/1965	£15,295	to 30/6/1964	£15,295	
Paid " " " "	to 30/6/1965	£458	to 30/6/1964	446.	

4. HOUSING RENTS:

	31/3/1965	30/6/1965	30/6/1964.
Arrears	£4,251	£4,925	£4,805.

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City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

8th July, 1965.

Re: South Hill Housing Scheme East, 167 Dwellings.

The Council is advised that the Corporation has, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, decided that this scheme be carried out as an extension of the Kennedy Park Housing Scheme by Messrs. McInerney & Sons Ltd., Dublin, for the sum of £359,729. 14s. Od. This is a negotiated price and is based on the tender of Messrs. McInerney dated October 1963 for the Kennedy Park Housing Scheme and will be subject to variation under the terms of the Price Variation Clause in the conditions of contract from that date.

The negotiated figure represents a reduction of 1½% off the rates in the priced Bills of Quantities for the Kennedy Park (Bullfield) Housing Scheme.

Provided the Corporation is in a position to instruct the Contractors to proceed with the work in the immediate future it is agreed that 45 houses will be finished with appropriate services within nine months from the commencement date and the balance of 122 dwellings will be handed over in weekly intervals based on overall time for the completion of the full scheme of 15 months.

It has been further agreed that the Corporation will pay a bonus of 10s. Od. per house per week for every house exluding the first 45 houses completed and handed over ahead of schedule.

The advantage to the Corporation in dealing with this scheme as an extra on Kennedy Park Housing Scheme is the saving of an estimated six months in the commencement of building operations, thus ensuring the continuity of house production up to the end of 1966.

The Council is asked to approve of the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £379,000 to finance the total (estimated) cost of the scheme.

Council approval to the proposal is recommended.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager & Town Clerk.

To/ His Worship the Mayor, and each Member of the City Council.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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H. 8/65

18th June, 1965.

Loans for the Acquisition and Construction of houses

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to enclose a copy of a statement in regard to house-purchase loans issued by him on the 15th instant and to confirm that he has decided, with the consent of the Minister for Finance, to amend the conditions subject to which issues from the Local Loans Fund are made to housing authorities for loans to private persons for the acquisition or construction of houses as follows:-

(a) The maximum income limit of eligibility will be increased from £1,040 to £1,200 per annum. No income limit will apply in the case where a borrower, being the tenant of a local authority dwelling, surrenders his tenancy on getting the loan. Farmers, the valuation of whose holdings does not exceed £50, will also continue to be eligible for loans from the local authority. It will be open to housing authorities to propose the raising of money from sources other than the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of making loans to persons outside these limits.

(b) The maximum loan limit will be increased from £2,250 to £2,500 except in the County Boroughs of Dublin, Cork, Limerick and Waterford, in the Borough of Dun Laoghaire and in Dublin County where a limit of £2,700 will apply.

The Housing Authorities (Loans for Acquisition or Construction of Houses)

Regulations, 1964, are being amended accordingly.

The Minister wishes housing authorities to encourage the fullest use of their house purchase loan facitities by the categories eligible in accordance with the new limits and to review as a matter of urgency any additional conditions which may hitherto have been operated and which may not now be necessary in view of the greater emphasis being placed on the building of non-luxury type houses. Housing authorities should also review their present procedures in relation to both the approval of loans and the issue of instalments, to ensure that they are as efficient as possible. The Minister is particularly anxious that payments, when due, should be made promptly so that builders are not obliged unnecessarily to obtain credit at high rates of interest for unduly long periods thereby increasing housing costs.

Mise, le meas,

T. McKenna.

To Each Housing Authority.

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Following a series of discussions between the Minister for Local Government, Mr. Neil T. Blaney and Building Societies, general agreement has been reached on measures to secure greater co-operation between the loan operations of the Societies and those of local authorities, so that available resources will be used to the best advantage.

The primary aim of the local authority loan schemes is to enable families with low incomes to become owners of houses of a modest standard. Those in better financial circumstances should normally make their own arrangements for house purchase.

The Minister has decided, with the consent of the Minister for Finance, to increase the income limit of eligibility for the local authority loan from £1,040 to £1,200 a year and the maximum loan limit from £2,250 to £2,500 and in the County Boroughs of Dublin, Cork, Limerick and Waterford; the borough of Dun Laoghaire and in Dublin County to £2,700.

The discussions with the Building Societies revealed that many applicants on their lists were in the categories normally covered by the local authority schemes. The Minister has suggested that such applicants should now, with the increased limits, be catered for by the local authorities; that the Societies should operate variable maximum loan ceilings to conserve available resources for non-luxury type houses; and that for the time being they should give special consideration to applicants for new house loans. The Minister emphasises that there is no intention on his part or on the part of the Societies to interfere in any way with the Societies' existing commitments to their clients.

The Societies have again given the following assurances to the Minsiter:

(1) That it is normal practice for Building Societies to cancel loan approvals not accepted within the specified time and that the Societies have not departed from this practice.

(2) That all of the Societies' funds are invested in mortgages on property or in Government and Trustee securities and in no other way.

The Building Societies are of very great public service to investors, home buyers and builders and the Minister would like to point out that lending activities of the Societies and of other commercial agencies reached an unprecedently high level last year, the total lent in 1964 being £12.5 million as compared with £7.2 million in 1962. The Minister trusts that Irish investors in present international circumstances will recognise the prudence, as well as the

patriotism, of continuing to support investment in Irish capital projects.

In view of the action proposed by him to utilise to the best advantage capital resources for the provision of the less costly type of house and to ensure that there should be no slowing down in the building of such houses, the Minister is asking housing authorities to review, immediately, any additional conditions in regard to house purchase loans which they may have been operating in the past towards this end, and which may now be found to be unnecessary.

The Minister feels that a serious effort must be made to reduce the present high level of house prices. He expects that builders will co-operate towards this end and in particular that they will provide the maximum number of dwellings suitable for the needs of the middle and lower income classes at reasonable prices. He is also concerned at the recent steep rise in the price of land for housing purposes. He has already called for immediate action by housing authorities to acquire and develop sites for private building on a scale adequate to meet the needs of the present situation and on the basis of a planned programme over a period of years.

The Minister understands that the Banks would continue to endeavour to ensure that there would be no contraction in the provision of credit for bridging finance in building.

The Minister proposes to keep the general situation under review in association with the Building Societies.

Department of Local Government.
15 June, 1965.

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H. 9/65.

30th June, 1965.

Loans for the Acquisition or Construction of houses.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to circular H. 8/65 regarding increases in the income and maximum loan limits applicable to local authority house-purchase loans and to enclose a copy of the Housing Authorities (Loans for Acquisition or Construction of Houses) (Amendment) Regulations, 1965 which have been made by the Minister with the consent of the Minister for Finance. The new maximum loan limits are specified in article 3(2) of the Regulations. The new limits may be applied in respect of any loan which had not been finally paid before the date of the new Regulations viz., 28th June, 1965 and adjustments may be made at the descretion of thehousing authority in the amount of any such loan even though it may have been approved brfore that date.

Two other amendments of the 1964 Regulations are incorporated in the new Regulations. Article 3(I) provides for a more flexible definition of "ownership" than that contained in article 2 of the 1964 Regulations; it dispenses with the previous requirement of a 60-year unexpired leasehold period and requires instead that the period should be at least 15 years longer than the period fixed for repayment of the loan. In addition the provision in relation to the making of loans to persons surrendering the tenancies of local authority dwellings has been so drafted as to permit the making of 99% loans in cases where a local authority tenancy is surrendered, as a consequence, to any housing authority, whether it is the one making the loan or otherwise.

Mise, le meas,

T. Clarke.

To Each Housing Authority.

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

S.I. NO.137 of 1965.

HOUSING AUTHORITIES (LOANS FOR ACQUISITION OR CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1965.

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HOUSING AUTHORITIES (LOANS FOR ACQUISITION OR CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1965

The Minister for Local Government in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 11 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962 (No. 27of 1962) with the consent of the Minister for Finance hereby makes the following Regulations:-

1. In these Regulations "the Principal Regulations" means the Housing Authorities (Loans for Acquisition or Construction of Houses) Regulations, 1964 (S.I. No. 130 of 1964).

2. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Housing Authorities (Loans for Acquisition or Construction of Houses) (Amendment) Regulations, 1965.

(2) These Regulations and the Principal Regulations shall be construed as one and may be cited together as the Housing Authorities (Loans for Acquisition or Construction of Houses) Regulations, 1964 and 1965.

3. (1) Article 2 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution therein for the definition of "ownership" of the following definition -

""Ownership" means such interest or combination of interests in a house as, together with the interest of the purchaser of the ownership, will constitute either a fee simple (including fee farm) interest in Possession or a leasehold interest in possession of such number of years unexpired at the date the loan is made, or where the loan is made in instalments at the date of the payment of the first instalment, as is equal to or greater than the sum of the term fixed for the repayment of the loan and fifteen years."

(2) The following article shall be substituted for article 3 of the Principal Regulations:-

"3. (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this article, the amount of a loan shall not exceed -

(a) £2,500 or 95 per cent. of the value of the house excluding from that value the amount of any grant under any enactment, whichever is the less or,

(b) in case the house is situate in the county of Dublin or in the county boroughs of Dublin, Cork, Limerick or Waterford or in the borough of Dun Laoghaire - £2,700 or 95 per cent. of the value of the house excluding from that value the amount of any grant under any enactment, whichever is the less.

(2) Where the borrower surrenders to a housing authority the tenancy of a dwelling provided by a housing authority under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1958 or under the Labourers Acts, 1883 to 1962 the amount of a loan shall not exceed the appropriate amount prescribed in paragraph (1) of this article or 99 per cent. of the value of the house excluding from that value the amount of any grant under any enactment, whichever is the less".

GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister for Local Government this 28th day of June, 1965.

L.S.

NEIL T. BLANEY.
Minister for Local Government.

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The Minister for Finance hereby consents to the foregoing Regulations.

Dated this 28th day of June, 1965.

John Lynch.
Minister for Finance.

Explanatory Note.

This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.

These Regulations provide for increases in the maximum amount of loan which may be made by housing authorities to persons for the purpose of acquiring or constructing houses. They also amend the definition of "ownership" contained in the Housing Authorities (Loans for Acquisition or Construction of Houses) Regulations, 1964 (S.I. No. 130 of 1964.)

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SELECT LIST OF BOOKS ADDED TO STOCK, JUNE 1965.

West, M.	The Ambassador
Bentley, P.	Committees
Blenkinsopp, J.	Paul's Life in Christ.
Capen	Drama as a Career
Coxhead, E.	Daughters of Erin
Eliot,	The Idea of a Christian Society.
Hackel, S.	One, of Great Price.
Kennedy, J.F.	Profiles in Courage
do.	A Nation of Immigrants
Murphy, D.	Full Tilt
McGuffie, T.	The Siege of Gibraltar
	Dictionary of International Biography
Radnall,	The Willow Herb
Whitney	Black Amber
Woods	The Windy side of the Law
Mannin	The Burning Bush,
Peters	Elizabeth the Beloved
Daniels	Dr. Kildare's finest Hour.
Barnes	The Tudor Rose
do.	Within the Hollow Crown.
Bell	No Escape
Conway	Two Fair Daughters
Brookes	The fury of the wind.
Mitchell	Gone with the Wind
Botth	Sergeant Cluff & The Price of Pity.
Pike	Mute Witness
Harrison	Coffee at Dobree's
Hammond	Fred in Situ.
Waismith	Prelude to Darkness
Thompson	The Edge of Nowhere
Severn	The Forest and the Damned
Van Gulik	The Willow Pattern
Wainwright	Death in a Sleeping City.
Norman	Modern Water-Skiing
Tetlow	Homes, Towns and Traffic
	Colour Photography.

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CUMANN BAILTE-CHOMHAIRLE i nEIRINN.

(Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland)

Town Hall,
MALLOW.

26th June, 1965.

TO:

The City Manager/Town Clerk of
each affiliated Body:

A Chara,

The next Annual Conference of the Association will be held in Cobh, Co. Cork, on 14th to 16th September, 1965, on the invitation of Cobh Urban District Council.

Any motions which your Council wish to have placed on the Agenda should be forwarded to me before the end of July so that, in the event of a very large number of motions being submitted, consideration may be given by the Executive Committee to the best manner of having them presented on the Agenda and dealt with by the Conference.

Your co-operation in this matter would be very much appreciated.

Mise, le meas,

R. de Bang.

Run. Oin.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

8th July, 1965.

Re: Bishop Street Playground.

St. Anne's Co-operative Guild Ltd. has applied to the Corporation for the grant of a portion of Bishop Street Playground on which to erect ten (10) dwellinghouses for old people.

The Corporation has granted the necessary permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the erection of these dwellinghouses.

Subject to the approval of the Council and to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government the Corporation is willing to transfer a portion of Bishop Street Playground in area approximately 0.87 acres to the Guild; the transfer to be effected by way of Lease, at a nominal rent for 99 years and to contain the usual covenants with regard to the use of the site by the Lessee.

Formal notification will be given the Council pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1946, in due course.

In the meantime the Council is asked to approve in principle to enable the promoters to proceed with their plans to have an early start made on the project.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

To/ His Worship the Mayor and each Member of the City Council.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

8th July, 1965

The approval of the Council is sought to the following revision of remuneration for certain grades of employees in the Corporation:

Supervisory Staff:

Cleansing, Water, Roads and Housing Sections ... 15s. Od. per week as from 1st October, 1964,

and additional minor adjustments in the wage rates of Water Superintendent, Roads Timekeeper and Housing Timekeeper.
The cost is estimated at £175 up to the 31st March, 1965, and for the current financial year £350.

The payment of an increase of 15s. Od. per week retrospective to the 1st October, 1964, to the Distribution Foreman in the Gas Works.

The increase corresponds with that granted by the Labour Court to Housing Scheme Supervisors.

The approval of the Council is sought to the following wage revisions in respect of the Gas Showroom Attendant; present rate £770 p.a.

The application of the scale (with entry at appropriate point)
£600 x £25 - £800 as from the 1st November, 1963,
£670 x £28 - £866 x £29 - £897 as from the 1st February, 1964.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager & Town Clerk.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

9th July, 1965.

To/The Right Worshipful, The Mayor and Each Member of the City Council :

The approval of the Council is sought to the creation, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, of one office of Assistant Librarian in lieu of one office of Library Assistant.

The extra cost is estimated at £580 per annum, reducing to £235. per annum

T.P. MacDiarmada,
CITY MANAGER AND TOWN CLERK.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

9th July, 1965.

CLEANSING

It has been decided to purchase 3 small trucks at £950 each and 9 additional bin type push carts at £22. each, at a total estimated cost of £3,050, for the Cleansing Department.

This additional equipment will be used for street cleaning, leaving the larger refuse vehicles to concentrate on the household and trade refuse collection.

The Council is asked to approve of the necessary borrowing. The cost over five years will be £800. in the first year, reducing to £640 in the last.

T.P. MacDiarmada,
CITY MANAGER AND TOWN CLERK.

TO/The Mayor and Each Member of the City Council :

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

The adjourned Quarterly Statutory Meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 13th July, 1965.

ROLL CALL

The Roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members answered :

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful, Cllr. F. Leddin, Mayor.

Aldermen : J. Carew, S. Coughlan, T.D., and G. E. Russell.

Councillors : W. Brazier, F. Glasgow, P. Kiely, J. Kirby, T. Lawlor, J. P. Liddy, and P. O'Sullivan.

Apology for unavoidable absence was received from Cllr. Lipper.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Solicitor ; City Engineer ; Acting City Accountant ; Mr. Lynch, Assistant City Engineer, etc.

STATUTORY BUSINESS

1. Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved :

"That the remaining Quarterly Meetings of the Council, to be held before the 23rd June, 1966, should be held on Tuesday, 12th October, 1965, on Tuesday, 11th January, 1966, and Tuesday, 12th April, 1966, at 7.30 o'clock, p.m."

2. Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved :

"That the General Purposes Committee of the City Council be and is hereby appointed to consist of a Whole House Committee."
"That the Tenders Committee of the City Council be and is hereby appointed to consist of a Whole House Committee."
"That the Town Planning Committee of the City Council be and is hereby appointed to consist of a Whole House Committee."

3. It was proposed by Ald. Carew, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved :

"That the following be and the same are hereby appointed to represent the Corporation on the Board of Market Trustees to hold office until the election of their successors :

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, ex officio,
Ald. S. Coughlan,
Cllrs. T. Lawlor, W. Brazier, J. Kirby,
Mr. F. X. Wallace, and
City Manager."

ITEM 4.

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved :

"That Cllr. P. O'Sullivan be and is hereby appointed to represent

the Council on the Board of Directors of the Mid-Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. until the election of his successor."

St. John's Hospital Committee:

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved :

"That the following be recommended to the City Manager for appointment on the Committee of St. John's Hospital until the election of their successors :

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, ex officio,
Cllrs. Mrs. F. Condell, W. Brazier, F. Glasgow and P. Kiely."

ITEM 6.

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved :

"That the Council recommend to the Limerick Health Authority the appointment of the following nominees on the Board of Governors of Barrington's Hospital :

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, ex officio,
Ald. J. Carew,
Cllr. J. Keane."

Arising out of the nominations to the Hospital Committees, Cllr. Danagher suggested that the Management Committees be asked to re-arrange the meeting times to suit members of the Council. Other members agreed and pointed out that meetings held during the day-time did not suit members.

ITEM 1.

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved :

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 8th June, 1965, of which copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

The following matters arose out of consideration of the minutes :—

Historic Buildings :

Cllr. Danagher said the historic walls of Limerick h[illegible]ome overgrown with weeds and vegetation. He asked who was r[illegible]sible for the maintenance of the walls of Limerick. Bord Failte should be asked to put a plaque on the citadel which forms part of the walls and was situated in the grounds of St. John's Hospital, and also a directional sign and a plaque near the sallyport which was in the Johnsgate area.

Ald. Coughlan, supporting, said he had been in touch with the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance who was anxious that matters raised, in relation to historic monuments in Limerick, be given attention. The Board of Works was considering cleaning down the external wall of King John's Castle facing the river. With regard to the walls of Limerick, Ald. Coughlan suggested that a tour of these walls by members of the Council was desirable.

Ald. Russell said the obvious Body to take this question of ancient monuments in hands generally was the National Monuments Advisory Committee which the Council had at the last Planning Meeting agreed to reconstitute. He suggested that a model of the walls of Limerick

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might be made by students of the Technical Institute. Cllr. Liddy supported the views of Ald. Russell. He felt that the Council should concentrate on making King John's Castle into a showpiece. The Inspector of National Monuments should be asked to consult with the National Monuments Committee as to how this might be done.

Speed Limits :

Cllr. Lawlor referred to the Speed Limit Signs which had been erected on the Tipperary Road. 30 mile an hour signs had been erected on roads leading off the Tipperary Road and 40 miles an hour signs on the approaches to the Tipperary Road. These signs were confusing. Ald. Coughlan suggested that the 'Stop' Signs be painted on the roadways at all 'Yield Right of Way' junctions. The Mayor supported this view. The City Engineer said the signs had been erected in accordance with the Regulations and the general position was that the Corporation erected signs when it had power to do so by Regulation or requested to do so in the case of traffic signs by the Gardai.

ITEM 2.

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor :

" That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 15th June, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

Certain sites in the City for building purposes :

Cllr. Liddy asked what progress was being made in listing vacant sites within the city which might be let for building purposes. Ald. Russell supporting, said there were numbers of small sites in the city which might be acquired without resort to compulsory powers. The City Manager said that it should be possible to complete a survey of the nature required together with the planning surveys and in the presentation of the provisional plans to present a detailed list of such small sites to the Council. In reply to Ald. Coughlan, the City Manager said that he hoped to have a proposal with regard to the disposal of land at Clancy Strand for an early meeting of the Council. The Corporation was proceeding with its surveys of the Johnsgate area and survey of the Abbey area. C.P.O. would follow. Vizes Fields area was in the hands of the City Solicitor for Compulsory Purchase Order at the present time.

Lands at Rathbane :

In reply to Ald. Coughlan, the City Manager said that he had asked the Department to defer for the time being a decision on the application of the Corporation for sanction to the exchange of lands with Mr. Toppin at Rathbane. The reason for so doing was that since the submission had been made the Corporation had decided to proceed with a large building programme in this area and it was important that in conjunction with the building programme of the magnitude envisaged, sites should be available for schools and churches. The overall planning of the area would therefore have to be concluded before the Corporation could ask the Department to give a decision on the proposal submitted in October last. He hoped that it would be possible to arrive at a tentative planning decision within a month.

2 It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Liddy :

" That the minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on the

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30th June, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

3 CORRESPONDENCE :

Submitted communication dated 12th July, 1965, from the Department of Local Government, acknowledging the submissions in connection with the South Hill East Housing Scheme.

Postponement of Local Elections :

Submitted communication dated 24th June, 1965, from the Department of Local Government, enclosing copy of Local Elections Bill 1965. The Bill proposed that the Local Elections due to be held in 1965 would be held in 1966 and the next Local Election following that would be in 1970. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 21st June, from the office of the Minister for Local Government acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution with regard to the financial burden which the new housing programme would impose on the city ratepayers. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 17th June, 1965, from the Library Association of Ireland thanking the Council for the invitation to the Association to hold its annual conference in Limerick in 1966, but reggretting that it was unable to accept this invitation. The Associ0tion hoped that the Corporation would repeat its invitation on another occasion. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 26th June, 1965, from the Association of Municipal Authorities, giving notice that the annual conference of the Association would be held in Cobh, Co. Cork, from the 14th to the 16th September, 1965, and inviting the Council to submit any motions which they wished to have placed on the agenda before the end of July. The Council decided that the following motion should be forwarded :

"That the Minister for Local Government be asked to increase the Capital limit for houses erected under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts on which subsidy is payable above the figure of £1,650 in the case of dwellings, and £2,200 in the case of flats, to bring the figure in line with present-day building costs."

ITEM 3.

Submitted Financial Statement and Departmental Reports for the month of June, 1965. Noted.

Matters arising out of consideration of the Departmental Reports :—

Gas :

Ald. Russell said he noted the gas made for June showed a reduction on June of last year, and a substantial reduction on June of the previous year. This confirmed his prediction that sales of gas were likely to fall in face of competition against the E.S.B. in the domestic field. The Gas was also in danger of losing ground in the commercial field and this position would continue unless something was done immediately to promote gas sales. He asked that energetic steps be taken to have a sales campaign got under way. He said it would be a tragedy if the gas works, which was now in a position to produce the gas, was allowed to slip back into serious financial trouble through being unable

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to sell its product. Ald. Russell said he wished to make it clear that in his view the main cause of the troubles which had affected the Gas Works over the past few years was due to the inadequacy of the plant, and not to any deficiency in the management side. Cllr. Liddy supported. He said qualified salesmen were required. If necessary a scientific investigation should be made into the price of gas as compared with competitive fuels. If a reduction in the price meant selling more gas he would favour making such a reduction. The Mayor said it was distrubing to see gas cookers being taken from houses the property of the Corporation in which cookers were being provided as a fitting. The City Manager said he was conscious of the fact that an advertising campaign for the promotion of sales of gas was overdue. It was necessary, however, that the financial position of the Undertaking be first of all stabilised. This had now been agreed at the last meeting but he had not yet received sanction from the Department for the proposals which had been approved of by the Council. Enquiries were being made about the promotion of gas sales and a sales campaign would open shortly.

Derelict Sites :

In reply to Ald. Russell the Asst. Town Clerk said that the inspection of an area at Pikes Bow had been made and the Corporation proposed to take action under the Derelict Sites Act.

School Meals :

Cllr. Danagher said that the school meal service being provided by the Corporation left a lot to be desired. It consisted of cold milk and a bun. He asked that the scheme be examined before the schools re-open with a view to having a more palatable meal set out for the children.

Pounds :

Cllr. Danagher said he wished to register again his objection to the proposed location of a pound in Lelia Street.

Planning Application at St. James' Court :

Cllr. Liddy said he understood that a planning application for a filling station was before the Corporation in respect of an open space in front of six houses at St. James' Court. The residents of the six houses opposed this application and he trusted the Corporation would not grant the permission sought. Ald. Russell supported.

Housing :

Cllr. Brazier made representations regarding a number of people in the Greenhill Scheme who had been asked by the Corporation to vacate their houses and take the tenancy of bungalows in the St. John's Scheme. A number of the tenants were willing to transfer, some, however, did not wish to leave. The City Manager said that in the redevelopment of this area it was necessary to transfer a number of single people and childless couples, into accommodation which was too large for them. It was reasonable that when the Corporation had the smaller accommodation suitable for such people available they should vacate the larger accommodation and take up residence in the small suitable accommodation. It was clearly understood at the time that lettings were made that this would be so. He would review any case of particular

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hardship brought to his notice. In the meantime it would help the Corporation if those who were willing to transfer advised the Corporation.

South Hill :

Submitted report from the South Hill East Housing Scheme, copy of which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting, indicating that the Corporation had negotiated with Messrs. McInerney & Sons, Dublin, to have this Company carry out the South Hill East Housing Scheme of 167 dwellings for the sum of £359,729 14s. 0d. as an extension on the Kennedy Park Housing contract. The negotiated figure represented a reduction of 1½% off the rates in the priced Bill of Quantities for the Kennedy Park Scheme. Provided the Corporation was in a position to instruct the Contractor to proceed with the work in the immediate future it was agreed that 45 houses would be finished with appropriate services within nine months from the commencement date and the balance of 122 houses would be handed over at weekly intervals based on overall time for completion of the full scheme of 15 months.

After a brief discussion, it was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That the Council approve of the proposal contained in the City Manager's report of the 8th July, 1965, with regard to the South Hill East Scheme of 167 dwellings."

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £379,000 for the purposes of the South Hill East Housing Scheme."

Housing Generally :

The Mayor said the housing position in the city was chaotic. A complete new outlook on the building and on the letting of houses was required. He suggested that a deputation of members and officers should call on the Minister for Local Government in Dublin and go on to inspect the Ballymun Housing Estate. He had discussions with Trade Union representatives in this matter and their members were not opposed to System Building as such, provided traditional building could be maintained at a constant level. Cllr. Glasgow and Ald. Carew supported the Mayor's proposal that the members of the Council visit the Minister and the Ballymun Scheme.

After some further discussion the Council agreed, in view of the holiday period, this proposal might be deferred for further consideration until the September meeting. The Council were also of opinion that any deputation to the Minister for Local Government should discuss with him the question of increasing the subsidy limits for housing of the Working Classes. Ald. Coughlan, referring to the Housing Bill at present before the Dail, asked the City Manager to prepare a memorandum on the principal points of the Bill for circulation to the members at the next meeting. The City Manager said he would arrange to have this done.

ITEM 5.

Submitted circulars H.8/65 and H.9/65 from the Department of Local Government with regard to loans under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Acts. The circulars gave details of new limits which would

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apply to loans, and also income limits for borrowers. Ald. Russell said the Minister's decision went some of the way towards the meeting the case put forward in the resolution of the Council passed at the meeting held on the 15th June. However, it appeared to him that the market value of the house was still the controlling factor in the amount of loan a person could obtain. He said the increase in incomes would not help directly as far as the Corporation was concerned as it seems the great majority of applicants were in the £700 to £800 income bracket. It seemed clear to him that with the housing rate liable to increase annually by 2/0d. in the £ if the housing programme was to proceed at the rate envisaged, namely, 360 houses per year, the rates in the city would reach such a level that persons contemplating building houses for their own occupation would be deterred from doing so unless the Department of Local Government increased the subsidy limits for Housing of the Working Classes.

ITEM 6.

It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Danagher, and unanimously resolved :

" That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £145,200 for the Convent Field Housing Scheme."

" That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of overdraft on the Municipal Fund (Revenue) Account up to the 30th June, 1965, of an additional sum of £12,000."

ITEM 7.

Submitted report dated 9th July, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk, stating that it had been decided to purchase three small trucks at £950 each, and nine additional bin-type push carts at £22 each (a total estimated cost of £3,050) for the Cleansing Department. The City Engineer said the additional equipment would be used for street cleaning leaving the larger refuse vehicles to concentrate on household and trade refuse collection. After a brief discussion, it was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved:

" That having considered report dated 9th July, 1965, from the City Manager, we approve of the purchase of machinery for cleansing as set out in report of 9th July, 1965. We further authorise the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £3,050 to finance the purchase."

Arising out of the foregoing, the City Engineer said he would re-examine the Sunday morning arrangements for cleansing of the city. Ald. Coughlan, Ald. Russell, Cllr. Glasgow, Cllr. Danagher, and the Mayor spoke on the poor cleansing arrangements especially on Sunday mornings. Cllr. Danagher advocated an appeal through the school children to keep the streets clean. Ald. Russell deplored the employment of open trucks for refuse collection. He pointed out that the citizens must co-operate in keeping the streets cleaned. The habit of putting out refuse for collection in inadequate bins must be stopped.

ITEM 8.

Proposed by Cllr. Glasgow, seconded by Cllr. Danagher, and unanimously resolved :

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"That having considered report dated 9th July, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk, we approve of the creation of one office of Assistant Librarian in lieu of one office of Library Assistant, as proposed."

ITEM 9.

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved :

"That having considered report dated 8th July, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk, we approve of the application of the revisions of remuneration for certain grades of employees of the Corporation as set out therein. We note the cost involved and approve of any necessary additional expenditure to meet such costs."

ITEM 10.

Submitted report re disposal of portion of Bishop Street Playground to St. Anne's Co-operative Guild Ltd. The Council, on the motion of Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Danagher, unanimously agreed to approve in principal the disposal of portion of the playground to St. Anne's Co-operative Guild to enable them to erect a number of houses thereon for old people.

ITEM 11.

It was proposed by Cllr. Danagher, seconded by Ald. Coughlan, and unanimously resolved : "That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing."

S.D. ADVANCES :	**Mortgages :**
Cornelius Roche,	Park.
Thomas C. Walsh,	Coolraine.
Anthony McCarthy,	20, St. Jude's Park.
Thomas Hamill,	Coolraine.
Patrick H. Casserley,	Clareview.
Bryan Meehan,	Park.
James Heslin,	Pery Street.
Michael Duff,	Clareview Estate.
Kevin Ml. Fitzpatrick,	Clareview Estate.
William Wrenn,	Clareview Estate.
John Earls,	Park.

S.D. TRANSFERS : Assignments :
O'Sullivan to O'Rourke, 94, Greenfields, Rosbrien.

S.D. TRANSFERS : Deed of Release :
Bridget O'Sullivan, 61, Greenfields, Rosbrien.

S.D. TRANSFERS : Form of Discharge :
Frederick Hourigan, 157, Mayorstone Park.

Garryowen No. 3. C.P.O. 1959 :
Miss Mary Anne Gleeson, Conveyance.

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Rates—Judgment Mortgage :
Bridget Buckner, dec'd.

Lifford Avenue Development :
Assignment completed by Mr. Sean Hanley.

CLOSING ORDERS :

10 O'Curry Street	2 rooms 1st floor and annexe room on said floor.
10 O'Curry Street	2 rooms on ground floor occupied by T. Hayes and family.
2, St. John's Square Nth.	rere room 2nd floor. room ground floor back, 2 front rooms 2nd floor, 3 rooms 1st floor front room ground floor.

TRANSFER :
McSpadden to Cowpar—16, Belfield Gardens. Folio 430 L. Co. Limerick.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME : O'Dwyer Villas : Lease/Mortgage.
F. Kearney.
Christopher Boland.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME : ROSSA AVENUE : Lease/Mortgage :
Denis O'Dwyer, 26, Rossa Avenue.
(Lease)—Mary B. Murnane, 23, Rossa Avenue

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME : Killalee : Lease and Mortgage :
Joseph Carey, 14, Keane Street.
Joseph O'Brien, 8, Keane Street.
Joseph Quinlivan, 33, Keane Street.
Michael Downes, 18, Downey Street.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME : Quins Cottages : Lease/Mortgage :
Redmond Quigley,
24, Quins Cottages.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME : Lelia Street : Lease/Mortgage :
Eileen Dalton, 12, Lelia Street.

Convent Field Janesboro'—purchase from Presentation Nuns.
Conveyance.

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall.
23rd July, 1965.

A Special Meeting of the Limerick City Council will be held on Tuesday, 27th July, 1965, in the County Courthouse, Merchant's Quay, (by kind permission of the County Registrar), at 7.30 p.m.

B U S I N E S S.

1. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 6th July, 1965.
2. To read correspondence.
3. To consider report re Swimming Pool.
4. To consider report re Pound.
5. To consider the filling of vacancies on the National Monuments Advisory Committee.
6. To consider report on King John's Castle.
7. Traffic: matter listed at request of Council.
8. Housing (Construction).
9. To receive notice of new works (if any).
10. To authorise the fixing of the Corporate Seal.
11. To consider any other matter that may legally be considered at this meeting.

Your attendance at this meeting is requested.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

To/ His Worship the Mayor and each member of the Limerick City Council.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Planning Committee (Whole House) of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 6th July, 1965, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present :

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful Cllr. F. Leddin, Mayor.

Aldermen : S. Coughlan, T.D., G. E. Russell, and J. Carew.

Councillors : P. Kiely, J. P. Liddy, W. Brazier, T. Lawlor, V. Feeney, P. O'Sullivan, M. D. Lipper, J. Kirby.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Engineer ; Mr. P. Gleeson, Assistant City Engineer (Design).

Shannon Airport :

Ald. Coughlan, with the permission of the Mayor, referred to the recent statement of the American Ambassador regarding the request of the American Air Companies to fly direct from the United States to Dublin. He noted that the Taoiseach would be at Shannon Airport on Friday next; his Party wished to put before him the fact that Shannon could not, under any circumstances, be overflown. He trusted that the Taoiseach would make a statement during his visit to Shannon about the Airport and its future.

The Mayor said all members of the Council and the citizens at large were perturbed about the future of Shannon following the statement of the American Ambassador. He personally could not see any threats to the future of the Airport and he felt that the Taoiseach would give a firm indication as to the future of Shannon during his visit to the Airport on Friday next.

Cllr. Liddy said that the Minister for External Affairs had stated in the Dail that the interests of Shannon would be protected. He felt the Council would be advised to wait for a statement which he was sure the Taoiseach would make on his visit to Shannon. He had every confidence the Government would ensure the future prosperity of the Airport.

Ald. Russell said the statement of the American Ambassador should not be accepted lightly. Such statements were only made in the full knowledge of their consequences. He felt it should go forth from the meeting that the Taoiseach and the Government had the support of the City Council and the Corporation in any steps the Government felt necessary to resist pressure to have Shannon overflown and to protect the interest of Shannon Airport. There was no further discussion.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 1st June :

The Committee considered the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 1st June, 1965, which had been adopted at the meeting of the Council held on the 8th idem.

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Matters Arising from the Minutes :

Bowling Alley at the Ennis Road :

Ald. Coughlan said he had discussed this matter with the Minister for Local Government. The Minister proposed to arrange that his Inspector would visit Limerick to consider the appeals made and would give an opportunity to those who had appealed to make their case verbally to him.

Markets—Pound :

Ald. Coughlan said he wished to refer to the proposal of the Corporation to create a pound at a site in Lelia Street. He thought this site would not be suitable for use as a pound and was prepared to propose that it would not be used for this purpose. The City Manager said the property was acquired by the Corporation for use as a pound. He referred to the representations of the Department of Justice, the Garda and the County Registrar on the need for a proper pound. The proposal to use this site which was acceptable to all three parties as a pound was put forward to remedy this position. The Committee was informed that the matter would be on the Agenda for the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee. Ald. Russell asked that in the meantime efforts might be made to obtain suitable alternative sites. The Manager said this would be done.

Passageway to Krups Factory, Toppin's Lands, Janesboro' :

Ald. Coughlan asked if any progress had been made in the transfer of lands between Mr. Toppin, Janesboro', and the Corporation. This transfer would facilitate the workers of the Krups Factory by allowing a right-of-way through the lands of Mr. Toppin to be transferred to the Corporation. The Assistant Town Clerk said the matter was still with the Department of Local Government. The representations of the Council to have the matter approved had been conveyed to the Department. The City Manager said that the Department had been in touch with him in this matter. He said that since the proposal was submitted to the Department developments had changed and that it might be preferable to have the future planning of this area re-examined. He suggested that the final planning of this portion of the Corporation's holdings in Rathbane should be settled. However, Krups in the meantime had a right-of-way through the Corporation's lands, formerly Cussens, onto the property of the Factory. Ald. Coughlan again asked that the matter be expedited. The Manager said he would see if the matter could be settled within the next month.

Swimming Pool :

Cllr. Lipper referred to the condition of the railing on the approach to Corbally Swimming Pool. He said it was in a dangerous and deplorable condition. It had been allowed to rust through lack of paint. Ald. Coughlan supported. The City Engineer undertook to have this matter examined.

2. Submitted Progress Report from the City Engineer re development plan. Noted.

Aerial Survey :

In reply to Ald. Russell, the Manager said that the Department had not replied to the Corporation's request for a grant for an aerial survey. Press reports indicated that the Minister wished to have a national survey carried out which would be available to planning authorities. Ald. Russell deplored the action of the Department in failing to deal with the application for a grant.

Condition of Building Survey :

Ald. Russell referred to St. John's Square. He said areas had been left without protective walls and were dangerous. The Square in which a number of houses had been vacated was in a dangerous condition. The City Engineer said the areas were being cleared out and it was the intention to close them in.

The City Manager said the Corporation proposed to reconstruct two houses in St. John's Square which had been purchased recently. Apart from the decision of the Council that this Square should be preserved there is no decision to do any other works by the Corporation. Ald. Russell, referring to the two houses that the Corporation had purchased, said the vendor had not yet been paid for these. He asked if payment could be expedited. Ald. Coughlan supported. He understood the matter was with the Department of Local Government. The Manager said he would look into the cause of the delay.

Rutland Street Area :

In reply to Ald. Coughlan the City Manager said the Council had agreed that the planning of Rutland Street area would be taken in conjunction with the planning of Arthur's Quay/Patrick's Area as one unit. The houses on the Custom House side of Rutland Street had been partially acquired by the Corporation. They were not in good condition but there was no immediate danger to the public. The buildings however were liable to deteriorate and become dangerous.

Ald. Russell said that certain portions of the Georgian city should be preserved in the replanning of Limerick. He referred particularly to the Crescent and Pery Square.

The City Engineer said the future of the places referred to would be the subject of a separate report.

King John's Castle :

Ald. Coughlan asked if the Corporation could do anything to clean down the wall of the Castle on the riverside facing Clancy Strand. The City Engineer said this was a matter for the Board of Works. The City Manager said the question of the preservation and the control of historic monuments within the city was one which had received the attention of the Council during a number of meetings in the past few months. He suggested that as the Council had appointed a committee under the National Monuments Acts, this Committee should be called together and the matter placed before them for consideration and advice. The Council agreed to this suggestion.

3. Submitted Report from the City Engineer on Development Plan, New Roads and Streets (Copy of the report is incorporated in the official minute) :

The Engineer said the report referred to new roads, it did not make any reference to roads which it would be necessary to widen or to improve. The Council considered each of the ten new roads listed.

Caherdavin Road : It was noted that this had already been agreed by the Council and by the Department of Local Government.

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New Road from Castle Street to Bishop Street : The Council approved.

New Road from Sheep Street to Mary Street : Approved.

New Road from Cathedral Place to Roxboro' Road : Approved.

New Road from Park Bridge to junction near railway level crossing: Approved.

Ring Road sections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) : Approved.

New Street from Henry Street to Honan's Quay and through proposed car park in Arthur's Quay to Francis Street : On this matter the City Manager said discussions had been held with two of the principal property owners concerned and the indications were that provided compensation was agreed the property owners would not object to the proposal. Approved.

New Road at Lansdowne Park to replace existing passage : Approved.

New Bridge and Road from Lower Mallow Street to North Circular Road : The Committee welcomed this proposal. Ald. Russell said that he understood the Bridge was to provide for in-city traffic. He suggested that instead of trying to link up with Shelbourne Road, a road along the river front to Barrington's Pier and thus to the Ennis Road might be considered either as an alternative or complementary. He asked about the provisions for financial assistance in the case of the bridge. The City Manager said that there was provision for substantial grants in the case of bridge construction, and in addition it had been the practice that any local authority which benefited from the construction of a bridge would be required to contribute to the capital cost. It was important that the Committee considered carefully the proposal and say that the location as suggested by the City Engineer is acceptable. The City Manager said he would report in detail to the Council at an early meeting on the full implications prescribed by law in connection with the construction of a bridge.

New Road from Westfields, North Circular Road to join with the Ennis Road near the present City Boundary: This was not shown in the map which the Council had before them. The City Engineer pointed out the location to the Council. The Committee approved.

City Hall :

Ald. Russell referred to the present position with regard to the building of a new City Hall. The Mayor said that the present Town Hall was in a very bad condition. The City Manager said the Council decided that the location of the new City Hall would be decided for inclusion in the Development Plan. The matter could be brought back to the Council if they so wished. The Council asked that this be done. The City Engineer said that consideration was being given to a number of sites. The Manager said that there would be a report on the matter for an early meeting.

Decisions taken in relation to Planning Applications and Planning Applications on hands :

Submitted reports showing the position from the 29th May to the 30th June. The Mayor, supported by other members of the Council, asked that an indication be given where the decision was to refuse, of the reason for the decision. The City Manager said this would be done. Reference to the City Manager's Order would also be made, in the reports.

Ald. Russell referred to new buildings being erected in William Street and asked if the height of these buildings would correspond with

the height of adjoining premises. The Assistant Town Clerk said that the plans had been approved of some time ago. His recollection was that the buildings would be of approximately the same height as the adjoining buildings. The City Manager said the matter would be checked.

Verona Esplanade :

Submitted report from the City Engineer on the derelict site at the rear of Verona Esplanade. It was stated that the Corporation understood that this site had been acquired and that they proposed to erect houses on it in accordance with plans which had been approved of by the Corporation some years ago. In these circumstances the Council decided to take no further action, with regard to this site.

Coolraine :

Submitted report from the City Solicitor giving details of the manner in which the Corporation disposed of its lands at Coolraine to the Provincial Housing Society, and of the covenants contained in the Leases regarding the development of this site. The City Solicitor advised that in 1961 the Corporation had certified that the Lessee had complied with the covenants in respect of the site known as Greystones No. 1. In March 1964 sites Nos. 41 to 42 in Greystones Part 2 had been released from the covenants on the certificate of the City Engineer. With regard to the portion of Greystones not comprising the sites No. 41 to 42 these still remained liable to the covenants in the Lease of 1962, it appeared to him that the Corporation should be able to restrain any development that did not correspond with a plan approved of by the Corporation. The City Solicitor thought the Corporation would be entitled to insist that the developers had Town Planning approval from the Corporation and not merely from the Minister on appeal. Noted.

Standing Orders :

At 9.30 o'clock p.m. the Committee, having been sitting for two hours, Standing Orders were suspended, the Council decided to continue the business for a further quarter of an hour.

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T. P. MACDIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

23rd July, 1965.

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors:

Attached herewith report dated 16th instant from the City Engineer on the standard design for swimming pools made available by the Department of Local Government.

The City Engineer, in his report, details the dimensions of the swimming pool and ancillary accommodation attached thereto. He also outlines the nature of the structure and the plant, electrical installations etc. which will be provided. His report is recommended for adoption subject to the following modifications:

(1) That the Corporation constructs two pools on the Canal Bank site in adjoining locations as mentioned in his report.

The heaviest charge in connection with the swimming pool will be the operating costs. If two pools are constructed in the manner suggested the numbers using the pools should be considerably greater than if one pool only is available. The expenditure on salaries, wages, cleaning and maintenance of buildings and plant should not be very much greater for two pools than for one.

(2) The design should be modified to ensure that the boiler is gas fired instead of oil fired, and gas should also be used in the internal heating arrangements.

A report from the City Accountant will be available to the Members on the estimated cost of operating the swimming pools.

T. P. MacDiarmada,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

TOWN HALL

LIMERICK.

16th July, 1965

To the City Manager,

Utility Swimming Pools.

In accordance with the decision of the Corporation the plans for the Utility Swimming Pools were obtained from the Department of Local Government.

Pools:- The pool is 25 metres in length and has four swimming lanes 6ft. in width.
The maximum water depth is 8' - 6 in. where required for diving, and the general depth is approximately 4 ft. The height of the diving board is 3' - 3½" above water level.
There is a 6 ft. wide paved area around the four sides of the pool for circulation of swimmers.

Dressing Room Accommodation etc.

Immediately inside the door there is a cloakroom with counter and lockers. This is arranged so that there is direct access to one half of it from the female dressing room and direct access to the other half from the male dressing room. Seating accomodation for 50 persons is provided in the male dressing room and 50 persons in the female dressing room. A footbath is provided between each dressing room and the pool.
Three toilet units and two hand basins are provided in each dressing room.

A room is provided for attendants.

Plant Room.

The plant room houses the oil-fired boiler, two filter units, chlorinator, and circulation pump, switch gear etc.
The oil storage tank is external to the building.

Construction of Finishes.

The walls and floor of the pools are constructed of reinforced concrete finished fine.
The roof consists of corrigated asbestos sheeting supported on reinforced concrete purlins all supported on reinforced concreted portal frames.
The external walls consist of concrete block work with a pattern formed of coloured blocks.

Lighting panels will be constructed in the roof over the pool.

The interior of all walls, columns beams will be painted in a suitable colour.
The footpaths, walls, floor, and racing lines of the pool will also be painted a suitable colour.

Electrical Work.

This includes 2 No. 2 kw. Storage heaters lighting of Pool and Porch, bathouse etc. and wiring for 2 extraction fans as will as lighting of office etc.
The drawing as supplied are not complete working drawing. The drawings are the property of the Consulting Engineers who designed the pool and may not be used without their permission.

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The estimated cost of this pool has been given as £1[illegible],000 but there may be expenses for : Rock excavation.
Access Roads.
Fencing.

Land charges etc. depending on site condition. I recommend that the Corporation build only one pool in the first instance, and after a years experience it would then take a decision as to whether more pools were necessary.

I recommend that the first pool should be built at a central site (i.e. the site already accepted in the Canal Bank)
In this connection it should be noted that it would be possible to provide a second pool along side the first pool and under the same roof by erecting a similar structure back to back with the first structure and removing the back wall.

The second structure would be cheaper in so far as the dressing rooms attendants room toilets etc. would be ommited as well as the back wall. and the space occupied by these offices could be adapted to accommodate spectators on special occasions. Approximately 250 spectators could be accommodated on this area and approximately another 150 could be accommodated on temporary seats around the walls of the bathouse.

Running Costs of Swimming Pools.-

It should be appreciated that the Capital charges are only one part of the cost of operating a swimming Pool.
Other items which must be taken into consideration are:

(1) Salaries and wages.
(2) Rates and Insurances
(3) Fuel, oil
(4) Electricity and water.
(5) Maintenance of Buildings
(6) Maintenance of plant
(7) General Administration of Office Expenses
(8) Cleaning and Sundry Materials.
(9) Purification
(10) Clothing
(11) Miscellaneous Items.

Against the above items an item for receipts must be off-set.
I am of the opinion that the swimming pool in a City the size of Limerick must be run on very rigid lines in order to control the numbers and to prevent over-crowding at certain periods while the pool may be idle for other periods. The manner in which the Pool is controlled will largely effect the running cose. Probably the cheapest method of operation would be to rent the pool to "clubs" or "Groups" for fixed periods. This would reduce supervision and the Corporation's liabilities for accidents or drownings as well as saving fuel in so far as there would be advance notice of use and the water temperatures need not be kept to maximum at all times just to facilitate a few persons. Clubs, etc could also be held liable for wanton damage by their members.

Another method to keep down the running cost would be to have a membership card system as for public libraries. The member would have a fixed time allocated to him/her. Members would be organized into suitable sized sections with section leaders appointed on a voluntary basis. In this way the number of paid attendants could be kept to a minimum.
A copy of statement of expenditure and receipts and a copy of the schedule showing allocation of times for another swimming pool is attached for information.

Note:- This pool would not be suitable for small children.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

22nd July, 1965.

Re: National Monuments Advisory Committee.

At its Quarterly Meeting, following the Local Elections in 1960, the City Council appointed the following Advisory Committee pursuant to the provisions of the National Monuments Acts, 1930 and 1954:

Right Rev. Monsignor Moloney; Dr. D. F. Gleeson, D.J;
Mrs. K. O'Callaghan; Mr. T. F. O'Sullivan, B.E.,
Mr. S. Stewart; Mr. F. S. Wallace; and Cllr. F. Glasgow.

As the Council are aware the first three named are now deceased.

Enclosed, for the information of the Council is a summary of the provisions of the Act of 1930 (as amended by the Act of 1954), affecting local authorities, and also an extract from the Act giving Section 22 in full. This is the enabling section for the appointment of an Advisory Committee.

I am not aware that the Committee has had any meeting since its selection in 1960. The City Librarian and Curator of the Museum acts as Secretary to the Committee.

T. P. MacDiarmada,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

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NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACTS, 1930 & 1954.

Local Advisory Committees:

Section 22. (1) A local authority may establish an advisory committee (in this Act referred to as a local advisory committee) to perform the functions mentioned in this section and every such committee shall be styled and known by the name of the functional area of the local authority by whom it is established followed by the words "National Monuments Advisory Committee."

(2) Every local advisory committee shall consist of such number of persons, not less than three nor more than ten, as the local authority by whom the same is established shall appoint to be members thereof.

(3) The persons appointed to be members of a local advisory committee may or may not, as the local authority shall think fit, be members of the local authority by whom they are appointed but shall in every case be persons having practical experience or special knowledge of or interest in architecture, archaeology or some kindred subject and shall hold office as such members for such period as shall be fixed by the local authority when appointing them.

(4) A local advisory committee shall whenever so requested by the local authority by whom it was established give to such local authority advice and assistance in relation to the protection and preservation of the national monuments or any particular national monument in the functional area of such local authority or in relation to any other matter arising in the performance by such local authority of its duties and functions under this Act.

(5) A local advisory committee may make to the local authority by which it was established or to the Commissioners or to the Advisory Council such representations as it may think fit in relation to national monuments in its functional area.

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SUMMARY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACT, 1930 AS AMENDED BY NATIONAL MONUMENTS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1954, AFFECTING LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Section	
	"Local authority" means a council of a county, of a county or other borough, or of an urban district.
2. Definitions.	"National Munument" means any building, etc., (except any building habitually used for ecclesiastical purposes) the preservation of which is a matter of national importance by reason of its historical, architectural, traditional artistic, or archaeological interest and includes the site of the monument and means of access thereto.
3. Expenses	The expenses incurred by a local authority in carrying the Act into effect shall be raised by means of the rate and, in the case of a county council, as a county-at-large charge. A local authority may accept voluntary contributions of money towards the cost of maintenance of any national monument of which they are owners or guardians.
3. Guardianship.	The owner of a national monument (not being a building occupied as a dwelling house except by a caretaker) may by deed appoint the local authority in whose functional area the monument is situate to be the guardians of such monument. The local authority are to notify the Commissioners of Public Works of any such appointment.
7. Transfer of Guardianship.	Where a local authority are the owners of a National Monument, or are appointed guardians of a national monument they may with the consent of the owner and the Commissioners of Public Works transfer by deed such guardianship to the Commissioners. Similarly the Commissioners may transfer guardianship to a local authority with their consent.
10. Gift of National Monuments to Local Authorities.	Any owner of a national monument may by deed or will convey or bequeath his interest in such monument to the local authority who may accept or disclaim such conveyance or bequest.
12. Maintenance of National Monuments.	Where a local authority are owners or guardians of a national monument, they shall maintain it and shall have free access thereto for this purpose. They may arrange with the owner in cases where they are guardians for the maintenance of a monument at the owner's or their own expense.
13. Removal of Monuments to Museums.	Where a local authority are the owners of a monument not affixed to the ground or capable of removal without injury to the monument or to the ground, they may remove it to a museum where it shall be open to public inspection.
14. Prohibition of injury to National Monuments.	Injury to or interference with any national monument of which a local authority are owners or guardians, and excavation in or around any such monument are prohibited save with the consent of the Commissioners of Public Works and such local authority. The exportation of any such monument or any part thereof is entirely prohibited. Severe penalties are imposed for offences against this section.
16. Admission to Public.	Unless the guardianship deed contains a prohibition against the admission of the public, they shall be admitted to view any monument of which the local authority are appointed guardians under this Act on payment of such charge as the local authority shall prescribe. When the local authority are guardians by deed made under an Act repealed by this Act, the public shall not be admitted save with the consent of the owner.

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17. Burials in National Monuments.	When the local authority are guardians of a national monument which is an ecclesiastical building, the Commissioners may on the application and with the consent of the local authority by order prohibit burials within such monument, but may make exceptions from such order in favour of specified persons or families. Where an order has been made under this section, no person may without the consent of the local authority erect any headstone, railings, etc., on or around any grave within the precincts of such monument. Penalty for contravention is a fine not exceeding £20.
18. Tablets on National Monuments of historical interest.	A local authority may with the consent of the owner of a national monument which is of historical interest and is within their functional area place a tablet on such monument stating the facts which gave rise to the historical interest of the monument.
19. Advertisements.	Bye-laws may be made to regulate, restrict, or prevent the exhibition of advertisements on, in, or adjacent to any national monument.
22. Local Advisory Committees.	A local authority may establish a local advisory committee of three to ten persons not necessarily members of the local authority but having experience or knowledge of or interest in architecture, archaeology, etc. to advise and assist the local authority with regard to the protection and preservation of national monuments.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

23rd July, 1965.

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the City Council.

Attached herewith, for your information, detailed report made by the City Engineer on King John's Castle, which had been requested at a recent meeting of the Planning Committee of the Council.

It is clear from the City Engineer's report that the use of the Castle as a tourist attraction will necessarily be of a limited nature until the environmental improvements outlined by him can be effected. There is little possibility of arranging the long-term improvements which involve the demolition of eight Corporation houses sited within the Castle yard. The housing situation would not justify this action at this date.

The Corporation should ensure, in any discussions with interested parties, as recommended by the City Engineer, that the potential income from the operation of the Castle as a tourist resort would justify the expenditure of caretaking by the Corporation and maintenance to the high standard which would be necessary.

T. P. MacDiarmada,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK

Town Hall,

Limerick.

King John's Castle.

CITY MANAGER, 16th July, 1965.

Arising out of discussions by the Planning Committee on the possibility of improving the amenities of the Castle, an inspection was carried out on 3/6/65 by officers of Office of Public Works (national monuments section) and officers of the Corporation.

The Castles position as an amenity to the City was considered under the following headings.

(a) Provision of a public convenience for visitors.
(b) Caretaking.
(c) Structural maintenance.
(d) Maintenance of surroundings.
(e) Possible improvement of environments(short term)
(f) Possible improvement of environments (long term)
(g) Possible uses.

Re (a) It was the general view that if a public convenience is to be provided that it should be provided for both visitors and the general public and that it should be located outside the Castle and adjoining the public road.

The site chosen provisionally was adjoining the steps leading to the river at the East End of Thomond Bridge.

The building would be constructed so that the roof level, would be at the ground level and access would be from the landing on the existing steps.

It is estimated that a public convenience consisting of four female and four male units could be provided at a cost of £1 000. The Corporation had a lease of this small part of the area adjoining the Castle for a period of 21 years from 1/1/1938 @ a yearly rent of £1 for use as an open space for civic purposes. This lease expired in 1959 and it will now be necessary to renew the lease with permission to use the site for a public convenience.

Re (b) Caretaking:- The plot of ground as shown on the attached map (1acre - 1 rood) and which includes the Castle was leased by the Corporation from the State in 1933 for a period of 99 years for the purpose of providing dwellings for the accommodation of the working classes for a payment of £500 and a yearly rent of 1/-. The maintenance of the land and the buildings erected by the Corporation and any old buildings on the plot is the responsibility of the Corporation but the actual care and the maintenance of the Castle structure itself is carried out by the Office of Public Works. To date caretaking of the Castle structure has been arranged by the office of Public Works. It was the view of the officers of the office of Public Works that the caretaker should be under local supervision.

It is recommended that consideration be given to amalgamating the duties of (1) caretaking the proposed public convenience (2) caretaking the Castle structure itself and (3) the maintenance of the grounds adjoining the Castle and that the caretaker be appointed by the Corporation and that an arrangement be made for the apportionment of the cost between the Corporation and the Office of Public Works.

The caretaker could also act as guide if a suitable person could be employed.

Re (c) Structural Maintenance.

The preservation and restoration of the Castle structure itself is a matter for the Office of Public Works and the Corporation would not be involved in this work.

Re (d) Maintenance of Surrounds.

The land around the Castle as shown on the attached map is the Corporation's responsibility. This includes the railings grass and areas between the Castle and the Public road, the land between the Castle and the river and the old moat area. In this connection trees have been planted in front of the Castle and I recommend that consideration be given to the removal of these as they will in time restrict the view of the front of the Castle.

There is no defined boundary between the Corporation property and other properties on the Southern Side of the plot and it is recommended that this be established and a suitable railing be constructed and that access be provided to this side of the old Castle Wall.

Re (e) Possible improvements of environment (short term).

It is recommended that consideration be given to the removal of at least two of the old buildings within the Castle Yard as soon as alternative accommodation can be found for the present occupants.

These are (a) the building marked Pensioner's Department 2. on the attached maps and which is at present occupied by:-

1 - Unitas
2 - St. Brigid's Boys Club
3 - 2 families
and (b) building marked "Married Soldiers Quarters" (1 to 6) and which is at present occupied by:

1 3 no. persons(lone)
2 2 families.

A third old Building marked Staff Servant Qrs. on map may be worth retaining. (It is at present occupied by one family) There is the possibility that this building could be made use of in connection with any possible developments of the Castle. This requires further consideration.

Re (f) Possible improvement of environments (Long-term)

It is recommended that consideration be given to the removal of the block of houses (8 number) located on the River side of the Castle whenever the housing situation justifies this step. This block is the most offensive as it spoils the view of the Castle from the opposite side of the river.

Re (c) Possible uses:-

Apart from the present use of the Castle as a place of interest for tourists no conclusion was reached as to other uses for the Castle.
The possibility of its use as a place of entertainment was discussed but the general feeling was that if this were to be pursued that it should be undertaken by persons with previous experience in promoting this sort of entertainment.

I recommend that the Corporation open discussions with possible interested parties with a view to making the maximum use of the Castle as a Tourist attraction.

N.C. BRENNAN,
City Engineer.

16th July, 1965.

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Mrs. Susan Hynes, Merchant's Quay—Assignment.
Hotel Cecil, Limerick.
Limerick Dairies, Limerick.
Agreements re School Meals.

Form of Consent to Transfer of 8 Corporation Cottages from Patrick O'Neill to Robert Wallace.

Garryowen No. 1 C.P.O. 1957—Mrs. B. A. O'Brien, 26a Garryowen. Conveyance.

ITEM 12. New Works :
There were no new works.

ITEM 13. Arthur's Quay :
Ald. Russell said that it had been stated at a recent meeting of the Harbour Commissioners that the Corporation had commenced the filling of Arthur's Quay. The General Manager of the Harbour Commissioners had indicated that the Corporation had not yet acquired the navigational rights of the Limerick Harbour Board in respect of the Quay. The liability of the Harbour Board for accidents which might arise in view of the action of the Corporation was raised. The City Manager said all necessary permissions had been received to enable the Corporation to start the work. The matter had been discussed with the Harbour Board in February last and no objection had been raised. The Department of Transport and Power had approved and the matter had also been submitted to the Department of Local Government. In the circumstances it was reasonable for the Corporation to proceed. The Harbour Board had some property which the Corporation had given an undertaking to guard.

It would be necessary for the Corporation to acquire certain property rights from the Harbour Board in respect of Arthur's Quay. Ald. Coughlan said he was not present at the meeting of the Harbour Board referred to by Ald. Russell, he was satisfied to leave it to the officers of the Corporation and the Harbour Board to iron out any legal difficulties. The Corporation should proceed with the work.

A True Record.

TOMAS MacDIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

Confirmed in Council this
14th Sept 1965

Chairman.

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse on Tuesday, 27th July, 1965.

ROLL CALL

The Roll was called at 7.45 p.m. when the following members answered :—

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful, Cllr. F. Leddin, Mayor.

Councillors : Mrs. F. Condell, J. Kirby, V. Feeney, P. Kiely, F. Glasgow, T. Lawlor.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Ald. Russell, Cllr. J. P. Liddy, and the City Manager.

Officers present included the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer and the Housing Officer.

ADJOURNMENT :

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor and unanimously resolved :

" That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to our colleague, Ald. S. Coughlan, T.D., on the death of his mother, and to our colleague Cllr. J. Keane on the death of his wife ; that as a mark of respect this meeting stand adjourned to the 14th September, 1965."

The Mayor paid tribute to the late Mrs. Coughlan for her work in the national interest and referred to the late Mrs. Keane as a lady of dignity and charm.

All the members of the Council present associated themselves with the messages of sympathy.

The Asst. Town Clerk also associated the City Manager and staff of the Corporation with the Council's message of condolence.

Before the meeting adjourned the Council passed the following resolution : Proposed by Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, " That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing :

S.D. Advances—Mortgages : F. T. Penny, Clareview Estate ; Thomas Kenny, Clareview Estate.

Contract with Roadstone Ltd. : Re-surfacing Ballysimon Road.

Garryowen No. 1 C.P.O. 1957 : Kevin O'Brien, 36 Belgrave Square, Rathmines, Dublin. Conveyance.

Derelict Sites at Clare Street : Vesting of Sites Nos. 8 and 10, or sites of former Nos. 70 and 73, Clare Street. Vesting Orders.

Corporation to Bryan McSweeney—Folio 107L Co. Limerick. Transfer.

Killalee Tenant Purchase Scheme : John J. O'Byrne, 3 Keane Street.

Contract—Convent Field Housing Scheme : Malachy Burke Ltd.

Limerick Corporation Stock—Certs. Nos. : 1871—1880.

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S.D. Transfers :
Release and Memorial : Arthur H. Rundle, Lisieux, S.C. Road.
Deed of Release : Patrick O'Sullivan, 5 Summerville Gardens.
Form of Discharge : Patrick J. Uniacke, Corbally.
Deed of Assignment : McClean to Riordan, 60 Greystones. F.17.

A True Record.

THOMAS MAC DIARMADA,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

Confirmed in Council this
14th Sept 1965

Chairman.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 14th September, 1965.

ROLL CALL :

The Roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members answered :

In the Chair : Ald. S. Coughlan, T.D.

Aldermen : J. Carew and G. E. Russell.

Councillors : W. Brazier, Mrs. F. Condell, V. Feeney, J. Danagher, F. Glasgow, P. Kiely, T. Lawlor, J. P. Liddy.

Officers present : City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Engineer ; Architect ; Gas Engineer ; City Solicitor ; Housing Officer, etc.

Deputation from the Greystones and District Residents Association :

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Ald. Russell, a deputation from the Greystones and District Residents Association was heard. A spokesman for the deputation submitted the following matters for the consideration of the Council :

(1) **The Quarry at Mayorstone.** It was stated that the work was not fully completed. There was still water in the quarry in places to a depth of 5 ft. The Corporation were asked to complete the work and remove water without delay.

(2) **Regional Swimming Pool.** The Association recommended that a regional swimming pool be sited in the quarry at Mayorstone. Greystones and District Residents Association would be responsible for the caretaking of the pool.

(3) Section of the Estate was without an adequate water supply.

(4) The Association referred to a Derelict Site at Avondale Drive.

(5) The Corporation was asked to acquire compulsorily the site for a proposed Bowling Alley, permission for which had been refused by the Corporation and was now on appeal to the Minister for Local Government.

Ald. Russell expressed surprise that the quarry had not been filled as directed by the Council many months ago following a drowning tragedy. The City Engineer said the quarry had been filled within a month of the matter being raised at the Council. Any water in the quarry at the present time was rain-water. He would inspect the quarry again and would report to the Council on any further steps which the Corporation might take. The Chairman referred to the question of swimming pools and said this matter was to be considered at the meeting by the Council. With regard to the Bowling Alley, this matter was in the hands of the Minister for Local Government. The Chairman went on to refer

COMHCUALLACHT LUIMNIGHE.

Oifig Cleirigh na Cathrach,
Arus na Cathrach,
Luimnighe.

9th September, 1965.

A Monthly Meeting of the Limerick City Council will be held in the County Courthouse, Merchant's Quay, (by kind permission of the County Registrar), on Tuesday, 14th September, 1965, at 7.30 p.m. to dispose of the following business:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on the 13th, and 27th July, 1965.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 6th July, 1965.

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tenders Committee held on the 7th September, 1965.

4. To read general correspondence.

5. To consider Financial Statements and Departmental Reports for the months of July and August, 1965.

6. To consider the following motions of which due notice has been given :

"That the recent increase in Social Welfare Benefits be excluded in the differential rent assessment.

Steve Coughlan,
31/8/1965".

"That we ask the Minister for Local Government to take the necessary steps to remove the 30 m.p.h. speed limit sign from its present position in Ballinacurra to a point near the 'bus stop at the end of Ballinacurra.

John Carew,
8/9/1965".

"That in order to encourage the expansion of greater economic activity and consequent increase in employment, we call on the Government to identify Limerick as a development centre and to take the necessary steps to set up an Industrial Estate in or near Limerick City.

G. E. Russell,
8/9/1965".

7. Housing and any reports in connection therewith.

8. To authorise the borrowing of the following amounts :-

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(a) By way of Overdraft for the period ending 31/12/1965.

£300,000 - Municipal Fund Revenue.
£212,000 - " " Capital.
£164,000 - Gas Revenue Account.
£5,000 - Gas Revenue No. 2 Account.
£10,000 - Gas Capital Account - Plant
£22,000 - " " " - Mainlaying.

(b) By way of Loan: £200,000 for the purpose of making loans under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act 1962.

£40,000 for the purpose of Local Grants under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act 1962.

9. To pass the following resolution regarding loan of £25,000 already authorised for the Gas Works:

"That the sum of £25,000 be borrowed by the Corporation from the Irish Life Assurance Company to finance the laying of Gas Mains in the Greenhills-Tankfield Area, repayable to the Company by 70 equal half-yearly instalments of Principal and Interest combined of £935. 7. 0. each, the first of which shall become payable on the 1st March, 1966 and that repayment of these monies be secured by a Mortgage of the Rates and Funds which the Corporation are authorised to mortgage for securing repayment of money borrowed for said purposes and further resolved that the Indenture of Mortgage now presented for the purpose of effecting the foregoing terms of this Resolution be sealed with the Seal of the Limerick Corporation."

10. To consider report of conference with representatives of Limerick County Council re Fairgreen (copy herewith).

11. To consider report re Swimming Pools. (copy herewith).

12. To consider the filling of vacancies on the National Monuments Advisory Committee. (copy herewith)

13. To consider report on King John's Castle (copy herewith).

14. To consider Circular Letter L.11/65 from the Department of Local Government on the problem of Itinerancy (copy herewith).

15. To consider report re Pound. (copy herewith)

16. To consider making Secondary Scholarship Scheme for 1966 (copy report and Scheme herewith).

17. To consider programme for Relief Schemes 1965/66 (copy report herewith).

18. To consider programme for Road Fund Grant Works 1965/66 (copy report herewith).

19. To consider revised Street Service Bye-Laws (copy report and proposed Bye-Laws herewith).

20. To consider report on Traffic Warden Scheme. (copy herewith).

21. To consider request from Shannonside (Mid Western Tourism Organisation) for a grant towards the cost of a Tourism Survey of the Shannon Estuary (copy letter of 15th July from Company and report herewith).

22. To consider Circular P.P.6 of 12th July, 1965 from the Department of Local Government re progress on the preparation of the provisional plan (copy herewith).

23. Acting as the Old Age Pensions Committee to appoint the City Manager and Town Clerk as Clerk to the Committee for a further period of six months from 1st October, 1965.

24. To receive notice of New Works (if any).

25. To receive tenders.

26. To authorise the affixing of the Corporate Seal to documents presented for sealing.

27. To consider any matter that may legally be considered at this Meeting.

Your attendance at this Meeting is requested.

T. Collery,
Deputy City Manager and Town Clerk.

TO/ Each Member of the City Council :

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

The adjourned Quarterly Statutory Meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 13th July, 1965.

ROLL CALL

The Roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members answered :

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful, Cllr. F. Leddin, Mayor.

Aldermen : J. Carew, S. Coughlan, T.D., and G. E. Russell.

Councillors : W. Brazier, F. Glasgow, P. Kiely, J. Kirby, T. Lawlor, J. P. Liddy, and P. O'Sullivan.

Apology for unavoidable absence was received from Cllr. Lipper.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Solicitor ; City Engineer ; Acting City Accountant ; Mr. Lynch, Assistant City Engineer, etc.

STATUTORY BUSINESS

1. Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved :

"That the remaining Quarterly Meetings of the Council, to be held before the 23rd June, 1966, should be held on Tuesday, 12th October, 1965, on Tuesday, 11th January, 1966, and Tuesday, 12th April, 1966, at 7.30 o'clock, p.m."

2. Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved :

"That the General Purposes Committee of the City Council be and is hereby appointed to consist of a Whole House Committee."

"That the Tenders Committee of the City Council be and is hereby appointed to consist of a Whole House Committee."

"That the Town Planning Committee of the City Council be and is hereby appointed to consist of a Whole House Committee."

3. It was proposed by Ald. Carew, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved :

"That the following be and the same are hereby appointed to represent the Corporation on the Board of Market Trustees to hold office until the election of their successors :

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, ex officio,
Ald. S. Coughlan,
Cllrs. T. Lawlor, W. Brazier, J. Kirby,
Mr. F. X. Wallace, and
City Manager."

ITEM 4.

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved :

"That Cllr. P. O'Sullivan be and is hereby appointed to represent

the Council on the Board of Directors of the Mid-Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. until the election of his successor."

St. John's Hospital Committee:

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved :

"That the following be recommended to the City Manager for appointment on the Committee of St. John's Hospital until the election of their successors :

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, ex officio,
Cllrs. Mrs. F. Condell, W. Brazier, F. Glasgow and P. Kiely."

ITEM 6.

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved :

"That the Council recommend to the Limerick Health Authority the appointment of the following nominees on the Board of Governors of Barrington's Hospital :

The Right Worshipful the Mayor, ex officio,
Ald. J. Carew,
Cllr. J. Keane."

Arising out of the nominations to the Hospital Committees, Cllr. Danagher suggested that the Management Committees be asked to re-arrange the meeting times to suit members of the Council. Other members agreed and pointed out that meetings held during the daytime did not suit members.

ITEM 1.

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved :

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 8th June, 1965, of which copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

The following matters arose out of consideration of the minutes :—

Historic Buildings :

Cllr. Danagher said the historic walls of Limerick had become overgrown with weeds and vegetation. He asked who was responsible for the maintenance of the walls of Limerick. Bord Failte should be asked to put a plaque on the citadel which forms part of the walls and was situated in the grounds of St. John's Hospital, and also a directional sign and a plaque near the sallyport which was in the Johnsgate area.

Ald. Coughlan, supporting, said he had been in touch with the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance who was anxious that matters raised, in relation to historic monuments in Limerick, be given attention. The Board of Works was considering cleaning down the external wall of King John's Castle facing the river. With regard to the walls of Limerick, Ald. Coughlan suggested that a tour of these walls by members of the Council was desirable.

Ald. Russell said the obvious Body to take this question of ancient monuments in hands generally was the National Monuments Advisory Committee which the Council had at the last Planning Meeting agreed to reconstitute. He suggested that a model of the walls of Limerick might be made by students of the Technical Institute. Cllr. Liddy supported the views of Ald. Russell. He felt that the Council should concentrate on making King John's Castle into a showpiece. The Inspector of National Monuments should be asked to consult with the National Monuments Committee as to how this might be done.

Speed Limits :

Cllr. Lawlor referred to the Speed Limit Signs which had been erected on the Tipperary Road. 30 mile an hour signs had been erected on roads leading off the Tipperary Road and 40 miles an hour signs on the approaches to the Tipperary Road. These signs were confusing. Ald. Coughlan suggested that the 'Stop' Signs be painted on the roadways at all 'Yield Right of Way' junctions. The Mayor supported this view. The City Engineer said the signs had been erected in accordance with the Regulations and the general position was that the Corporation erected signs when it had power to do so by Regulation or requested to do so in the case of traffic signs by the Gardai.

ITEM 2.

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor :

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 15th June, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

Certain sites in the City for building purposes :

Cllr. Liddy asked what progress was being made in listing vacant sites within the city which might be let for building purposes. Ald. Russell supporting, said there were numbers of small sites in the city which might be acquired without resort to compulsory powers. The City Manager said that it should be possible to complete a survey of the nature required together with the planning surveys and in the presentation of the provisional plans to present a detailed list of such small sites to the Council. In reply to Ald. Coughlan, the City Manager said that he hoped to have a proposal with regard to the disposal of land at Clancy Strand for an early meeting of the Council. The Corporation was proceeding with its surveys of the Johnsgate area and survey of the Abbey area. C.P.O. would follow. Vizes Fields area was in the hands of the City Solicitor for Compulsory Purchase Order at the present time.

Lands at Rathbane :

In reply to Ald. Coughlan, the City Manager said that he had asked the Department to defer for the time being a decision on the application of the Corporation for sanction to the exchange of lands with Mr. Toppin at Rathbane. The reason for so doing was that since the submission had been made the Corporation had decided to proceed with a large building programme in this area and it was important that in conjunction with the building programme of the magnitude envisaged, sites should be available for schools and churches. The overall planning of the area would therefore have to be concluded before the Corporation could ask the Department to give a decision on the proposal submitted in October last. He hoped that it would be possible to arrive at a tentative planning decision within a month.

2 It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Liddy :

"That the minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on the

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30th June, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

3 CORRESPONDENCE :

Submitted communication dated 12th July, 1965, from the Department of Local Government, acknowledging the submissions in connection with the South Hill East Housing Scheme.

Postponement of Local Elections :

Submitted communication dated 24th June, 1965, from the Department of Local Government, enclosing copy of Local Elections Bill 1965. The Bill proposed that the Local Elections due to be held in 1965 would be held in 1966 and the next Local Election following that would be in 1970. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 21st June, from the office of the Minister for Local Government acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution with regard to the financial burden which the new housing programme would impose on the city ratepayers. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 17th June, 1965, from the Library Association of Ireland thanking the Council for the invitation to the Association to hold its annual conference in Limerick in 1966, but regretting that it was unable to accept this invitation. The Association hoped that the Corporation would repeat its invitation on another occasion. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 26th June, 1965, from the Association of Municipal Authorities, giving notice that the annual conference of the Association would be held in Cobh, Co. Cork, from the 14th to the 16th September, 1965, and inviting the Council to submit any motions which they wished to have placed on the agenda before the end of July. The Council decided that the following motion should be forwarded :

"That the Minister for Local Government be asked to increase the Capital limit for houses erected under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts on which subsidy is payable above the figure of £1,650 in the case of dwellings, and £2,200 in the case of flats, to bring the figure in line with present-day building costs."

ITEM 3.

Submitted Financial Statement and Departmental Reports for the month of June, 1965. Noted.

Matters arising out of consideration of the Departmental Reports :—

Gas :

Ald. Russell said he noted the gas made for June showed a reduction on June of last year, and a substantial reduction on June of the previous year. This confirmed his prediction that sales of gas were likely to fall in face of competition against the E.S.B. in the domestic field. The Gas was also in danger of losing ground in the commercial field and this position would continue unless something was done immediately to promote gas sales. He asked that energetic steps be taken to have a sales campaign got under way. He said it would be a tragedy if the gas works, which was now in a position to produce the gas, was allowed to slip back into serious financial trouble through being unable

to sell its product. Ald. Russell said he wished to make it clear that in his view the main cause of the troubles which had affected the Gas Works over the past few years was due to the inadequacy of the plant, and not to any deficiency in the management side. Cllr. Liddy supported. He said qualified salesmen were required. If necessary a scientific investigation should be made into the price of gas as compared with competitive fuels. If a reduction in the price meant selling more gas he would favour making such a reduction. The Mayor said it was distrubing to see gas cookers being taken from houses the property of the Corporation in which cookers were being provided as a fitting. The City Manager said he was conscious of the fact that an advertising campaign for the promotion of sales of gas was overdue. It was necessary, however, that the financial position of the Undertaking be first of all stabilised. This had now been agreed at the last meeting but he had not yet received sanction from the Department for the proposals which had been approved of by the Council. Enquiries were being made about the promotion of gas sales and a sales campaign would open shortly.

Derelict Sites :

In reply to Ald. Russell the Asst. Town Clerk said that the inspection of an area at Pikes Bow had been made and the Corporation proposed to take action under the Derelict Sites Act.

School Meals :

Cllr. Danagher said that the school meal service being provided by the Corporation left a lot to be desired. It consisted of cold milk and a bun. He asked that the scheme be examined before the schools re-open with a view to having a more palatable meal set out for the children.

Pounds :

Cllr. Danagher said he wished to register again his objection to the proposed location of a pound in Lelia Street.

Planning Application at St. James' Court :

Cllr. Liddy said he understood that a planning application for a filling station was before the Corporation in respect of an open space in front of six houses at St. James' Court. The residents of the six houses opposed this application and he trusted the Corporation would not grant the permission sought. Ald. Russell supported.

Housing :

Cllr. Brazier made representations regarding a number of people in the Greenhill Scheme who had been asked by the Corporation to vacate their houses and take the tenancy of bungalows in the St. John's Scheme. A number of the tenants were willing to transfer, some, however, did not wish to leave. The City Manager said that in the redevelopment of this area it was necessary to transfer a number of single people and childless couples, into accommodation which was too large for them. It was reasonable that when the Corporation had the smaller accommodation suitable for such people available they should vacate the larger accommodation and take up residence in the small suitable accommodation. It was clearly understood at the time that lettings were made that this would be so. He would review any case of particular

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hardship brought to his notice. In the meantime it would help the Corporation if those who were willing to transfer advised the Corporation.

South Hill :

Submitted report from the South Hill East Housing Scheme, copy of which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting, indicating that the Corporation had negotiated with Messrs. McInerney & Sons, Dublin, to have this Company carry out the South Hill East Housing Scheme of 167 dwellings for the sum of £359,729 14s. 0d. as an extension on the Kennedy Park Housing contract. The negotiated figure represented a reduction of 1½% off the rates in the priced Bill of Quantities for the Kennedy Park Scheme. Provided the Corporation was in a position to instruct the Contractor to proceed with the work in the immediate future it was agreed that 45 houses would be finished with appropriate services within nine months from the commencement date and the balance of 122 houses would be handed over at weekly intervals based on overall time for completion of the full scheme of 15 months.

After a brief discussion, it was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That the Council approve of the proposal contained in the City Manager's report of the 8th July, 1965, with regard to the South Hill East Scheme of 167 dwellings."

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £379,000 for the purposes of the South Hill East Housing Scheme."

Housing Generally :

The Mayor said the housing position in the city was chaotic. A complete new outlook on the building and on the letting of houses was required. He suggested that a deputation of members and officers should call on the Minister for Local Government in Dublin and go on to inspect the Ballymun Housing Estate. He had discussions with Trade Union representatives in this matter and their members were not opposed to System Building as such, provided traditional building could be maintained at a constant level. Cllr. Glasgow and Ald. Carew supported the Mayor's proposal that the members of the Council visit the Minister and the Ballymun Scheme.

After some further discussion the Council agreed, in view of the holiday period, this proposal might be deferred for further consideration until the September meeting. The Council were also of opinion that any deputation to the Minister for Local Government should discuss with him the question of increasing the subsidy limits for housing of the Working Classes. Ald. Coughlan, referring to the Housing Bill at present before the Dail, asked the City Manager to prepare a memorandum on the principal points of the Bill for circulation to the members at the next meeting. The City Manager said he would arrange to have this done.

ITEM 5.

Submitted circulars H.8/65 and H.9/65 from the Department of Local Government with regard to loans under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Acts. The circulars gave details of new limits which would

apply to loans, and also income limits for borrowers. Ald. Russell said the Minister's decision went some of the way towards the meeting the case put forward in the resolution of the Council passed at the meeting held on the 15th June. However, it appeared to him that the market value of the house was still the controlling factor in the amount of loan a person could obtain. He said the increase in incomes would not help directly as far as the Corporation was concerned as it seems the great majority of applicants were in the £700 to £800 income bracket. It seemed clear to him that with the housing rate liable to increase annually by 2/0d. in the £ if the housing programme was to proceed at the rate envisaged, namely, 360 houses per year, the rates in the city would reach such a level that persons contemplating building houses for their own occupation would be deterred from doing so unless the Department of Local Government increased the subsidy limits for Housing of the Working Classes.

ITEM 6.

It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Danagher, and unanimously resolved :

" That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £145,200 for the Convent Field Housing Scheme."

" That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of overdraft on the Municipal Fund (Revenue) Account up to the 30th June, 1965, of an additional sum of £12,000."

ITEM 7.

Submitted report dated 9th July, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk, stating that it had been decided to purchase three small trucks at £950 each, and nine additional bin-type push carts at £22 each (a total estimated cost of £3,050) for the Cleansing Department. The City Engineer said the additional equipment would be used for street cleaning leaving the larger refuse vehicles to concentrate on household and trade refuse collection. After a brief discussion, it was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved:

" That having considered report dated 9th July, 1965, from the City Manager, we approve of the purchase of machinery for cleansing as set out in report of 9th July, 1965. We further authorise the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £3,050 to finance the purchase."

Arising out of the foregoing, the City Engineer said he would re-examine the Sunday morning arrangements for cleansing of the city. Ald. Coughlan, Ald. Russell, Cllr. Glasgow, Cllr. Danagher, and the Mayor spoke on the poor cleansing arrangements especially on Sunday mornings. Cllr. Danagher advocated an appeal through the school children to keep the streets clean. Ald. Russell deplored the employment of open trucks for refuse collection. He pointed out that the citizens must co-operate in keeping the streets cleaned. The habit of putting out refuse for collection in inadequate bins must be stopped.

ITEM 8.

Proposed by Cllr. Glasgow, seconded by Cllr. Danagher, and unanimously resolved :

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"That having considered report dated 9th July, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk, we approve of the creation of one office of Assistant Librarian in lieu of one office of Library Assistant, as proposed."

ITEM 9.

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved :

"That having considered report dated 8th July, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk, we approve of the application of the revisions of remuneration for certain grades of employees of the Corporation as set out therein. We note the cost involved and approve of any necessary additional expenditure to meet such costs."

ITEM 10.

Submitted report re disposal of portion of Bishop Street Playground to St. Anne's Co-operative Guild Ltd. The Council, on the motion of Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Danagher, unanimously agreed to approve in principal the disposal of portion of the playground to St. Anne's Co-operative Guild to enable them to erect a number of houses thereon for old people.

ITEM 11.

It was proposed by Cllr. Danagher, seconded by Ald. Coughlan, and unanimously resolved : "That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing."

S.D. ADVANCES :	**Mortgages :**
Cornelius Roche,	Park.
Thomas C. Walsh,	Coolraine.
Anthony McCarthy,	20, St. Jude's Park.
Thomas Hamill,	Coolraine.
Patrick H. Casserley,	Clareview.
Bryan Meehan,	Park.
James Heslin,	Pery Street.
Michael Duff,	Clareview Estate.
Kevin Ml. Fitzpatrick,	Clareview Estate.
William Wrenn,	Clareview Estate.
John Earls,	Park.

S.D. TRANSFERS : Assignments :
O'Sullivan to O'Rourke, 94, Greenfields, Rosbrien.

S.D. TRANSFERS : Deed of Release :
Bridget O'Sullivan, 61, Greenfields, Rosbrien.

S.D. TRANSFERS : Form of Discharge :
Frederick Hourigan, 157, Mayorstone Park.

Garryowen No. 3. C.P.O. 1959 :
Miss Mary Anne Gleeson, Conveyance.

Rates—Judgment Mortgage :
Bridget Buckner, dec'd.

Lifford Avenue Development :
Assignment completed by Mr. Sean Hanley.

CLOSING ORDERS :

10 O'Curry Street	2 rooms 1st floor and annexe room on said floor.
10 O'Curry Street	2 rooms on ground floor occupied by T. Hayes and family.
2, St. John's Square Nth.	rere room 2nd floor. room ground floor back, 2 front rooms 2nd floor, 3 rooms 1st floor front room ground floor.

TRANSFER :
McSpadden to Cowpar—16, Belfield Gardens. Folio 430 L. Co. Limerick.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME : O'Dwyer Villas : Lease/Mortgage.
F. Kearney.
Christopher Boland.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME : ROSSA AVENUE : Lease/Mortgage :
Denis O'Dwyer, 26, Rossa Avenue.
(Lease)—Mary B. Murnane, 23, Rossa Avenue

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME : Killalee : Lease and Mortgage :
Joseph Carey, 14, Keane Street.
Joseph O'Brien, 8, Keane Street.
Joseph Quinlivan, 33, Keane Street.
Michael Downes, 18, Downey Street.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME : Quins Cottages : Lease/Mortgage :
Redmond Quigley,
24, Quins Cottages.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME : Lelia Street : Lease/Mortgage :
Eileen Dalton, 12, Lelia Street.

Convent Field Janesboro'—purchase from Presentation Nuns. Conveyance.

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Mrs. Susan Hynes, Merchant's Quay—Assignment.
Hotel Cecil, Limerick.
Limerick Dairies, Limerick.
Agreements re School Meals.

Form of Consent to Transfer of 8 Corporation Cottages from Patrick O'Neill to Robert Wallace.

Garryowen No. 1 C.P.O. 1957—Mrs. B. A. O'Brien, 26a Garryowen. Conveyance.

ITEM 12. New Works :
There were no new works.

ITEM 13. Arthur's Quay :
Ald. Russell said that it had been stated at a recent meeting of the Harbour Commissioners that the Corporation had commenced the filling of Arthur's Quay. The General Manager of the Harbour Commissioners had indicated that the Corporation had not yet acquired the navigational rights of the Limerick Harbour Board in respect of the Quay. The liability of the Harbour Board for accidents which might arise in view of the action of the Corporation was raised. The City Manager said all necessary permissions had been received to enable the Corporation to start the work. The matter had been discussed with the Harbour Board in February last and no objection had been raised. The Department of Transport and Power had approved and the matter had also been submitted to the Department of Local Government. In the circumstances it was reasonable for the Corporation to proceed. The Harbour Board had some property which the Corporation had given an undertaking to guard.

It would be necessary for the Corporation to acquire certain property rights from the Harbour Board in respect of Arthur's Quay. Ald. Coughlan said he was not present at the meeting of the Harbour Board referred to by Ald. Russell, he was satisfied to leave it to the officers of the Corporation and the Harbour Board to iron out any legal difficulties. The Corporation should proceed with the work.

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TOMAS MacDIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse on Tuesday, 27th July, 1965.

ROLL CALL

The Roll was called at 7.45 p.m. when the following members answered :—

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful, Cllr. F. Leddin, Mayor.

Councillors : Mrs. F. Condell, J. Kirby, V. Feeney, P. Kiely, F. Glasgow, T. Lawlor.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Ald. Russell, Cllr. J. P. Liddy, and the City Manager.

Officers present included the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer and the Housing Officer.

ADJOURNMENT :

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor and unanimously resolved :

"That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to our colleague, Ald. S. Coughlan, T.D., on the death of his mother, and to our colleague Cllr. J. Keane on the death of his wife ; that as a mark of respect this meeting stand adjourned to the 14th September, 1965."

The Mayor paid tribute to the late Mrs. Coughlan for her work in the national interest and referred to the late Mrs. Keane as a lady of dignity and charm.

All the members of the Council present associated themselves with the messages of sympathy.

The Asst. Town Clerk also associated the City Manager and staff of the Corporation with the Council's message of condolence.

Before the meeting adjourned the Council passed the following resolution : Proposed by Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, "That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing :

S.D. Advances—Mortgages : F. T. Penny, Clareview Estate ; Thomas Kenny, Clareview Estate.

Contract with Roadstone Ltd. : Re-surfacing Ballysimon Road.

Garryowen No. 1 C.P.O. 1957 : Kevin O'Brien, 36 Belgrave Square, Rathmines, Dublin. Conveyance.

Derelict Sites at Clare Street : Vesting of Sites Nos. 8 and 10, or sites of former Nos. 70 and 73, Clare Street. Vesting Orders.

Corporation to Bryan McSweeney—Folio 107L Co. Limerick. Transfer.

Killalee Tenant Purchase Scheme : John J. O'Byrne, 3 Keane Street.

Contract—Convent Field Housing Scheme : Malachy Burke Ltd.

Limerick Corporation Stock—Certs. Nos. : 1871—1880.

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S.D. Transfers :
Release and Memorial : Arthur H. Rundle, Lisieux, S.C. Road.
Deed of Release : Patrick O'Sullivan, 5 Summerville Gardens.
Form of Discharge : Patrick J. Uniacke, Corbally.
Deed of Assignment : McClean to Riordan, 60 Greystones. F.17.

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THOMAS MAC DIARMADA,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the above Committee was held in Arus na Cathrach, Rutland Street, on Tuesday the 7th September, 1965 at 11 a.m. the following members being present:

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, the mayor,

Councillors: J. Keane and J. Kirby.

Officers present: the Deputy City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk.

In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council for the reception and examination of tenders, the following tenders were opened by the Chairman, numbered and initialled by him and delivered to the Deputy City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:

Tenders for Trucks. 3.

No.	Firm	Amount.
1.	Bedford Motor Company Limerick . . .	£3825 0. 0.
2.	Ormond Garage Nenagh . . .	£2627 0. 0.
3.	Elm Motors Limerick . . .	£3965 0. 0.
4.	Limerick Motor Works . . .	£2820 0. 0.

Tenders for House for Head Gardener and ancillary buildings in Peoples Park

No.	Firm	Amount.
1.	Patrick O'Brien Parteen . . .	£7750 0. 0.
2.	Robert Roche Knockalisheen . . .	£5659 0. 0.
3.	Michael McDonnell Croom . . .	£4960 0. 0.
4.	B. O'Connor Castleconnell . . .	£6200 0. 0.
5.	P. Hoare, Limerick . . .	£5595 0. 0.

T. COLLERY,
Deputy City Manager and Town Clerk.

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FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES
14th/16th SEPTEMBER, 1965.

HOUSING - SALE OF HOUSES

(1) Motion from Tipperary Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to apply the same legal procedure and expense to the sale of Urban Council houses as applies to the vesting of Labourer's Cottages."

(2) Motion from Mullingar Town Commissioners:

"That tenants of houses built under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts should be enabled to purchase their houses under not less favourable terms than those applicable to houses built under the Labourer's Acts."

(3) Motion from Carrick-on-Suir Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to introduce legislation to provide a statutory system for the sale of Council houses in Urban areas to the tenants thereof without reference to a solicitor, and which would obviate the high legal costs involved in such sales."

(4) Motion from Cobh Urban District Council:

"That the Minister be requested to avail of the present Housing legislation to introduce a section to enable tenants of Municipal Houses to purchase on the same terms as tenants of Rural houses by having the State Subsidy continued in Urban areas as in the rural areas."

(5) Motion from Carrick-on-Suir Urban District Council:

"That in order that Urban Authorities may be able to sell their houses at a reasonable price to the tenants, the Minister for Local Government be asked to provide for the continuation of housing subsidy after such sales."

5 (a) Motion from Passage West Town Commissioners:

(For text see page 11)

HOUSING - LOANS & GRANTS ETC.

(6) Motion from Arklow Urban District Council:

"That Conference again urges that loans under Section 11 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962 be issued to applicants at reduced rates of interest in order to encourage the less well-off members of the community to build their own houses."

(7) Motion from Athlone Urban District Council:

"That the income limit for Housing Loans be increased to £1,500 per annum and that the maximum advance be increased to £3,000."

(8) Motion from Ballina Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to increase Housing Loans to £3,000 as a loan of £2,500 is inadequate considering the cost of building and that the Income Limit of £1200 is completely out of date and should be not less than £2,000."

8 (a) Motion from Kinsale Urban District Council:

(For text see page 11)

8 (b) Motion from Passage West Town Commissioners:

(For text see page 11)

(9) Motion from Ceanannus Mor Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to raise the subsidisable limit of house building costs from £1,650 to the actual cost."

(10) Motion from Ballinasloe Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to bring the subsidy for local authority houses into line with present day building costs."

(11) Motion from Kilkenny Corporation:

"That as there is no clear indication in the Bill as to the cost limits on which major subsidy of two-third of loan charges will be paid, that we call on the Minister for Local Government to ensure that provision be made in the Bill to arrange that at least £2000 of the cost of the house would be eligible for major subsidy on loan charges."

(12) Motion from Limerick Corporation:

"That the Minister for Local Government be asked to increase the Capital limit for houses erected under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts on which subsidy is payable above the figure of £1,650 in the case of dwellings, and £2,200 in the case of flats, to bring the figure in line with present-day costs."

(13) Motion from Waterford Corporation:

"That having regard to the present-day cost of house-building above the limit reckonable as basis for the payment of State Subsidy, the Minister for Local Government be requested to remove that limitation or increase it to a level consistent with current building costs."

HOUSING - GRANTS FOR BATHROOMS

(14) Motion from Cavan Urban District Council:

"That we call on the Department of Local Government to make reconstruction grants available for the provision of bathrooms by tenants of Local Authority houses."

HOUSING - ALLOCATION OF TENANCIES

(15) Motion from Arklow Urban District Council:

"That the allocation of tenancies of Council Houses be made a "reserved function" of the Council."

15(a) Motion from Kinsale Urban District Council:

(For text see page 11)

HOUSING - RENTS TRIBUNAL

(16) Motion from Waterford Corporation:

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to establish a Rents Tribunal with power to enquire into the level of rents, not subject to statutory control, of living apartments let by private landlords and where necessary determine an equitable rent in any case."

RATES

(17) Motion from Ballina Urban District Council:

"That the Government be requested to examine the rates problem with particular reference to the special difficulties of Local Authorities now required to strike a rate in excess of the national average in order to maintain their existing and in some cases inadequate services."

RATES (Contd.)

(18) Motion from Buncrana Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to have legislation introduced governing rating and valuation to ensure a standard rate in the £1 for all local authorities."

(19) Motion from Naas Urban District Council:

"That we call for the Amendment of the relevant Sections of the Local Government Act, 1946 so as to provide for the same system of rating of land in Urban Areas as in County Health Districts."

(20) Motion from Ballinasloe Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to amend the Second Schedule (Part 2) of the Local Government Act, 1946, and to have relief from rates on agricultural land in urban areas applied on the same basis as in the County Health Districts."

(21) Motion from Cavan Urban District Council:

"That we call on the Government to grant agricultural land in Urban areas the same rating relief as land in Rural areas."

(22) Motion from Nenagh Urban District Council:

"That rating relief on Agricultural Lands should apply in Urban areas as in Rural areas."

(23) Motion from Tralee Urban District Council:

"That the Department of Local Government and the Department of An Taoiseach be requested to take immediate steps to give rating relief to the Western Sea-board Counties."

(24) Motion from Tuam Town Commissioners:

"That water charges payable on dwellings falling under the Rates on Small Dwellings Acts, be collected as rates are collected on such dwellings."

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS

(25) Motion from Arklow Urban District Council:

"That the present system whereby Rate Collectors are appointed by the elected members in the County Council district, and by the County Manager in the Urban district is unsatisfactory and Conference calls on the Minister for Local Government to amend the legislation in order to have similar methods of appointment in both areas."

SUBSIDY FOR WATER & SEWERAGE SCHEMES

(26) Motion from Athlone Urban District Council:

"That state subsidy towards loans for water and sewerage schemes be increased to 70% of loan charges."

(27) Motion from Clonakilty Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to increase substantially the subsidy rate for the provision of Water and Sewerage Schemes."

ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES

(28) Motion from Cobh Urban District Council:

"That the Minister be requested to arrange for the early introduction of legislation to permit the incurring by Chairmen of Urban Councils of approved entertainment expenses from public funds."

DERELICT SITES

(29) Motion from Cobh Urban District Council:

"That the Minister be requested to amend the Derelict Sites Grant Scheme to provide that grants of up to 75% of approved cost be made available. Furthermore, this Council is of the opinion that the operation of a £100 limit to the amount of grant payable per site does not offer sufficient inducement for the clearance of ugly pockets of derelict buildings in various urban centres."

(30) Motion from Youghal Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to increase to £200 the maximum grant payable for the clearance of derelict sites, since the present maximum amount of £100 is considered inadequate."

ROADS

(31) Motion from Galway Corporation:

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to arrange that grants on a reasonable scale be made available to urban road authorities for the improvement of urban roads and the construction of new urban roads and allied works."

(32) Motion from New Ross Urban District Council:

"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."

(33) Motion from Ceanannus Mor Urban District Council:

"That in view of the increased cost of Road Works, the Minister of Local Government be requested to increase the Urban Roads Improvement Grant substantially."

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

(34) Motion from Arklow Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to grant financial assistance from state funds to local authorities towards the cost of operating the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963."

(35) Motion from Listowel Urban District Council:

"That the cost of implementing the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 be borne by the State."

(36) Motion from Ceanannus Mor Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to recoup expenses incurred by Urban Councils in connection with the Local Government Planning and Development Act, 1963."

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT (Contd.)

(37) Motion from Bray Urban District Council:

"That, as it is felt that the Licencing fees imposed under the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963, were too high, the Minister be asked to consider reducing them."

(38) Motion from Cobh Urban District Council:

"That the Minister be requested to take early steps to expedite the clearance of planning applications which are subject to appeal and which are referred to his Department for determination, and, thereby, obviate much hardship to applicants and aid towards the more easy acceptance of planning regulation and control by the public at large."

TEMPORARY DEVELOPMENT

(39) Motion from Buncrana Urban District Council:

"That the Buncrana Urban District Council registers its strong condemnation of the most unchristian and unseemly siting of the newly arrived funfair immediately abutting upon the Church of Ireland graveyard and regret our lack of the necessary powers to obtain prompt removal of such temporary structures."

TRAFFIC WARDENS

(40) Motion from Athlone Urban District Council:

"That Traffic Wardens be the responsibility of the Road Authorities."

(41) Motion from Ballina Urban District Council:

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to subsidise the remuneration of Traffic Wardens appointed by the Local Authority."

(42) Motion from Carlow Urban District Council:

"That in order to encourage Local Authorities to appoint Traffic Wardens the Minister for Local Government be requested to subsidise the remuneration of Traffic Wardens out of the Road Fund."

ACQUISITION OF LAND

(43) Motion from Thurles Urban District Council:

"That, for the purpose of avoiding the long delays inherent in the acquisition of land by Compulsory Order Procedure, where land is required for a purpose for which a local authority is empowered to use compulsory powers of acquisition and where the only element of disagreement with the landowner(s) concerns price, the Minister for Local Government be requested to introduce legislative machinery empowering the purchase of the land by an agreement procedure specifying that the price shall be determined by an Arbitrator duly appointed for the purpose. The method of appointment of the Arbitrator to be determined by the Minister."

MANAGEMENT ACTS

(44) Motion from Letterkenny Urban District Council:

"That the Government be requested to repeal the Management Acts."

REPRESENTATION ON COUNTY COUNCILS

(45) Motion from Wicklow Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to provide amending legislation so as to empower Urban Councils to have direct representation on County Councils."

LOCAL AUTHORITY PENSIONS & NATIONAL HEALTH

(46) Motion from Kilkenny Corporation:

"That as we are not satisfied with -

(a) the present legislation for Local Authority Pension Increases as we feel that there are many cases suffering hardship.

(b) the present system of paying National Health Insurance whereby a man who is out of work through illness has to wait weeks for his first payment,

"we call on the Minister to introduce legislation to ensure that all Local Authority Pensions are brought up to current standards and that National Health Insurance payments be made in the first week of illness."

CHEAP FUEL

(47) Motion from Cavan Urban District Council:

"That we call on the Minister for Social Welfare to extend the Cheap Fuel Scheme to all Urban Authorities during the winter months or alternatively that Local Authorities be empowered to bring such a scheme into operation in their areas during periods of severe weather."

BENEFITS FOR FARMERS

(48) Motion from Ballinasloe Urban District Council:

"That the appropriate Ministers be asked to have the same facilities and benefits made available for farmers in Urban and Rural areas."

COURTHOUSES

(49) Motion from Bray Urban District Council:

"That the Department of Justice assume responsibility for the erection and maintenance of Courthouses."

SCHOLARSHIPS

(50) Motion from Letterkenny Urban District Council:

"That the Government be asked to increase grants for scholarships."

SWIMMING POOLS

(51) Motion from Naas Urban District Council:

"That the Association of Municipal Authorities urge the Minister for Local Government to approve of the provision of thirty-three metre Swimming Pools in Urban Districts with populations exceeding four thousand."

E.S.B. CHARGES

(52) Motion from Ceanannus Mor Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Transport and Power be requested to remove capital contributions off an E.S.B. supply in an Urban area."

(53) Motion from Cobh Urban District Council:

"That we request the Electricity Supply Board to examine into the possibility of determining an alternative method of charge in respect of supplies to domestic consumers which would result in a more equitable sharing of costs as between industrial and domestic users."

STREET TRADING

(54) Motion from Naas Urban District Council:

"That, as the Street Trading Act of 1926 has been found difficult to operate in Urban Districts, we call for its repeal or amendment."

(55) Motion from Ceanannus Mor Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Justice be requested to amend the Street Trading Act, 1926 with a view to controlling the activities of hawkers with the Urban Districts and Towns."

HEALTH ACT

(56) Motion from Buncrana Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Health be requested to have all Health Services made a charge on Central funds to reduce the rate in the £1 which has now reached an alarming height."

(57) Motion from Cavan Urban District Council:

"That we call on the Government to introduce legislation to transfer health charges from Local Rates to the National Exchequer and thereby reduce Urban rates."

(58) Motion from Cobh Urban District Council:

"That the Government be requested to introduce amending legislation to provide for the defraying from Central Funds of all Health Charges falling to be met at present from Local Taxation in view of the ever ascending trend of these charges and to the undesirable effect which this growth has upon the other services falling to be administered by Local Authorities with the aid of the limited finances available from rating sources."

58 (a) Motion from Kinsale Urban District Council:

"That legislation be introduced which will effect a reduction in the burden of the Health Services Charge on local rates."

HEALTH ACT (Contd.)

(59) Motion from Killarney Urban District Council:

"That we call on the Government to review the present system of financing expenditure incurred in the implementation of the Health Act."

(60) Motion from Listowel Urban District Council:

"That the cost of the Health Act..... ..... be made a National Charge."

(61) Motion from Wicklow Urban District Council:

"That the Government be requested to provide additional State Assistance towards the cost of health services so as to lessen the burden on rates particularly in the case of the small urban areas."

(62) Motion from Dun Laoghaire Borough Council:

"That this Conference requests the Minister for Health to increase the Health Act Grant to 75%."

(63) Motion from New Ross Urban District Council:

"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."

(64) Motion from Thurles Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Health be requested to take the necessary steps to have Evening Dispensary Sessions (4 - 6 p.m.) provided by all health authorities at least once weekly in each urban area, to facilitate persons who for various reasons, cannot avail of morning sessions."

(65) Motion from Thurles Urban District Council:

"That this Conference call on the Minister for Health to fix a definite ceiling for all areas regulating the issue of medical cards."

(66) Motion from Wicklow Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Health be requested to amend the Health Acts so as to provide that any person injured in an accident should be able to recover the full cost of medical treatment from the Defendant and that the sum so received be paid over to the Health Authority who met the charges in the first instance."

(67) Motion from Dun Laoghaire Borough Council:

"That this Conference requests the Minister for Health to receive representatives of the Association as the delegates of the rating authorities to discuss any proposed changes in the provisions of the Health Acts."

(68) Motion from Thurles Urban District Council:

"That Health authorities take the necessary steps to provide "married quarters" for old couples in hospitals used to accomodate the aged."

(69) Motion from Bray Urban District Council:

"That the Malicious Injury Code be abolished."

(70) Motion from Ballina Urban District Council:

"That this Conference calls for the repeal of the Malicious Injuries Act."

GROUND RENTS

(71) Motion from Buncrana Urban District Council:

"This Council calls on the Minister for Justice to make adequate provision in the new Ground Rents Bill to ensure that recent demands for vastly increased ground rents on expiry of leases and recent indiscriminate disposal of leases cannot be implemented."

(72) Motion from Midleton Urban District Council:

"That we call on the Minister for Justice to expedite the promised legislation to rid the country once and for all of "The Social Evil" known as Ground Rents, thus ensuring that leaseholders and tenants holding property under expired or unexpired leases may purchase the freehold interest in their properties at a reasonable price."

EASTER LILIES

(73) Motion from Cashel Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Justice be requested to give a definite ruling on the legality of the distribution of Easter Lilies to the public."

BANKRUPTCY CASES

(74) Motion from Arklow Urban District Council:

"That this Conference calls on the Minister for Justice to take the necessary steps to eliminate the long delays in having Bankruptcy cases finalised."

AIRPORT FOR NORTH WEST

(75) Motion from Buncrana Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Transport be requested to approach the relevant Minister in Northern Ireland with a view to having an Airport provided in the North West situated to best serve the needs of the whole interested area."

WATERWAYS

(76) Motion from Carlow Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Transport and Power be requested to instruct Coras Iompair Eireann to carry out their statutory duty in cleaning and maintaining in navigable condition waterways under their control."

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PASSBOOKS

(77) Motion from Buncrana Urban District Council:

"This Council considers the stamping of passbooks at the Frontier Posts as no longer necessary or serving any practical purpose and that it constitutes a deterrent to Tourism. They, therefore, request that steps be taken to have the practice abolished."

TAX-FREE ALLOWANCES

(78) Motion from Cashel Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Finance be requested to introduce legislation to increase the minimum tax-free allowance figure of £6 to £8 per week for single persons."

SOCIAL WELFARE BENEFITS

(79) Motion from Ballina Urban District Council:

"That this Conference calls upon the Government to grant increases to all recipients of Social Welfare Benefits on a par with the National Pay Awards."

(80) Motion from Cavan Urban District Council:

"That we call on the Minister for Social Welfare to extend eligibility for Dental treatment under the Social Welfare Acts to dependents of insured persons."

DE-CENTRALISATION OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

(81) Motion from Ballina Urban District Council:

"That this Conference calls upon the Government to expedite its decision to de-centralise some Government Departments."

ARTERIAL DRAINAGE

(82) Motion from Listowel Urban District Council:

"That .... Arterial Drainage Maintenance be made a National Charge."

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HOUSING - SALE OF HOUSES (Contd.)

5 (a) Motion from Passage West Town Commissioners:

"That the attention of the Annual Conference be brought to the delay in the Department of Local Government, in granting sanction for the sale of local authority houses."

HOUSING - LOANS & GRANTS (Contd.)

8 (a) Motion from Kinsale Urban District Council:

"That Government Grants towards the construction and reconstruction of houses be increased by 50% to stimulate private enterprise."

8 (b) Motion from Passage West Town Commissioners:

"That the Conference request the Minister for Local Government, to give grants for pre-fabricated houses for elderly couples, public authorities to investigate requirements of each area."

HOUSING - ALLOCATION OF TENANCIES (Contd.)

15 (a) Motion from Kinsale Urban istrict Council:

"That priority be given to youny married couples in need of housing accomodation on housing Waiting Lists."

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MOTIONS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

(83) Motion from Loughrea Town Commissioners:

"That Fire Insurance Companies be called upon to finance all Fire Brigades viz - Officials and Staff, thereby relieving the Ratepayers of this burden."

(84) Motion from New Ross Urban District Council:

"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."

(85) Motion from Castlebar Urban District Council:

"While the steps taken by the Government towards the improvement of the Western Seaboard area is acknowledged and fully appreciated, we request an Taoiseach to have the tempo of these improvements increased."

(86) Motion from Castlebar Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Local Government be asked to make Grants available to cover payment of compensation for land taken for road widening in Urban Areas, especially where the land must be purchased as a result of a decision taken under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 refusing to permit of the Development of any particular site or part thereof and where the Council are of opinion that the land will be required for road widening purposes sometime in the future."

(87) Motion from Castlebar Urban District Council:

"That the income ceiling for eligibility for loans under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962 be scaled along the lines provided for eligibility for Housing Grants in the Housing Bill, 1965."

(88) Motion from Castlebar Urban District Council:

"That special additional grants be given to Urban Authorities in the Western Seaboard Areas i.e. in the more heavily rated districts, to enable them to bring their standard of services up to average standard appertaining to Urban Districts."

(89) Motion from Castlebar Urban District Council:

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to examine the structure of the Local Government service in regard to the degree of control exercised by his Department over the actions of local Councils. It appears that many of the controls are outdated and no longer necessary and occasionally these controls operate against Councils performing their functions in an efficient manner."

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Collins	Changing ideals in modern Architecture
Goodson	Alterations and improvements to the home.
Ingram	The World's my university.
Vogt	The burden of guilt.
Warring	Design and construction of transistor superhets.
Bamford	Vicious circle.
Cronin	Kevin Barry.
Jeffares	In excited reverie.
Thornley	Ireland - the end of an era?
Hilton	Manned Satellites.
Manning	Systematic guide to flowering plants of the world.
Pye	The nature of Design.
Adcock	Agriculture.
Mackey	Windward of the law.
Whalen	The Founding father.
Kavanagh	Bibliography of Co. Galway.
McTernan	Historic Sligo.
Albert	The Queen and the Arts.
Carnegie	How to win friends and influence people.
Chamier.	Small boat and dinghy sailing.
Cooper	Festivals of Europe.
Cowburn	Coarse fishing.
Coxhead	Daughters of Erin.
	letters from AE
de Freine	The Great Silence.
Hay	Gardening the expert's way.
Lang	The bed-sitter cook book.
MacManus	Hibernian nights.
Marples	Shank's pony.
McNally	Old Ireland.
Nowlan	The politics of Repeal.
Shuster	In silence I speak.
Rugoff	Marco Polo's Adventures.
	Shakespeare's England.
Bolderwood	Robbery under Arms.
Bushnell	Molokai.
Gallico	Mrs. Harris M.P.
Goldring	Lord of the flies.
Spring	Winds of the Day.
Stenius	The bells of Rome.
West	The Ambassador.
Dean	Engine power.
Snow	Iron horse to diesel.
Farren	The course of Irish Verse in English.
Harvey	Rosemarie Allannah.
Monteith	Casement's last adventure.
O'Donnell	Hunted waters.
O'Sullivan	The spice of life.
Reilly	Aubrey de Vere.
Ryan	Unique Dictator.
Verschoyle	So long to wait.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

To be considered at the Meeting of the Council

TO BE HELD ON 14th SEPT., 1965

For Five Weeks ended 31st JULY, 1965

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1.—HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.

St. John's Housing Scheme. (86 houses)
Work proceeding on the construction of 8 houses.
Site Works 99% complete.
Development 96% complete
Superstructure 98.5% complete. 8 houses roofed and tiled.
78 houses completed.
No. of men employed 46; 29 unskilled ; 17 skilled.

Roxboro Road Housing Scheme (254 Houses)—(J. F. Kennedy Park)
Work proceeding on the construction of 125 houses.
Site Works 72% complete.
Development 53.3% complete.
Superstructure 76.7% complete.
121 houses completed and handed over. 8 houses completed and not handed over.
64 houses roofed and tiled. 23 houses to first floor level.
No. of men employed, 223; 118 skilled ; 105 unskilled.

Convent Field Janesboro' Housing Scheme.
Work has commenced on the construction of 67 houses.
Initial setting out of house blocks completed.
14 houses to first floor level.
Site works 9.5% complete.
Development 6% complete.
No. of men employed 11 ; 3 skilled ; 8 unskilled.

Watergate.
Work proceeding on the working drawings.
Site clearance in progress.

South Hill Housing Scheme (East).
Departmental sanction for this scheme has been obtained and work has commenced on the construction of 167 houses. Concrete foundations poured to 23 houses.
No. of men employed 14 ; 5 skilled ; 9 unskilled.

South Hill Housing Scheme (West).
Layout plans being finalised for submission for Departmental sanction—348 houses.

Housing Letting—

No. of first lettings	44
Number of houses re-let	15
*No. of houses vacant 31/7/65	10

*Includes following new houses handed over but not let :
Kennedy Park—4 ;
St. John's—2.

2.—HOUSING MAINTENANCE.

Items of Repair attended to in Month of July, 1965.

Strand Barracks Area	276	Complaints taken	...	391
Garryowen Area ...	292	" "	...	472
Prospect Area ...	304	" "	...	520
Ballynanty Beg Area ...	245	" "	...	315
Janesboro ...	172	" "	...	246
TOTAL	1289	" "	...	1944

3.—ROADS. —No. of men employed, 51. 48 unskilled. 3 skilled

4.—SANITARY SERVICE WORKS.—Nil.

5.—PARKS.

There were no trees planted in July. 3 were broken (1—Garryowen; 2—Hyde Road).

6.—VETERINARY INSPECTION.

INSPECTION OF PRIVATE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES STALLS, Etc.

	Inspected	Condemned Whole	Partial	Tubercular	%	Other Diseases
Cattle	234	—	6	1	—	—
Calves	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep	1460	1	—	—	—	—
Pigs	12	—	—	—	—	—
Sows	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Visited by Inspector	Weight of Food Condemned Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Private Slaughter-houses ...	90	—	1	1	19
Stalls, Shops, etc.	81	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	171	—	1	1	19

7.—MILK AND DAIRIES ACT : VETERINARY LABORATORY, etc.

Number of Milk Shops Inspected	3
Number of Milk Cars Inspected	1
Total Number of Tests carried out...	14
Number of Reductase Tests	—
" " failures	—
" " Gerber Tests	6
" " failures	—
" " Coliform Tests	—
" " failures	—
" " Plate Counts	6
" " visits to approved Milk Shops	3
" " Cows examined	—
" " Dairy Yards Inspected	—
" " Phosphotase Test	2
" " Phosphotase Test of failures	—

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.—GAS DEPARTMENT. July, 1965.

Make of Gas for month	79267 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1964	83920 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1963	89883 Therms
Sale of Coke for month	258 Tons
Sale of Coke same month last year	406 Tons

	Crude Gallons	Refined t. c q.
Sale of Tar for month	364	1 0 0
Sale of Tar for same month last year ...	136	12 0 0

Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of month—

	Revenue No. 1	£159,082 6 4
do	Revenue No. 2	£3,840 4 1
Debit do	Capital Ac.	£19,921 7 7

Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of same month last year—

	Revenue No. 1	£146.307 13 4
do	Revenue No. 2	£15,701 5 7
Credit	Capital Ac.	£1,517 3 5

Number of Men employed at end of month 61
Number of Men employed at end of same month 'ast year 64

6 —PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Statistical Return for Period from June 24th, 1965 to July 26th, 1965.

BOOK STOCK—

Total number of books in stock 23/6/65	27,176
Number of books added during above period	253
Number of books withdrawn	355
Total number of books in stock 26/7/'65	27,074

2. BOOK ISSUES—

	Number	% of Total Issue
Fiction	2762	39.4%
Non-Fiction	1681	24.0%
Reference	591	8.4%
Juvenile	1978	28.2%
TOTAL ...	7012	100%
Average Daily Issue		250

3. BORROWERS—

Tickets in use—Adult Fiction	1188
" " " Adult Non-Fiction	1204
" " " Juvenile	1213
TOTAL ...	3605

Newsroom—Average daily attendance	7
Museum—Total attendance for month	2744
6. Art Gallery—Total attendance for month	912

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1.—HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.

St. John's Housing Scheme. (86 houses)
Work on the construction of 86 houses near completion.
Site Works 100% complete.
Development 100% complete.
Superstructure 99.5% complete. 8 houses completed except for floor tiling.
78 houses completed and handed over.

Roxboro Road Housing Scheme (254 Houses)—(J. F. Kennedy Park)
Work proceeding on the construction of 125 houses.
Site Works 74% complete.
Development 58.6% complete.
Superstructure 84.4% complete.
129 houses completed and handed over.
90 houses roofed and tiled. 11 houses to first floor level. 22 houses to eaves band.
No. of men employed, 196; 106 skilled; 90 unskilled.

Convent Field Janesboro' Housing Scheme.
Work proceeding on the construction of 67 houses.
Superstructure 5.1% complete.
Site works 20% complete.
Development 1.8% complete.
No. of men employed 28; 9 skilled; 19 unskilled.

Watergate.
Work proceeding on the working drawings.

South Hill Housing Scheme (East).
Work proceeding on the construction of 167 houses.
Development 1% Superstructure Nil; Site Works 2.4% complete
No. of men employed 20; 6 skilled; 14 unskilled.

South Hill Housing Scheme (West). (348 houses)
Draft layout plans completed.

Housing Letting—

No. of first lettings	5
Number of houses re-let	8
*No. of houses vacant 31/8/65	17

*Includes 9 dwellings at Kennedy Park.

2.—HOUSING MAINTENANCE.

Items of Repair attended to in Month of August, 1965.

Strand Barracks Area	243	Complaints taken	...	417
Garryowen Area ...	104	" "	...	284
Prospect Area ...	320	" "	...	502
Ballynanty Beg Area ...	68	" "	...	160
Janesboro ...	52	" "	...	74
TOTAL	787	" "		1437

3.—ROADS.

—No. of men employed, 38, 37 unskilled. 1 skilled

4.—SANITARY SERVICE WORKS.—Nil.

5.—PARKS.

There were no trees planted in August.

1	Tree broken	Corbally Baths
3	Trees broken	Hyde Road
2	" "	Garryowen
3	" "	Corbally Baths

6.—VETERINARY INSPECTION.

INSPECTION OF PRIVATE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES STALLS, Etc.

	Inspected	Condemned Whole	Partial	Tubercular	%	Other Diseases
Cattle	250	—	11	—	—	—
Calves	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep	1560	—	—	—	—	—
Pigs	33	—	—	—	—	—
Sows	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Visited by Inspector	Weight of Food Condemned Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Private Slaughter-houses ...	96	—	1	1	14
Stalls, Shops, etc.	90	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	186	—	1	1	14

7.—MILK AND DAIRIES ACT: VETERINARY LABORATORY, etc.

Number of Milk Shops Inspected	5
Number of Milk Cars Inspected	4
Total Number of Tests carried out...	32
Number of Reductase Tests	—
" " failures	—
" " Gerber Tests	15
" " failures	—
" " Coliform Tests	—
" " failures	—
" " Plate Counts	15
" " visits to approved Milk Shops	5
" " Cows examined	—
" " Dairy Yards Inspected	—
" " Phosphotase Test	7
" " Phosphotase Test of failures	—

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8.—GAS DEPARTMENT. August, 1965.

Make of Gas for month	75411 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1964	79515 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1963	89959 Therms
Sale of Coke for month	248 Tons
Sale of Coke same month last year	306 Tons

	Crude Gallons	Refined t. c q
Sale of Tar for month	188	5 0 0
Sale of Tar for same month last year ...	357	7 0 0

Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of month—		
	Revenue No. 1	£156,299 3 10
do	Revenue No. 2	£4,418 6 2
Debit do	Capital Ac.	£19,921 7 7
Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of same month last year—		
	Revenue No. 1	£149,516 7 0
do	Revenue No. 2	£13,172 18 5
Credit	Capital Ac.	£726 17 1
Number of Men employed at end of month		61
Number of Men employed at end of same month last year ...		64

9.—PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Statistical Return for Period from July 27th, 1965 to Aug. 24th, 1965.

BOOK STOCK—

Total number of books in stock 27/7/65	27,074
Number of books added during above period	122
Number of books withdrawn	—
Total number of books in stock 24/8/'65	27,196

2. BOOK ISSUES—

	Number	% of Total Issue
Fiction	2587	42.1%
Non-Fiction	1566	25.5%
Reference	278	4.5%
Juvenile	1709	27.9%
TOTAL ...	6140	100%
Average Daily Issue		256

3. BORROWERS—

Tickets in use—Adult Fiction	1318
" " " Adult Non-Fiction	1256
" " " Juvenile	1264
TOTAL ...	3858

Newsroom—Average daily attendance	6
Museum—Total attendance for month	2484
6. Art Gallery—Total attendance for month	551

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

FINANCIAL POSITION ON THE LAST DAY OF JULY. 1965.

MUNICIPAL FUND.

EXPENDITURE

	Current Year	Last Year
From 1st April to 30th June.	£397892	£335320
For the month of July	£ 72398	£ 50059
Total Expenditure to date:	£470290	£385379

RECEIPTS.	RATES.		RENTS		ALL OTHER SOURCES.		TOTAL	
	Current Year.	Last Year.	Current Year	Last Year.	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Y
From 1st April to 30th June	£100145	£80756	£63264	£58946	£100945	£90085	£264354	£229787
For the month of July	£ 51070	£53663	£21696	£19964	£ 18288	£12960	£ 91054	£ 86587
Total Receipts to date:	£151215	£134419	£84960	£78910	£119233	£103045	£355408	£316374

RATE COLLECTION:	CURRENT WARRANT	CURRENT PERCENTAGE	LAST YEAR'S WARRANT	LAST YEAR'S PERCE
	£556463	100.00%	£483857	100.00%
Collected to 30th June £100145				
Discounts 1606	£101751	18.28%	£ 82266	17.00%
Balance outstanding at 30th June	£454712	81.72%	£401591	83.00%
Collected for month of July	£ 51070	9.17%	£ 53663	11.09%
Balance outstanding at 31st July	£403642	72.55%	£347928	71.91%

Transferred to Rate Mortgage A/c	to	31/7/65	£ 15295	to 31/7/64	£15295
Paid " " " "	to	31/7/65	£ 458	to 31/7/64	£ 446

4. Housing Rents.

	31/3/65	31/7/65	31/7/64.
Arrears	£4251	£5895	£5810

5. SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:

	31/3/65	31/7/65	31/7/64
Arrears of Instalments due by Borrowers	£4820	£ 4765	£6141

6. WATER CHARGES:

	Current Year	Last Year.
Arrears due on 30th June	£3306	£229
Debited for Collection during month of July	£1179	£2600
Total for Collection	£4485	£2829
Collected and lodged during month of July	£1871	£835
Balance outstanding at end of July	£2614	£1994

7. Revenue Account:

	Current Year	Last Year
Amount due to Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of July	£298779	£176851
Paying Orders issued but not cashed at end of July	£9934	£12001
TOTAL DEBIT BALANCE	£308713	£188852

8. CAPITAL ACCOUNT:

	Current Year.	Last Year.
Amount due to Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of July.	£125451	£177318

9. GAS ACCOUNT.

	Current Year.	Last Year.
Amount due per Bank Pass Book No. 1 Revenue A/C to end of July	£159,082	£146,308
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" " " " " " " CAPITAL A/C do	£19,921	£1,517

In pursuance of Section 16(2) of the Limerick City Management Act 1934, I have caused to be prepared by the City Accountant the foregoing statement of the financial position of the Corporation of Limerick on the last day of July with corresponding figures for the same month and period last year.

DATE: 16th August, 1965.

T. COLLERY,
Deputy CITY MANAGER AND TOWN CLERK.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

FINANCIAL POSITION ON THE LAST DAY OF AUGUST, 1965.

MUNICIPAL FUND

1. EXPENDITURE	CURRENT YEAR	LAST YEAR
From 1st April to 31st July	£470290	£385379
For the month of August	49196	68866
Total Expenditure to date:	£519486	£454245

2. RECEIPTS	RATES		RENTS		ALL OTHER SOURCES		TOTAL	
	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year
from 1st April to 31st July	£151215	£134419	£84960	£78910	£119233	£103045	£355408	£316374
For the month of August	30675	27315	22957	20307	15070	10378	68702	58000
Total Receipts to date:	£181890	£161734	£107917	£99217	£134303	£113423	£424110	£374374

3. RATE COLLECTION	CURRENT WARRANT	CURRENT PERCENTAGE	LAST YEAR'S WARRANT	LAST YEAR'S PERCENTAGE
Collected to 31st July £15125	£556463	100.00%	£483857	100.00%
Discounts 1745	£152960	27.48%	£135971	28.01%
Balance Outstanding at 31st July	£403503	72.52%	£347886	71.99%
Collected for month of August	30675	5.51%	27315	5.45%
Balance Outstanding at 31st August	£372828	67.01%	£320571	66.54%
Transferred to Rate Mortgage A/c	to 31/8/1965	£15295	to 31/8/1964	£15295.
Paid " " " "	to 31/8/1965	£ 458	to 31/8/1964	446

4. HOUSING RENTS:	31/3/1965	31/8/1965	31/8/1964
Arrears.	£4251	£5850	£5765

5. SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:	31/3/1965	31/8/1965	31/8/1964
Arrears of instalments due by Borrowers	£4820	£5283	£6888

6. WATER CHARGES:	Current Year	Last Year
Arrears due on the 31st July	£2614	£1994
Debited for Collection during month of August	£1178	£1740
Total for Collection	£3792	£3734
Collected and lodged during month of August	257	647
Balance outstanding at the end of August	£3535	£3087

7. REVENUE ACCOUNT:	Current Year	Last Year
Amount due to Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of August	£278157	£186167
Paying Orders issued but not cashed at end of August	9695	13546
TOTAL DEBIT BALANCE	£287852	£199713

8. CAPITAL ACCOUNT:	Current Year	Last Year
Amount due to Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of August	£63219	£153823

9. GAS ACCOUNT:	Current Year	Last Year
Amount due per Bank Pass Book No. 1 Revenue A/C to end of August	£156299	£149516
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" " " " " " " CAPITAL A/C August	10921	727

In pursuance of Section 16(2) of the Limerick City Management Act 1934, I have caused to be prepared by the City Accountant the foregoing statement of the financial position of the Corporation of Limerick on the last day of August, with the corresponding figures for the same month and period last year.

DATE 9/9/1965.

T. Gallery

Corporation of Limerick.

City Solicitors Department,
Old Courthouse,
Merchants' Quay,
Limerick.

23rd June, 1965.

The Asst. Town Clerk,
Town Hall.

Coolraine Development
File 373
Greystones I and II

Dear Sir,

On 3rd March 1959 we made a lease of 12 acres 2 roods and 27 perches land at Coolraine to the Provincial Housing Society Limited for a term of 900 years at a nominal rent in consideration of a fine of £4, 750, 10. 0.

This lease contained covenants by the lessees to develop the lands as a residential housing estate in accordance with a development plan previously approved of by the Corporation, to provide necessary roads and sewers watermains etc. and to erect only such buildings as were approved of by the Corporation under Town Planning Acts and Building Bye-laws and to contribute to the cost of making a new sewer to link up with the nearest existing public sewer.

The Provincial Housing Society used these lands to erect the Housing Estate known as Greystones I. On 31st October 1961 the late Mr. Stenson certified that they had complied with the covenants in their lease and on or about the 9th of November 1961, the Corporation sealed a formal endorsement on the Lease acknowledging that the covenants had been complied with.

On 24th January, 1962, the Corporation made another lease of 12 acres, 2 roods at Coolraine to the Provincial Housing Society Limited for 900 years at a nominal rent and in consideration of a fine of £4, 687. 10. 0.
THIS lease contained covenants by the Lessees -

(1) to develop the lands as a residential housing estate in accordance with development plans prepared by or approved by the Lessors.

(2) to provide necessary roads, sewers, watermains and drains.

(3) to dedicate estate roads as public roads.

(4) not to erect or construct any buildings save with the approval of the Corporation under the Planning Acts and Building Bye-laws.

(5) Not to assign without consent.

The construction of the building estate known as Greystones II has been completed on the lands demised by this Lease. In or about December 1963 the Provincial Housing Society sold their interest in the portion of the estate that had by then been developed, namely Sites 1 to 42 inclusive.

On 13th December 1963, Mr. Greene, Acting City Engineer certified that the Lessees covenants had been complied with in relation to Sites 1 to 42. An endorsement releasing Sites 1 to 42 from further liability in respect of the covenants and certifying that they had been complied with in respect of those sites was sealed by the Corporation on 16th March, 1964.

With regard to the portion of the Greystones ~~11~~ property not comprised in Sites 1 to 42 inclusive, this still remains liable to the covenants in the Lease of 1962. It appears to me that in relation to this portion the Corporation should be able to restrain any development that did not correspond with a plan approved of by them. I think the Corporation would also be entitled to insist that the developments had Town Planning approval from them, the Corporation, and not merely from the Minister on appeal.

Yours faithfully,

Sgnd. M. Dundon.

City Solicitor.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

Re: Fairgreen.

On the 5th July a conference between representatives of the City Council and representatives of the County Council was held in the County Council Offices, O'Connell Street, Limerick.

The City Council's representatives present were:

His Worship the Mayor; Ald. Coughlan and Ald. Carew.

The County Council's representatives present were:

The Chairman, Mr. D. Naughton; Mr. J. J. Collins; Mr. C. Ryan; Mr. J. Hayes; Mr. P. Maguire; Mr. McAuliffe; Mr. Barrett and Mr. McNamara.

The Secretary, Limerick County Council, the Assistant Town Clerk and the City Engineer were also present.

After some discussion the following three points were agreed:-

(a) The County Council would be willing to sell portion of its lands at the Fairgreen to the Corporation to be used for any of the functions of the local authority.

(b) The County Council would determine what portion of the land would be retained for use for fairs.

(c) The County Council would then advise the Corporation of the area which it was willing to sell, and the price sought.

T. J. McHugh,
Asst. Town Clerk.

15th July, 1965.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

23rd July, 1965.

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors:

Attached herewith report dated 16th instant from the City Engineer on the standard design for swimming pools made available by the Department of Local Government.

The City Engineer, in his report, details the dimensions of the swimming pool and ancillary accommodation attached thereto. He also outlines the nature of the structure and the plant, electrical installations etc. which will be provided. His report is recommended for adoption subject to the following modifications:

(1) That the Corporation constructs two pools on the Canal Bank site in adjoining locations as mentioned in his report.

The heaviest charge in connection with the swimming pool will be the operating costs. If two pools are constructed in the manner suggested the numbers using the pools should be considerably greater than if one pool only is available. The expenditure on salaries, wages, cleaning and maintenance of buildings and plant should not be very much greater for two pools than for one.

(2) The design should be modified to ensure that the boiler is gas fired instead of oil fired, and gas should also be used in the internal heating arrangements.

A report from the City Accountant will be available to the Members on the estimated cost of operating the swimming pools.

T. P. MacDiarmada,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

TO/ HALL

LIMERICK.

16th July, 1965

To the City Manager,

Utility Swimming Pools.

In accordance with the decision of the Corporation the plans for the Utility Swimming Pools were obtained from the Department of Local Government.

Pools:- The pool is 25 metres in length and has four swimming lanes 6ft. in width.
The maximum water depth is 8' - 6 in. where required for diving, and the general depth is approximately 4 ft. The height of the diving board is 3' - $3\frac{1}{2}$" above water level.
There is a 6 ft. wide paved area around the four sides of the pool for circulation of swimmers.

Dressing Room Accommodation etc.

Immediately inside the door there is a cloakroom with counter and lockers. This is arranged so that there is direct access to one half of it from the female dressing room and direct access to the other half from the male dressing room. Seating accomodation for 50 persons is provided in the male dressing room and 50 persons in the female dressing room. A footbath is provided between each dressing room and the pool.
Three toilet units and two hand basins are provided in each dressing room.

A room is provided for attendants.

Plant Room.

The plant room houses the oil-fired boiler, two filter units, chlorinator, and circulation pump, switch gear etc.
The oil storage tank is external to the building.

Construction of Finishes.

The walls and floor of the pools are constructed of reinforced concrete finished fine.
The roof consists of corrigated asbestos sheeting supported on reinforced concrete purlins all supported on reinforced concreted portal frames.
The external walls consist of concrete block work with a pattern formed of coloured blocks.

Lighting panels will be constructed in the roof over the pool.

The interior of all walls, columns beams will be painted in a suitable colour. The footpaths, walls, floor, and racing lines of the pool will also be painted a suitable colour.

Electrical Work.

This includes 2 No. 2 kw. Storage heaters lighting of Pool and Porch, bathouse etc. and wiring for 2 extraction fans as will as lighting of office etc.
The drawing as supplied are not complete working drawing. The drawings are the property of the Consulting Engineers who designed the pool and may not be used without their permission.

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The estimated cost of this pool has been given as £15,000 but there may be expenses for : Rock excavation.
Access Roads.
Fencing.

Land charges etc. depending on site condition. I recommend that the Corporation build only one pool in the first instance, and after a years experience it would then take a decision as to whether more pools were necessary.

I recommend that the first pool should be built at a central site (i.e. the site already accepted in the Canal Bank)
In this connection it should be noted that it would be possible to provide a second pool along side the first pool and under the same roof by erecting a similar structure back to back with the first structure and removing the back wall.

The second structure would be cheaper in so far as the dressing rooms attendants room toilets etc. would be ommited as well as the back wall. and the space occupied by these offices could be adapted to accommodate spectators on special occasions. Approximately 250 spectators could be accommodated on this area and approximately another 150 could be accommodated on temporary seats around the walls of the bathouse.

Running Costs of Swimming Pools:-

It should be appreciated that the Capital charges are only one part of the cost of operating a swimming Pool.
Other items which must be taken into consideration are:

(1) Salaries and wages.
(2) Rates and Insurances
(3) Fuel, oil
(4) Electricity and water.
(5) Maintenance of Buildings
(6) Maintenance of plant
(7) General Administration of Office Expenses
(8) Cleaning and Sundry Materials.
(9) Purification
(10) Clothing
(11) Miscellaneous Items.

Against the above items an item for receipts must be off-set.
I am of the opinion that the swimming pool in a City the size of Limerick must be run on very rigid lines in order to control the numbers and to prevent over-crowding at certain periods while the pool may be idle for other periods. The manner in which the Pool is controlled will largely effect the running cose. Probably the cheapest method of operation would be to rent the pool to "clubs" or "Groups" for fixed periods. This would reduce supervision and the Corporation's liabilities for accidents or drownings as well as saving fuel in so far as there would be advance notice of use and the water temperatures need not be kept to maximum at all times just to facilitate a few persons. Clubs, etc could also be held liable for wanton damage by their members.

Another method to keep down the running cost would be to have a membership card system as for public libraries. The member would have a fixed time allocated to him/her. Members would be organized into suitable sized sections with section leaders appointed on a voluntary basis. In this way the number of paid attendants could be kept to a minimum.
A copy of statement of expenditure and receipts and a copy of the schedule showing allocation of times for another swimming pool is attached for information.

Note:- This pool would not be suitable for small children.

M.C. Brennan.
CITY ENGINEER.

16th July, 1965.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

22nd July, 1965.

Re: National Monuments Advisory Committee.

At its Quarterly Meeting, following the Local Elections in 1960, the City Council appointed the following Advisory Committee pursuant to the provisions of the National Monuments Acts, 1930 and 1954:

Right Rev. Monsignor Moloney; Dr. D. F. Gleeson, D.J;
Mrs. K. O'Callaghan; Mr. T. F. O'Sullivan, B.E.,
Mr. S. Stewart; Mr. F. S. Wallace; and Cllr. F. Glasgow.

As the Council are aware the first three named are now deceased.

Enclosed, for the information of the Council is a summary of the provisions of the Act of 1930 (as amended by the Act of 1954), affecting local authorities, and also an extract from the Act giving Section 22 in full. This is the enabling section for the appointment of an Advisory Committee.

I am not aware that the Committee has had any meeting since its selection in 1960. The City Librarian and Curator of the Museum acts as Secretary to the Committee.

T. P. MacDiarmada,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

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NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACTS, 1930 & 1954.

Local Advisory Committees:

Section 22. (1) A local authority may establish an advisory committee (in this Act referred to as a local advisory committee) to perform the functions mentioned in this section and every such committee shall be styled and known by the name of the functional area of the local authority by whom it is established followed by the words "National Monuments Advisory Committee."

(2) Every local advisory committee shall consist of such number of persons, not less than three nor more than ten, as the local authority by whom the same is established shall appoint to be members thereof.

(3) The persons appointed to be members of a local advisory committee may or may not, as the local authority shall think fit, be members of the local authority by whom they are appointed but shall in every case be persons having practical experience or special knowledge of or interest in architecture, archaeology or some kindred subject and shall hold office as such members for such period as shall be fixed by the local authority when appointing them.

(4) A local advisory committee shall whenever so requested by the local authority by whom it was established give to such local authority advice and assistance in relation to the protection and preservation of the national monuments or any particular national monument in the functional area of such local authority or in relation to any other matter arising in the performance by such local authority of its duties and functions under this Act.

(5) A local advisory committee may make to the local authority by which it was established or to the Commissioners or to the Advisory Council such representations as it may think fit in relation to national monuments in its functional area.

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SUMMARY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACT, 1930 AS AMENDED BY NATIONAL MONUMENTS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1954, AFFECTING LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Section	
	"Local authority" means a council of a county, of a county or other borough, or of an urban district.
2. Definitions.	"National Munument" means any building, etc., (except any building habitually used for ecclesiastical purposes) the preservation of which is a matter of national importance by reason of its historical, architectural, traditional artistic, or archaeological interest and includes the site of the monument and means of access thereto.
3. Expenses	The expenses incurred by a local authority in carrying the Act into effect shall be raised by means of the rate and, in the case of a county council, as a county-at-large charge. A local authority may accept voluntary contributions of money towards the cost of maintenance of any national monument of which they are owners or guardians.
3. Guardianship.	The owner of a national monument (not being a building occupied as a dwelling house except by a caretaker) may by deed appoint the local authority in whose functional area the monument is situate to be the guardians of such monument. The local authority are to notify the Commissioners of Public Works of any such appointment.
7. Transfer of Guardianship.	Where a local authority are the owners of a National Monument, or are appointed guardians of a national monument they may with the consent of the owner and the Commissioners of Public Works transfer by deed such guardianship to the Commissioners. Similarly the Commissioners may transfer guardianship to a local authority with their consent.
10. Gift of National Monuments to Local Authorities.	Any owner of a national monument may by deed or will convey or bequeath his interest in such monument to the local authority who may accept or disclaim such conveyance or bequest.
12. Maintenance of National Monuments.	Where a local authority are owners or guardians of a national monument, they shall maintain it and shall have free access thereto for this purpose. They may arrange with the owner in cases where they are guardians for the maintenance of a monument at the owner's or their own expense.
13. Removal of Monuments to Museums.	Where a local authority are the owners of a monument not affixed to the ground or capable of removal without injury to the monument or to the ground, they may remove it to a museum where it shall be open to public inspection.
14. Prohibition of injury to National Monuments.	Injury to or interference with any national monument of which a local authority are owners or guardians, and excavation in or around any such monument are prohibited save with the consent of the Commissioners of Public Works and such local authority. The exportation of any such monument or any part thereof is entirely prohibited. Severe penalties are imposed for offences against this section.
16. Admission to Public.	Unless the guardianship deed contains a prohibition against the admission of the public, they shall be admitted to view any monument of which the local authority are appointed guardians under this Act on payment of such charge as the local authority shall prescribe. When the local authority are guardians by deed made under an Act repealed by this Act, the public shall not be admitted save with the consent of the owner.

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17. Burials in National Monuments.	When the local authority are guardians of a national monument which is an ecclesiastical building, the Commissioners may on the application and with the consent of the local authority by order prohibit burials within such monument, but may make exceptions from such order in favour of specified persons or families. Where an order has been made under this section, no person may without the consent of the local authority erect any headstone, railings, etc., on or around any grave within the precincts of such monument. Penalty for contravention is a fine not exceeding £20.
18. Tablets on National Monuments of historical interest.	A local authority may with the consent of the owner of a national monument which is of historical interest and is within their functional area place a tablet on such monument stating the facts which gave rise to the historical interest of the monument.
19. Advertisements.	Bye-laws may be made to regulate, restrict, or prevent the exhibition of advertisements on, in, or adjacent to any national monument.
22. Local Advisory Committees.	A local authority may establish a local advisory committee of three to ten persons not necessarily members of the local authority but having experience or knowledge of or interest in architecture, archaeology, etc. to advise and assist the local authority with regard to the protection and preservation of national monuments.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

23rd July, 1965.

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the City Council.

Attached herewith, for your information, detailed report made by the City Engineer on King John's Castle, which had been requested at a recent meeting of the Planning Committee of the Council.

It is clear from the City Engineer's report that the use of the Castle as a tourist attraction will necessarily be of a limited nature until the environmental improvements outlined by him can be effected. There is little possibility of arranging the long-term improvements which involve the demolition of eight Corporation houses sited within the Castle yard. The housing situation would not justify this action at this date.

The Corporation should ensure, in any discussions with interested parties, as recommended by the City Engineer, that the potential income from the operation of the Castle as a tourist resort would justify the expenditure of caretaking by the Corporation and maintenance to the high standard which would be necessary.

T. P. MacDiarmada,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK

Town Hall,

Limerick.

King John's Castle.

CITY MANAGER, 16th July, 1965.

Arising out of discussions by the Planning Committee on the possibility of improving the amenities of the Castle, an inspection was carried out on 3/6/65 by officers of Office of Public Works (national monuments section) and officers of the Corporation.

The Castles position as an amenity to the City was considered under the following headings.

(a) Provision of a public convenience for visitors.
(b) Caretaking.
(c) Structural maintenance.
(d) Maintenance of surroundings.
(e) Possible improvement of environments(short term)
(f) Possible improvement of environments (long term)
(g) Possible uses.

Re (a) It was the general view that if a public convenience is to be provided that it should be provided for both visitors and the general public and that it should be located outside the Castle and adjoining the public road.

The site chosen provisionally was adjoining the steps leading to the river at the East End of Thomond Bridge.

The building would be constructed so that the roof level, would be at the ground level and access would be from the landing on the existing steps.

It is estimated that a public convenience consisting of four female and four male units could be provided at a cost of £1,000. The Corporation had a lease of this small part of the area adjoining the Castle for a period of 21 years from 1/1/1938 @ a yearly rent of £1 for use as an open space for civic purposes. This lease expired in 1959 and it will now be necessary to renew the lease with permission to use the site for a public convenience.

Re (b) Caretaking:- The plot of ground as shown on the attached map (1acre - 1 rood) and which includes the Castle was leased by the Corporation from the State in 1933 for a period of 99 years for the purpose of providing dwellings for the accommodation of the working classes for a payment of £500 and a yearly rent of 1/-. The maintenance of the land and the buildings erected by the Corporation and any old buildings on the plot is the responsibility of the Corporation but the actual care and the maintenance of the Castle structure itself is carried out by the Office of Public Works. To date caretaking of the Castle structure has been arranged by the office of Public Works. It was the view of the officers of the office of Public Works that the caretaker should be under local supervision.

It is recommended that consideration be given to amalgamating the duties of (1) caretaking the proposed public convenience (2) caretaking the Castle structure itself and (3) the maintenance of the grounds adjoining the Castle and that the caretaker be appointed by the Corporation and that an arrangement be made for the apportionment of the cost between the Corporation and the Office of Public Works.

The caretaker could also act as guide if a suitable person could be employed.

Re (c) Structural Maintenance.

The preservation and restoration of the Castle structure itself is a matter for the Office of Public Works and the Corporation would not be involved in this work.

Re (d) Maintenance of Surrounds.

The land around the Castle as shown on the attached map is the Corporation's responsibility. This includes the railings grass and areas between the Castle and the Public road, the land between the Castle and the river and the old moat area. In this connection trees have been planted in front of the Castle and I recommend that consideration be given to the removal of these as they will in time restrict the view of the front of the Castle.

There is no defined boundary between the Corporation property and other properties on the Southern Side of the plot and it is recommended that this be established and a suitable railing be constructed and that access be provided to this side of the old Castle Wall.

Re (e) Possible improvements of environment (short term).

It is recommended that consideration be given to the removal of at least two of the old buildings within the Castle Yard as soon as alternative accommodation can be found for the present occupants.

These are (a) the building marked Pensioner's Department 2. on the attached maps and which is at present occupied by:-

1 - Unitas
2 - St. Brigid's Boys Club
3 - 2 families

and (b) building marked "Married Soldiers Quarters" (1 to 6) and which is at present occupied by:

1 3 no. persons(lone)
2 2 families.

A third old Building marked Staff Servant Qrs. on map may be worth retaining. (It is at present occupied by one family) There is the possibility that this building could be made use of in connection with any possible developments of the Castle. This requires further consideration.

Re (f) Possible improvement of environments (Long-term)

It is recommended that consideration be given to the removal of the block of houses (8 number) located on the River side of the Castle whenever the housing situation justifies this step. This block is the most offensive as it spoils the view of the Castle from the opposite side of the river.

Re (c) Possible uses:-

Apart from the present use of the Castle as a place of interest for tourists no conclusion was reached as to other uses for the Castle.
The possibility of its use as a place of entertainment was discussed but the general feeling was that if this were to be pursued that it should be undertaken by persons with previous experience in promoting this sort of entertainment.

I recommend that the Corporation open discussions with possible interested parties with a view to making the maximum use of the Castle as a Tourist attraction.

N.C. BRENNAN,
City Engineer.

16th July, 1965.

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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CUSTOM HOUSE
DUBLIN 1.

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TEACH AN CHUSTAIM
BAILE ATHA CLIATH 1

Circ. No. L/11/65

15th Meitheamh, 1965

Advisory Committee on Itinerancy.

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The committee will meet again on 25th June and an indication of the present position in your area before that date would be appreciated.

Mise, le meas,

E Nic Aodgail.

To each Sanitary Authority.

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SPEECH BY Mr. PADDY BRENNAN, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON THE OCCASION OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY ON 21st MAY 1965.

Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee,

I should like to express my pleasure at having this opportunity of meeting you and of addressing you on the occasion of the inaugural meeting of your Committee.

My first duty is to thank each one of you on behalf of the Minister and on my own behalf for agreeing to act on this Committee, on which you will be asked to apply yourselves to problems involving complex social issues and covering a wide administrative field. As you are aware, the Government has been concerned about the problem of itinerancy for some years now and the matter has been investigated by the Commission on Itinerancy which was appointed by the Government for the purpose. You have been supplied with copies of the Commission's Report, which is very comprehensive. They have thoroughly analysed the matter and have made recommendations designed to achieve the eventual absorption of itinerants into the community, the general approach being, to provide benefits and guidance of a social welfare nature, side by side with a policy of effective law enforcement. You have also been supplied with a statement of policy which has been adopted by the Government, setting out the various steps which the Government feel should be taken to meet the itinerant problem. You will be aware that the Minister is pressing local authorities to implement their part of Government policy without further delay and you will be informed at your first meeting to-day of the progress made in this matter.

The Advisory Committee has been appointed to advise Government Departments on measures to promote the rehabilitation of itinerants and their absorption into the community. It will be the function of the Committee in the first instance to advise as to priorities in the implementation of adopted Government policy and as to method of approach in points of that policy which have not yet been formulated in detail and generally in the light of experience of practical operation of present proposals, to advise as to further

steps which might lead to attainment of the long-term objective of integration of itinerants into the community.

It will be open to any Government Department to seek the advice of the Committee on any matters arising in regard to itinerancy. The Department of Local Government is primarily concerned in the problem and has been entrusted by the Government with a co-ordinating role in relation to the functions of Government Departments in matters concerning itinerancy, and an officer from the Department has been appointed to act as a member of the Committee. The other Departments mainly concerned will be the Departments of Social Welfare, Health, Education and Justice, and these Departments have nominated Liaison Officers who will attend meetings of the Committee as required where matters relating to their Department's interests are receiving attention, in order to clarify for the Committee the functions and approach of their Departments in the matters under consideration. I am sure too that the Committee will find local authorities co-operative in supplying any information or advice which will assist in the assessment of problems, and should the Committee feel that direct consultation would be useful I shall be glad to arrange for visits to the authority or authorities concerned by Departmental staff and a nominated member or members of the Committee.

I have mentioned earlier that the administrative machinery, to provide conditions locally which will encourage the settlement of itinerants has been set in motion. Local authorities are now in a position to provide camping sites with generous financial assistance from the State and many are taking active steps in the matter. I am keenly aware that this is only necessary background machinery, and that neither the provision of sites nor the allocation of houses where possible will of themselves solve the problem. The Commission on Itinerancy in the last two chapters of their Report bring out very clearly that if true progress is to be attained positive steps must be taken both to guide itinerants in the ways of settled life and to inform the minds of the settled

population on the nature and the complexities of the problem of itinerancy. The establishing of contact between these two elements of our population and the encouragement of goodwill on both sides may perhaps in the long run be the most significant contribution towards a solution of the problem. The Government has accepted the Commission's view that local voluntary committees will have an essential role to play in helping the two communities to understand each other and the Department will look to the Advisory Committee for further advice and assistance in the fostering of an atmosphere of public opinion which will make it possible for a settlement programme to proceed.

It may be necessary to emphasise at this point that there is no intention to use any compulsion in regard to itinerants who wish to continue the travelling way of life. Indeed, many will doubtless feel obliged by economic circumstances to do so. The camping sites are intended as a way of providing a place where they may stay in decent living conditions for as long as they wish, and of giving their children the opportunity to receive the elementary education which is denied to them by the practice prevalent hitherto of requiring them to move their encampments after a brief period of residence. The authorised sites are also envisaged as a means of remedying to some extent the features of the itinerant way of life which are a real cause of irritation and annoyance to the settled population, causing a justifiable grievance and giving rise to the hostility which one sometimes finds towards itinerants. The action to be taken now can be but a first step in a process which must necessarily be prolonged, but which Christian charity and social justice demand should be commenced.

Finally I would like to express again the Minister's appreciation, and my own, of your generosity and public spirit in undertaking to give your time and your services to this difficult cause, and I am glad to know that some of you have devoted your energies for some years to the betterment of the itinerants' lot and will

therefore bring Valuable experience to the Committee. It is encouraging in particular to feel that the Minister is supported in his efforts by voluntary social workers in many different fields, and it leads one to hope for an equally good response at the local level of practical social work, which will develop in time to a widespread community effort to solve the problems of itinerancy.

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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Advisory Committee on Itinerancy.

The inaugural meeting of the Advisory Committee on Itinerancy appointed by Mr. Neil T. Blaney, Minister for Local Government, was held this afternoon in the Custom House, Dublin. A copy of the opening address given by Mr. Paudge Brennan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister, is attached.

The membership of the Committee comprises -

The Hon. Mr. Justice Brian Walsh, 142, Howth Road, Dublin 3.
Rev. G. Thomas Fehily, C.C., 14 Rosemount, Clonskeagh, Dublin 14.
Mr. Jeremiah Buttimer, Lackendarragh, Glenville, Co. Cork.
Dr. Anthony Eustace, County Medical Officer, St. Albert's, Dunboyne, Co. Meath.
Dr. Patrick J. Fleming, 2 Munster Terrace, Sandycove, County Dublin
Mrs. Desmond Foley, Leighlin House, Old Leighlin, Carlow.
Mr. Dermot P. Honan, Abbey Street, Ennis, Co. Clare.
Mr. Thomas King, Balroebuckmore, Currandulla, Co. Galway.
Mr. Patrick J. Meghen, B.E., Hollybank, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick.
Mr. Thomas McDonagh, Moymore, Carrick Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth.
Mr. Thomas J. McManus, County Manager, Pearse Road, Sligo.
Miss Mary O'Connor, 145 North Circular Road, Dublin 7.
Mrs. G.O. Simms, the See House, 17 Temple Road, Milltown, Dublin 6.
Miss Eileen McArdle, Department of Local Government.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Brian Walsh, who was Chairman of the Commission on Itinerancy, will act as Chairman of the Committee.

21st May, 1965.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

8th September, 1965.

Re: Pound.

To: His Worshipful the Mayor and to each Member of the City Council.

In September 1963 the City Council approved of the purchase from C.I.E., of a site at Lelia Street for the sum of £1500, the site to be converted for use as a City Pound to replace the existing pound in Watergate which will be disturbed by the redevelopment of the area. The proposal was approved by the Minister for Local Government in April, 1964. The Corporation has agreed all necessary matters with the County Registrar and has been in a position for some time to conclude the purchase with C.I.E. At recent meetings however members have indicated an objection to a general pound in the Lelia Street area. The matter has been further examined and discussed with the County Registrar, and the position may be summarised as follows :-

(1) The Lelia Street site is suitable for use as a general pound subject to carrying out of repairs and modification at an estimated cost of £1200. It is approved by the County Registrar for the purpose.

Alternatively

(2) A proposal that two separate pounds be established is acceptable to the County Registrar.

(a) A goods pound at Lelia Street, subject to repairs and modification estimated to cost £850.

(b) An animal pound preferably sited at Corkanree near proposed Abattoir site. No firm estimate has yet been made of the cost but it would be of the order of £4000.

To 1 and 2 above must be added the cost of acquiring the Lelia Street site i.e. £1500.

Having regard to all the factors the proposal to have a general (goods and animal) pound at Lelia Street is again recommended for the approval of the Council.

I. Collery,
Deputy City Manager and Town Clerk.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

6th September, 1965.

SCHEME FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1966.

To His Worship The Mayor, and each member of the City Council.

Enclosed is copy of the above scheme for 1965. Apart from changes in dates there are no changes proposed in the scheme for 1966.

In 1965 there were 180 candidates for the examination, 61 girls, 119 boys. The money allocated was £1,382 and it was possible within the limits of the scheme to award 50 scholarships.

Non-means ($\frac{1}{4}$ of money allocated)	-	13 @ £25 per annum. 1 @ £20 per annum.
Means test:		
Under $\frac{3}{4}$ of means	-	11 @ £32 per annum.
Over $\frac{3}{4}$ of means	-	24 @ £28 per annum. 1 @ £13 per annum.

Of the 50 successful applicants 16 were girls and 11 were pupils of schools with less than 500 pupils.

T. Collery,
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Planning Committee (Whole House) of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 6th July, 1965, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present :

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful Cllr. F. Leddin, Mayor.

Aldermen : S. Coughlan, T.D., G. E. Russell, and J. Carew.

Councillors : P. Kiely, J. P. Liddy, W. Brazier, T. Lawlor, V. Feeney, P. O'Sullivan, M. D. Lipper, J. Kirby.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Engineer ; Mr. P. Gleeson, Assistant City Engineer (Design).

Shannon Airport :

Ald. Coughlan, with the permission of the Mayor, referred to the recent statement of the American Ambassador regarding the request of the American Air Companies to fly direct from the United States to Dublin. He noted that the Taoiseach would be at Shannon Airport on Friday next; his Party wished to put before him the fact that Shannon could not, under any circumstances, be overflown. He trusted that the Taoiseach would make a statement during his visit to Shannon about the Airport and its future.

The Mayor said all members of the Council and the citizens at large were perturbed about the future of Shannon following the statement of the American Ambassador. He personally could not see any threats to the future of the Airport and he felt that the Taoiseach would give a firm indication as to the future of Shannon during his visit to the Airport on Friday next.

Cllr. Liddy said that the Minister for External Affairs had stated in the Dail that the interests of Shannon would be protected. He felt the Council would be advised to wait for a statement which he was sure the Taoiseach would make on his visit to Shannon. He had every confidence the Government would ensure the future prosperity of the Airport.

Ald. Russell said the statement of the American Ambassador should not be accepted lightly. Such statements were only made in the full knowledge of their consequences. He felt it should go forth from the meeting that the Taoiseach and the Government had the support of the City Council and the Corporation in any steps the Government felt necessary to resist pressure to have Shannon overflown and to protect the interest of Shannon Airport. There was no further discussion.

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 1st June :

The Committee considered the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 1st June, 1965, which had been adopted at the meeting of the Council held on the 8th idem.

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Matters Arising from the Minutes :

Bowling Alley at the Ennis Road :

Ald. Coughlan said he had discussed this matter with the Minister for Local Government. The Minister proposed to arrange that his Inspector would visit Limerick to consider the appeals made and would give an opportunity to those who had appealed to make their case verbally to him.

Markets—Pound :

Ald. Coughlan said he wished to refer to the proposal of the Corporation to create a pound at a site in Lelia Street. He thought this site would not be suitable for use as a pound and was prepared to propose that it would not be used for this purpose. The City Manager said the property was acquired by the Corporation for use as a pound. He referred to the representations of the Department of Justice, the Gardai and the County Registrar on the need for a proper pound. The proposal to use this site which was acceptable to all three parties as a pound was put forward to remedy this position. The Committee was informed that the matter would be on the Agenda for the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee. Ald. Russell asked that in the meantime efforts might be made to obtain suitable alternative sites. The Manager said this would be done.

Passageway to Krups Factory, Toppin's Lands, Janesboro' :

Ald. Coughlan asked if any progress had been made in the transfer of lands between Mr. Toppin, Janesboro', and the Corporation. This transfer would facilitate the workers of the Krups Factory by allowing a right-of-way through the lands of Mr. Toppin to be transferred to the Corporation. The Assistant Town Clerk said the matter was still with the Department of Local Government. The representations of the Council to have the matter approved had been conveyed to the Department. The City Manager said that the Department had been in touch with him in this matter. He said that since the proposal was submitted to the Department developments had changed and that it might be preferable to have the future planning of this area re-examined. He suggested that the final planning of this portion of the Corporation's holdings in Rathbane should be settled. However, Krups in the meantime had a right-of-way through the Corporation's lands, formerly Cussens, onto the property of the Factory. Ald. Coughlan again asked that the matter be expedited. The Manager said he would see if the matter could be settled within the next month.

Swimming Pool :

Cllr. Lipper referred to the condition of the railing on the approach to Corbally Swimming Pool. He said it was in a dangerous and deplorable condition. It had been allowed to rust through lack of paint. Ald. Coughlan supported. The City Engineer undertook to have this matter examined.

2. Submitted Progress Report from the City Engineer re development plan. Noted.

Aerial Survey :

In reply to Ald. Russell, the Manager said that the Department had not replied to the Corporation's request for a grant for an aerial

survey. Press reports indicated that the Minister wished to have a national survey carried out which would be available to planning authorities. Ald. Russell deplored the action of the Department in failing to deal with the application for a grant.

Condition of Building Survey :

Ald. Russell referred to St. John's Square. He said areas had been left without protective walls and were dangerous. The Square in which a number of houses had been vacated was in a dangerous condition. The City Engineer said the areas were being cleared out and it was the intention to close them in.

The City Manager said the Corporation proposed to reconstruct two houses in St. John's Square which had been purchased recently. Apart from the decision of the Council that this Square should be preserved there is no decision to do any other works by the Corporation. Ald. Russell, referring to the two houses that the Corporation had purchased, said the vendor had not yet been paid for these. He asked if payment could be expedited. Ald. Coughlan supported. He understood the matter was with the Department of Local Government. The Manager said he would look into the cause of the delay.

Rutland Street Area :

In reply to Ald. Coughlan the City Manager said the Council had agreed that the planning of Rutland Street area would be taken in conjunction with the planning of Arthur's Quay/Patrick's Area as one unit. The houses on the Custom House side of Rutland Street had been partially acquired by the Corporation. They were not in good condition but there was no immediate danger to the public. The buildings however were liable to deteriorate and become dangerous.

Ald. Russell said that certain portions of the Georgian city should be preserved in the replanning of Limerick. He referred particularly to the Crescent and Pery Square.

The City Engineer said the future of the places referred to would be the subject of a separate report.

King John's Castle :

Ald. Coughlan asked if the Corporation could do anything to clean down the wall of the Castle on the riverside facing Clancy Strand. The City Engineer said this was a matter for the Board of Works. The City Manager said the question of the preservation and the control of historic monuments within the city was one which had received the attention of the Council during a number of meetings in the past few months. He suggested that as the Council had appointed a committee under the National Monuments Acts, this Committee should be called together and the matter placed before them for consideration and advice. The Council agreed to this suggestion.

3. Submitted Report from the City Engineer on Development Plan, New Roads and Streets (Copy of the report is incorporated in the official minute) :

The Engineer said the report referred to new roads, it did not make any reference to roads which it would be necessary to widen or to improve. The Council considered each of the ten new roads listed.

Caherdavin Road : It was noted that this had already been agreed by the Council and by the Department of Local Government.

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New Road from Castle Street to Bishop Street : The Council approved.

New Road from Sheep Street to Mary Street : Approved.

New Road from Cathedral Place to Roxboro' Road : Approved.

New Road from Park Bridge to junction near railway level crossing: Approved.

Ring Road sections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) : Approved.

New Street from Henry Street to Honan's Quay and through proposed car park in Arthur's Quay to Francis Street : On this matter the City Manager said discussions had been held with two of the principal property owners concerned and the indications were that provided compensation was agreed the property owners would not object to the proposal. Approved.

New Road at Lansdowne Park to replace existing passage : Approved.

New Bridge and Road from Lower Mallow Street to North Circular Road : The Committee welcomed this proposal. Ald. Russell said that he understood the Bridge was to provide for in-city traffic. He suggested that instead of trying to link up with Shelbourne Road, a road along the river front to Barrington's Pier and thus to the Ennis Road might be considered either as an alternative or complementary. He asked about the provisions for financial assistance in the case of the bridge. The City Manager said that there was provision for substantial grants in the case of bridge construction, and in addition it had been the practice that any local authority which benefited from the construction of a bridge would be required to contribute to the capital cost. It was important that the Committee considered carefully the proposal and say that the location as suggested by the City Engineer is acceptable. The City Manager said he would report in detail to the Council at an early meeting on the full implications prescribed by law in connection with the construction of a bridge.

New Road from Westfields, North Circular Road to join with the Ennis Road near the present City Boundary: This was not shown in the map which the Council had before them. The City Engineer pointed out the location to the Council. The Committee approved.

City Hall :

Ald. Russell referred to the present position with regard to the building of a new City Hall. The Mayor said that the present Town Hall was in a very bad condition. The City Manager said the Council decided that the location of the new City Hall would be decided for inclusion in the Development Plan. The matter could be brought back to the Council if they so wished. The Council asked that this be done. The City Engineer said that consideration was being given to a number of sites. The Manager said that there would be a report on the matter for an early meeting.

Decisions taken in relation to Planning Applications and Planning Applications on hands :

Submitted reports showing the position from the 29th May to the 30th June. The Mayor, supported by other members of the Council, asked that an indication be given where the decision was to refuse, of the reason for the decision. The City Manager said this would be done. Reference to the City Manager's Order would also be made, in the reports.

Ald. Russell referred to new buildings being erected in William Street and asked if the height of these buildings would correspond with

the height of adjoining premises. The Assistant Town Clerk said that the plans had been approved of some time ago. His recollection was that the buildings would be of approximately the same height as the adjoining buildings. The City Manager said the matter would be checked.

Verona Esplanade :

Submitted report from the City Engineer on the derelict site at the rear of Verona Esplanade. It was stated that the Corporation understood that this site had been acquired and that they proposed to erect houses on it in accordance with plans which had been approved of by the Corporation some years ago. In these circumstances the Council decided to take no further action, with regard to this site.

Coolraine :

Submitted report from the City Solicitor giving details of the manner in which the Corporation disposed of its lands at Coolraine to the Provincial Housing Society, and of the covenants contained in the Leases regarding the development of this site. The City Solicitor advised that in 1961 the Corporation had certified that the Lessee had complied with the covenants in respect of the site known as Greystones No. 1. In March 1964 sites Nos. 41 to 42 in Greystones Part 2 had been released from the covenants on the certificate of the City Engineer. With regard to the portion of Greystones not comprising the sites No. 41 to 42 these still remained liable to the covenants in the Lease of 1962, it appeared to him that the Corporation should be able to restrain any development that did not correspond with a plan approved of by the Corporation. The City Solicitor thought the Corporation would be entitled to insist that the developers had Town Planning approval from the Corporation and not merely from the Minister on appeal. Noted.

Standing Orders :

At 9.30 o'clock p.m. the Committee, having been sitting for two hours, Standing Orders were suspended, the Council decided to continue the business for a further quarter of an hour.

A TRUE RECORD.

T. P. MACDIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

9th September, 1965.

To: His Worship the Mayor and to each member of the
Limerick City Council.

Re: Road Fund Grant
Proposals for 1965/66.

The City Engineer has recommended that the following schemes be carried out, subject to the approval of the Minister, with the aid of grants from the Road Fund:

(1) Reconstruction of portion of O'Connell Ave.,	£33,500.
(2) Reconstruction of Roches Street	15,836.
(3) Reconstruction of Lower Cecil Street.	8,000.
(4) Reconstruction of Upper William Street (including Traffic Lights)	21,387.
(5) Reconstruction of Longpavement Road	4,000.
	£82,723.

The grant for the current year is £55,000 but there are sufficient balances from previous years to enable this full programme to be undertaken if so approved.

T. Collery,

Deputy City Manager and Town Clerk.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

8th September, 1965.

To/ His Worship the Mayor,
and to each member of the City Council.

Attached is copy of report of the 7th September, 1965, from the Acting City Engineer and enclosure containing a list of schemes from which a selection may be made of works to be carried out with the aid of the Employment and Emergency Grant - 1965/66. The amount of grant and the rates contribution is £16,800. The total of the schemes submitted - £26,100.

T. CULLERY,
Deputy City Manager.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK

Town Hall,

Limerick.

7th September, 1965.

MG/RB

Re: Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1965/66.

Dear Sir,

I send you herewith list of schemes for the current year's Employment and Emergency Schemes from which a selection can be made by the City Council.

The total cost of schemes submitted is £26,100 but I would like to point out that some of the items are more urgent than others. I consider that a higher priority should be given to schemes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 12.

Yours faithfully,

M. GREENE, B.E.,
Acting City Engineer.

Mr. T. Collery,
Deputy City Manager.

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EMPLOYMENT AND EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE - 1965/66.
WORKS PROPOSED FOR CONSIDERATION BY
THE CITY COUNCIL

Grant: £14,000. Local Contribution: £2,800.

Total : £16,800.

(1)	Section of road at Garryowen from end of last years works near entrance to Greyhound Track to junction with Rossa Villas. :: ::	£2,800. 0. 0.
(2)	Further section a continuation of No. 1 to the end of St. John's Housing Scheme. :: ::	£3,200. 0. 0.
(3)	Continuation of Greenhills Garryowen Road from last years work to junction with Tank Field entrance. ::	£4,200. 0. 0.
(4)	Wall and path at Rosbrien Church between Church property and Ballinacurra Weston Housing Scheme. ::	£1,400. 0. 0.
(5)	Cleaning, levelling, spreading of soil and seeding area at Greenhills Garryowen, construction of paths and kerbs.	£1,200. 0. 0.
(6)	Reconstruction of road fronting College Park Housing Estate. :: ::	£3,400. 0. 0.
(7)	Completion of entrance to Bourke Avenue from Edward Street.	£800. 0. 0.
(8)	Lowering of wall at Upper Carey's Road above Railway Bridge, dressing embankment and planting with shrubs; provision of low wall above embankment along pathway. ::	£900. 0. 0.
(9)	Conversion of Old Reservoir, Ennis Road, into Childrens Pool. :: ::	£3,500. 0. 0.
(10)	Concrete paths in Custom House Park. ::	£700. 0. 0.
(11)	Public convenience at King John's Castle. ::	£1,000. 0. 0.
(12)	Erection of wall at Bishop St. Playground at rere of Old People's houses and removal of existing wall to the front of same. :: ::	£700. 0. 0.
(13)	Provision of Dressing Room, showers and toilet accommodation at Shelbourne Park. :: ::	£1,200. 0. 0.
(14)	Provision of paved areas and seating in various positions in Parks and open spaces. :: ::	£500. 0. 0.
(15)	New entrance and gateway to Caledonian Park. ::	£600. 0. 0.

M. GREENE, B.E.,
Acting City Engineer.

7th September, 1965.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

9th September, 1965.

Traffic Warden Service.

The Corporation has operated a Traffic Warden Scheme in Limerick City since 1962, and there are now 15 Wardens engaged at various school crossings throughout the city. One of the difficulties experienced in the operation of the Scheme has arisen owing to the absence on the Corporation staff of any officers trained to supervise the Wardens. Following discussions with the Officers of the Safety First Association, it has now been agreed that from the 1st October next the Association will act as Agent for the Corporation and undertake the operation of the scheme and will be responsible as such for the recruiting, training, placing, supervision and payment of Traffic Wardens in Limerick.

The Corporation will reimburse the Association for its outlay in the payment of wages and for the cost of any signs or uniforms supplied and will also, subject to the approval of the City Council, pay an annual grant to the Association at the rate of £250. This arrangement is recommended for the approval of the City Council.

T. Collery,
Deputy City Manager & Town Clerk.

TO: The Mayor, and Each Member of the City Council :

Mid-Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd.

S H A N N O N S I D E.

(Counties Clare, Limerick and Tipperary North)

Telephone: Limerick 47522

Manager: T.P. Flanagan, B.A.

Reply to: REGIONAL TOURISM MANAGER,
BANK OF IRELAND BUILDING
95, O'CONNELL STREET.
LIMERICK.

15th July, 1965.

The City Manager,
City Hall,
Limerick.

Dear Sir,

The Directors of this Company consider that a Tourism Survey of the Shannon Estuary should be carried out and that a Development plan should be carried out and that a Development plan should be made, based on this survey. It is felt, now that the Upper Shannon is designated by Bord Failte as a major resort area, that such a survey and plan could provide a blueprint for the development of the Shannon Estuary as a tourist area. It is appreciated that there are great differences between the Upper and Lower Shannon and consequently they must be treated in a different way.

The possibility of having a survey and plan drawn up by Irish planners was investigated but it was found that it was not possible to obtain Irish consultants to do the work. Accordingly, it was decided that the firm of the Nathaniel Lichfield and Associates should be approached. As you know, this firm has been commissioned by the Minister for Local Government to prepare a plan for the region contained in Counties Clare, Limerick and North Tipperary. Not the least advantage in using this firm is the fact that some of the work which they will already have done in their Regional plan can be included in the preparation of the tourism plan and this saving of effort will be reflected in the fee charged.

Lichfield and Associated have now sent us a proposal, copies of which I enclose for your elected representative. My Directors have accepted the proposal in principle and consider the fee to be appropriate. They also consider that the cost should be shared in the following way:

Clare County Council & Limerick County Council	..... £800 each.
Kerry County Council & Limerick Corporation	..... £400 each.
Shannon Free Airport Development Company	..... £600

The balance (say (600) to be met by Bord Failte and the Shannonside Tourism Organisation.

I would ask you to have this matter included on your Council's Agenda.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas P. Flanagan,
Manager.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK

Office of The City Manager

and Town Clerk.

24th August, 1965.

Limerick Appointed Stands (Street Service Vehicles) Bye-Laws, 1965.

To His Worship the Mayor and to each member of the City Council.

Attached is copy of communication of 24th July, 1965 from the Assistant Commissioner of the Gardai together with copy of the above draft Bye-Laws. The Schedules to the new Bye-Laws have been checked against the 1939 Bye-Laws and the following amendments noted.

PERMANENT APPOINTED STANDS.

There are 6 references in the 1965 order as against 9 in the 1939 order. Ommitted are:-

Catherine Street.	On east side of roadway from a point five yards north of the junction with Ersen's Lane to a point 5 yards south of the junction with Thomas Street.	4 Vehicles.
Catherine Street.	On east side of the roadway from opposite the door of No. 31 to a point five yards south of the junction with Glentworth Street.	4 Vehicles.
Shannon Street.	On the north side of the roadway from a point five yards west of the junction with lane at rear of Savoy Cinema to a point five yards east of the junction with Henry Street.	4 Vehicles.
Parnell St.	On west side of roadway from opposite the door of No. 37, to a point five yards north of the junction with Reeve's Path.	6 Vehicles.

Added in:-

Boherbuoy	On the west side of the roadway from a point five yards south of the junction with Reeve's Path to a point forty five yards south of that junction.	10 Vehicles.

The total No. of vehicles allowed for in the 1965 Bye-Lawsis 46 against 54 in the 1939 order.

The Occasional Appointed Stands are for the same locations in both orders, but the limits of appointed standing (column 3) have been reduced, and the No. of vehicles reduced as follows:-

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Ballinacurra Road	25	to	15
Ennis Road	25	to	12
Garryowen	25	to	10
Killeely Road	25	to	10

The number of S.P.S. vehicles under licence in the County Borough of Limerick on a current date is 37. The number in 1939 was 61.

It will be noted that it is the function of the Commissioner of the Gardai to make these Bye-Laws and that he invites the observations(if any) of the Council in the matter.

T. Collery,

Deputy City Manager.

AN GARDA SIOCHANA

Commissioner,
Garda Siochana,
Phoenix Park,
Dublin 8.

OIFIG AN CHOIMISINEARA,
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.

A.66/64/65.

24th July, 1965.

Town Clerk,
Limerick Corporation,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

Dear Sir,

Limerick Appointed Stands (Street Service Vehicles) Bye-Laws, 1965.

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.

These bye-laws will replace the Limerick Appointed Standings (Street Service Vehicles) Bye-laws, 1939 which were made under the Road Traffic Act, 1933.

Copies of draft schedules are enclosed. The local Garda Officers are satisfied that the proposed stands are adequate for the accommodation of public hire vehicles at Limerick.

Any representations which your Council may wish to make should be made at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

E.A. REYNOLDS
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

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FIRST SCHEDULE.

PERMANENT APPOINTED STANDS.

Ref. No. (1)	Name of Street. (2)	Limits of Appointed Stand. (3)	Maximum Number of Vehicles. (4)	Position of Vehicles on Appointed Stand. (5)
1.	Boherbuoy	On the west side of the roadway from a point five yards south of the junction with Reeve's Path to a point forty five yards south of that junction.	10	In single line by the kerb and parallel thereto, facing towards Parnell Street.
2.	Cecil Street Upper	On the south side of the roadway from a point five yards east of the junction with O'Connell Street, to a point ten yards west of the junction with Catherine Street (excluding the entrance to the yard of Fitt & Co. Auctioneers).	14	In single line by the kerb and parallel thereto, facing towards O'Connell Street.
3.	Glentworth Street Upper.	On the South side of the roadway from a point five yards east of the junction with O'Connell Street to a point opposite the door of No. 3, Glentworth Street, Upper.	4	In single line by the kerb and parallel thereto, facing towards O'Connell Street.
4.	Parnell Street	On the east side of the roadway from the carriage entrance to the Railway Station to the entrance to the goods yard of the Railway Station.	6	In single line by the kerb and parallel thereto, facing towards Lord Edward Street.

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FIRST SCHEDULE (Continued).

PERMANENT APPOINTED STANDS.

Ref. No. (1)	Name of Street. (2)	Limits of Appointed Stand. (3)	Maximum Number of Vehicles. (4)	Position of Vehicles on Appointed Stand. (5)
5.	Thomas Street	On the south side of roadway from a point five yards east of the junction with O'Connell Street to a point five yards west of the junction with Augustinian Lane.	6	In single line by the kerb and parallel thereto, facing towards O'Connell Street.
6.	Thomas Street	On the south side of the roadway from a point five yards east of the junction with Catherine Street to a point five yards west of the junction with Anne Street (excluding the entrance to O'Mara's bacon factory yard).	6	In single line by the kerb and parallel thereto, facing towards Catherine Street.

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SECOND SCHEDULE.

OCCASIONAL APPOINTED STANDS.

Ref. No.	Name of Street	Limits of Appointed Standing	Maximum Number of Vehicles.	Position of Vehicles on Appointed Stand.	Occasions and Period of Availability.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	Ballinacurra Road	On the west side of the roadway from a point fifteen yards south of the entrance to Ballinacurra House, to a point seventy five yards south of that entrance.	15	In single line by the kerb and parallel thereto facing towards South Circular Road.	Whenever a race meeting, a show a sporting fixture or other function to which the public are admitted is being held in Greenpark - during and for one hour before and after such function.
2.	Ennis Road	On the north side of the roadway from a point opposite the junction leading to Fort Mary Park to a point sixty five yards west of that junction.	12	In single line by the kerb and parallel thereto, facing towards Sarsfield Bridge.	Whenever a sporting fixture or other function to which the public are admitted is being held in the Gaelic Park- during and for one hour after such function. Cont'd.

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Ref. No.	Name of Street	Limits of Appointed Standing	Maximum Number of Vehicles.	Position of Vehicles on Appointed Stand.	Occasions and Period of Availability.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
3.	Garryowen	On the east side of the roadway from a point five yards north of the junction with Mulgrave Street to opposite the door of No. 1 Garryowen Villas.	10	In single line by the kerb and parallel thereto, facing towards Mulgrave Street.	Whenever the Market's Field (Recreation Ground) is open for admission of the public to dog racing, a football match, a sporting fixture or other function - during and for one hour after such function.

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SECOND SCHEDULE (Continued).

Ref. No.	Name of Street	Limits of Appointed Standing	Maximum Number of Vehicles	Position of Vehicles on Appointed Stand.	Occasions and Period of Availability.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
4.	Killely Road	On the east side of the roadway from a point five yards north of the junction with Hassett's Cross to a point sixty yards north of that junction.	10	In single line by the kerb and parallel thereto, facing towards Hassett's Cross.	Whenever Thomond Park is open for admission of the Public to a foot-ball match, a sporting fixture or other function - during and for one hour after such function.

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to the City Solicitor's report of the 23rd June, 1965, wherein it was stated that notwithstanding any decision taken by the Minister the Corporation could still require the lessors to comply with the covenants, that is, to develop the land in accordance with plans approved of by the Corporation. The City Engineer referred to the complaint regarding water pressure. He said water pressure in the area was marginal and it would be very expensive to remedy a particular complaint.

ITEM 1 :

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved :

"That the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on the 13th and 27th July, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

OTHER MATTERS WHICH AROSE OUT OF THE MINUTES :

Gas. Ald. Russell asked if the gas sales campaign had commenced. There were a large number of old gas cookers being used and efforts should be made to have these replaced. The Corporation should in any event try and have its own tenants continue as gas consumers. It was disappointing to note that after all the efforts to improve the productive capacity of the works it now appeared that it was not possible to sell the output. The City Manager said that a sales campaign was about to be started. The production end of the undertaking was now running smoothly and the time was appropriate for the advertising and sales campaign. The Manager said that arrangements were being made to modify the Hire Purchase charges and he was hopeful that it would be possible to improve gas sales over the winter period. Cllr. Feeney said the cause of the drop in the consumption of gas was the uncompetitive price of gas as a domestic fuel. This was the view of persons who had used gas. The City Manager said that it would be wrong if the impression was given that gas was a dearer fuel than its competitors. The fuel industry was a competitive one and the price of gas compared very favourably with other fuels.

ITEM 2 :

Proposed by Cllr. Lawlor, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved :

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 6th July, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

The Council decided to defer consideration of the minutes to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

ITEM 3 :

Proposed by Cllr. Lawlor, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved :

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Tenders Committee held on the 7th September, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

ITEM 4 : CORRESPONDENCE :

Submitted acknowledgments of Votes of Sympathy from the family of the late Mrs. Ann Coughlan, from the Rector of the Crescent College on the death of Fr. Morris, and from the Guardian of the Franciscans

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on the death of Fr. Ephrem. Same were ordered to be noted in the minutes.

Submitted communication dated 6th August, 1965, from Mr. Sean O'Kelly, Hy Brasil, Ballysimon Road, Limerick, acknowledging the Council's message of congratulations on his son's appointment as Vice-Rector of the Scots College in Rome. Noted.

Submitted communication from the General Manager of the Condensed Milk Company of Ireland Ltd., acknowledging the Council's message of congratulations on his Company's success in the R.D.S. Spring Show. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 16th August, 1965, from the Head of the Sports Department, Telefis Eireann, with regard to the Council's complaint of lack of T.V. coverage of the Limerick Festival of Sport. Noted.

Submitted communication from the Limerick Health Authority stating that the Authority had nominated His Worship the Mayor, Alderman J. Carew and Cllr. J. Keane as representatives on the Board of Governors of Barrington's Hospital. Noted.

Submitted letter dated 13th August, 1965, from the Secretary of St. John's Hospital, Limerick, stating that Cllr. Mrs. F. Condell and Cllr. W. Brazier had been selected to represent the Corporation on the Management Committee with the Mayor ex officio.

The Committee had also considered the request that the time of the meetings might be changed but had decided to make no alteration. Noted.

ITEM 5 :

Submitted Financial Statement and Departmental Reports for the months of July and August, 1965. Noted.

ITEM 6 :

The Council gave leave to the Chairman, Ald. Coughlan, to have deferred to another meeting his motion which read : " That the recent increases in Social Welfare Benefits be excluded in the Differential Rent System."

It was proposed by Ald. Carew, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved :

" That we ask the Minister for Local Government to take the necessary steps to remove the 30 mile per hour speed limit sign from its present position in Ballinacurra to the point near the bus-stop at the end of Ballinacurra."

The following motion was moved by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor :

" That in order to encourage the expansion of greater economic activity and consequent increase in employment we call on the Government to identify Limerick as a development centre and to take the necessary steps to set up an industrial estate in or near Limerick City."

Ald. Russell, moving the motion, said he welcomed the recent statement by the Government that it was proposed to designate Waterford and Galway as development centres. The wording of the statement issued by the Government stated that these centres would be in addition to Dublin, Cork and the Limerick/Shannon/Ennis centre. This suggested that the Limerick/Shannon/Ennis area was already a development centre. He did not think this could be accepted as far as Limerick was concerned, as Shannon and Ennis could offer inducements by way of

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grants, and in the case of Shannon exemption from tax on profits arising from exports greater than Limerick could offer. He went on to say that Limerick had never reached the stature of a manufacturing centre. Its designation as a development centre would ensure that it could offer all the facilities which it was proposed to allow these centres to offer.

Cllr. Liddy said that the Government had accepted Limerick as a development centre. This statement had been made in the preliminary announcement referred to by Ald. Russell and he failed to see why further representations were necessary. There was no question of Limerick having to prove its case. He drew attention to the fact that sites for industry ~~were not~~ available in Limerick City.

Ald. Carew, supporting the motion, said that employment in Limerick in industry was not as great now as it had been in previous years. Some of the older industries were not employing as many as they had a few years ago. It is important that the element of industrial employment in Limerick be increased. If State funds were being used to set up development centres Limerick was an obvious centre which should get its share of these funds.

The City Manager said that the Corporation had sites available in Rathbane for industrial purposes. The development proposals for this area were settled and an industrial estate of about 30 acres would be provided. He understood the Harbour Commissioners had land in the Dock Road which was also available for industrial purposes.

Ald. Russell summing up the debate said the question was would the concessions for the development centres established in Waterford and Galway apply in the case of the centres which were referred to in the report as established centres such as Dublin, Cork, Limerick/Shannon/Ennis; if so there would be no problem. If not, Limerick would have to press strongly to be given the same concessions as Galway and Waterford.

The motion was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

ITEM 7 : HOUSING :

The Chairman raised a number of points under this heading; replies were given as follows :—

Parnell Street : The City Manager said the preparation of a C.P.O. was under way for Parnell Street.

Rutland Street : Negotiations had commenced for the purchase of properties in Rutland Street.

Garryowen Reservoir : The Corporation was concerned about the lack of protection of the Garryowen Reservoir. The matter of providing protection for the Reservoir would be examined.

Bridge over the Shannon : The City Manager said that the Council would be provided with a statement of the procedures which must be followed in connection with the erection of a new bridge.

Abattoir : The C.V.O. and the Architect had had discussions with officers of the Department of Agriculture, following which further progress on the preparation of plans could be made.

Sub-Tenants : The City Manager said that under the new Housing Bill it would be open to the Council to make their own Scheme setting out the priorities in the letting of houses. It might be possible in this to do something towards the re-housing of sub-tenants in other than existing Corporation houses.

Arthur's Quay : In reply to the Chairman, the City Manager said

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that the Corporation's Prohibition Order on temporary dwellings did not extend to Arthur's Quay. The Council indicated that the Order should be extended so as to cope with the parking of caravans in this area. The City Manager said the matter would have attention.

ITEM 8 :

It was proposed by Cllr. F. Glasgow, seconded by Ald. G. E. Russell, and unanimously resolved :

" That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 4 of the Local Government No. 2 Act, 1960, to the borrowing by way of overdraft of a sum not exceeding £300,000 on the Municipal Fund (Revenue) Account for the period ending 31st December, 1965."

It was proposed by Cllr. F. Glasgow, seconded by Ald. G. E. Russell, and unanimously resolved :

" That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 4 of the Local Government No. 2 Act, 1960, to the borrowing by way of overdraft of sums not exceeding—

Gas Revenue No. 1 Account	£164,000;
Gas Revenue No. 2 Account	£5,000;
Gas Capital Account (Plant)	£10,000;
Gas Capital Account (Main Laying)	£22,000,

for the period ending 31st December, 1965."

Proposed by Cllr. F. Glasgow, seconded by Ald. G. E. Russell, and unanimously resolved :

" That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 4 of the Local Government No. 2 Act, 1960, to the borrowing by way of temporary overdraft of sums not exceeding the following on the Capital Account :

Quarter ending 31st December, 1965 :

Housing	£195,000,
Sanitary	£6,000,
Lanigan's Bank	£11,000."

It was proposed by Cllr. Glasgow, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved :

" That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £200,000 for the purpose of making loans under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, and the sum of £40,000 for the purpose of making Local Grants under Section 12 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962."

ITEM 9 :

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Glasgow, and unanimously resolved :

" That the sum of £25,000 be borrowed by the Corporation from the Irish Life Assurance Company to finance the laying of Gas Mains in the Greenhills-Tankfield Area, repayable to the Company by 70 equal half-yearly instalments of Principal and Interest combined of £935 7s. 0d. each, the first of which shall become payable on the 1st March, 1966, and that repayment of these monies be secured by a Mortgage of the Rates and Funds which the Corporation are authorised to mortgage for securing repayment of money borrowed for said purposes and further resolving that the Indenture of Mortgage now presented for the purposes of effecting the foregoing terms of this resolution be sealed with the Seal of the Limerick Corporation."

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ITEM 10 :

Submitted report of conference with representatives of the Limerick County Council regarding the Fairgreen. Copy of the report had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. The report stated that the County Council would be willing to sell portion of its lands at Fairgreen to the Corporation to be used for any of the functions of the Local Authority; that the County Council would determine what portions of the land would be retained for use of fairs and the County Council would then advise the Corporation of the area which it is willing to sell and the price sought. As a result of the foregoing the Chairman suggested that it would be worth considering if representatives of the City Council might meet with representatives of the County Council at each quarter to discuss problems of mutual interest. It was agreed that this matter would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

ITEM 11 :

Swimming Pools : It was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

ITEM 12 :

It was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

ITEM 13 :

Submitted report on King John's Castle. The Chairman suggested that the Council should initiate discussions with the Limerick County Council, Shannonside, Shannon Development Company and the Office of Public Works, to consider improving the amenities of King John's Castle, and thus develop it as a tourist attraction. This suggestion was agreed to.

ITEM 14 :

Submitted circular letter from the Department of Local Government re the problem of itinerancy. It was decided to defer consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

ITEM 15 :

Re: Pound. It was decided to defer this matter to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

ITEM 16 :

Secondary Scholarship Scheme : It was decided to re-convene the Scholarships Sub-Committee to consider this matter and report back to the Council.

ITEM 17 :

Submitted report dated 8th September, 1965, from the Deputy City Manager, together with report from the City Engineer and a list containing the schemes from which a selection from which the Council was asked to select works to be carried out with the aid of employment emergency grants 1965/'66. The Council approved of the following schemes :

(1)	Road at Garryowen	£2,800
(2)	Continuation of roadway at Garryowen	£3,200
(4)	Wall and path at Rosbrien Church	£1,400

(5)	Cleaning, etc., of open area at Garryowen	£1,200
(7)	Completion of entrance to Bourke Avenue	£800
(9)	Conversion of old reservoir at Ennis Road into children's swimming pool	£3,500
(12)	Erection of wall at Bishop Street Playground	£700
(13)	Provision of dressingroom and extra toilet accommodation at Shelbourne Park	£1,200
(16)	Levelling and seeding additional area at St. Mary's Park	£400
(17)	Surfacing of proposed playground at Garryglass Avenue	£1,500

ITEM 18 :

Submitted list of schemes to be carried out subject to approval of the Minister for Local Government with the aid of grants from the Road Fund Grant. The Council approved of the submission of the following schemes :

Reconstruction of portion of O'Connell Avenue	£33,000
Reconstruction of Roches Street	£15,836
Reconstruction of Lower Cecil Street	£8,000
Reconstruction of Upper William Street (including Traffic Lights)	£21,387
Reconstruction of Longpavement Road	£4,000
A total of	£82,723

It was decided to defer Items 19, 20 and 21 to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee, and Item 22 to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

ITEM 23 :

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Danagher, and unanimously resolved :

" That acting as the Old Age Pensions Committee, we hereby appoint the City Manager and Town Clerk to act as Clerk of the Committee for a further period of six months from the 1st October, 1965."

ITEM 26 :

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Danagher, and unanimously resolved :

" That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing :

S.D. Advances—Mortgages : Margaret Keane, Island Road ; Patrick O'Grady, Ballinacurra Weston ; Liam Malone, Ballinacurra Weston ; William Kenihan, Ballinacurra Weston ; Anthony Loughran, Ballinacurra Weston.

S.D. Transfers : Premises, 90 Clareview Estate, Purcell to Grant. ; Premises, 29 Mayorstone Park, Wixted to McCann.

Mortgage : Mr. and Mrs. McCann and The Royal Liver Friendly Society.

Lease : Mr. Wixted, 29 Mayorstone Park.

Form of Discharge : Thomas Ryan, Island View, Corbally. Folio 200L, Co. Limerick.

Janesboro' Tenant Purchase Scheme : William Boland, 2 McDonagh Avenue, Lease and Mortgage.

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Trimby Estate, Rathbane : Rathbane No. 2 Area C.P.O. 1965, Engrossment.

Loan for Gas Department : Mortgage from Irish Life Assurance Co.

Street Trading Licence for Edmond Clancy.

MISCELLANEOUS :

1916 Commemoration : The Chairman said that next year would be the 50th anniversary of the Rising of 1916. He suggested that a sub-committee of the Council consisting of the Mayor, the three Aldermen and Cllr. Liddy be set up with a view to the making of the necessary arrangements for the full participation of Limerick City in the National Commemoration Ceremonies in connection with the event. Ald. Russell suggested that the local committee should include men and women who had associations with this period. He suggested that the Mayor should convene a meeting. The Council agreed that the Mayor be acquainted of their views in the matter.

It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, and unanimously resolved :

" That the congratulations of the Council be conveyed to Mr. M. Macken, County Manager, Carlow, on his appointment to the office of City Manager with Dublin Corporation, and that the Council extend to Mr. Macken their good wishes for his success in his new appointment. The Chairman said all the members of the Council wished to be associated with the resolution. The City Manager on behalf of the staff of the Corporation and his own behalf associated himself with the Council's message of good wishes. The meeting then adjourned.

A TRUE RECORD.

T. P. MACDIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

Confirmed in Council

this 12th Day of October 1965

Chairman

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

The Quarterly Statutory Meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 12th October, 1965.

ROLL CALL :

The Roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members answered :

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful Cllr. F. Leddin, Mayor.

Aldermen : J. Carew, S. Coughlan, T.D. ; G. E. Russell.

Councillors : W. Brazier, V. Feeney, F. Glasgow, P. Kelly, P. Kiely, J. Kirby, T. Lawlor, J. P. Liddy.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs. Condell and O'Sullivan.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk ; Asst. Town Clerk ; City Accountant ; City Engineer ; Architect ; Messrs. Lynch and Greene, Asst. City Engineers ; Mr. T. McNamara, Chief Planning Assistant ; Mr. Costelloe, Staff Officer ; Mr. Quilligan, Housing Officer.

CONDOLENCE :

It was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, and unanimously resolved : " That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to His Lordship the Bishop on the recent unexpected death of Very Rev. Canon Robert O'Sullivan, P.P., Abbeyfeale, and Very Rev. Fr. Brazil, P.P., Dromcollogher."

Proposed by His Worship the Mayor, and unanimously resolved : " That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. Sheahan on the death of Chevalier P. J. Sheahan."

ITEM 1 :

Proposed by Cllr. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. Liddy, and unanimously resolved :

" That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 14th September, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

Gas : In reply to Ald. Russell, the City Manager said that the Corporation had already appointed a Gas Salesman cum Collector since January, 1965. The appointment had a dual purpose, namely, the collection of hire purchase arrears, and the sales of gas equipment. The H.P. arrears had been high, but progress in reducing the arrears had been good and it was hoped that the employee would be able to engage effectively on sales in a short time.

Ald. Russell said that in his opinion an extra Salesman would be needed to promote sales.

Rutland Street : In reply to Ald. Coughlan, the City Manager said the acquisition of property was necessarily a slow process. He would advise the Council on the progress in the acquisition of the property at Rutland Street. It was agreed that the acquisition of this property was desirable for planning purposes.

COMHCUALLACHT LUIMNI.

Oifig Cleirigh na Cathrach,
Arus na Cathrach,
Luimneach.

8th October, 1965.

A Quarterly Statutory Meeting of the Limerick City Council will be held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday 12th October, 1965, at 7.30 p.m. to dispose of the following business:

1. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 14th September, 1965.

2. To confirm and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 28th September, 1965.

3. To read general correspondence.

4. To consider Financial Statement and Departmental Report for the month of September, 1965.

5. To consider the following motions of which due notice was given:

   (1) "That the Corporation scheme for Supplementary Grants for new houses be revised as from the 1st July, 1965, to accord with provisions of the new Housing Bill".

   Signed: S. Coughlan,
   P. Kelly,

   (2) "That the rates of pay of Watchmen employed by the Corporation be brought into line with rates for comparable employment in other areas".

   Signed: S. Coughlan.

   (3) "That the recent increase in Social Welfare Benefits be excluded in the differential rent assessment".

   Signed: S. Coughlan.
   31/8/1965.

6. Housing (and any reports in connection therewith).

7. To further consider proposed revision of Housing Rents (copy report herewith).

8. To consider the abstract of Accounts of the Corporation for the year ended 31st March, 1965.

9. To further consider report re Swimming Pools (copy herewith).

10. To approve of the disposal of land at Killeely Road (Notice sent to each member under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946).

11. To resolve to carry into execution the Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other approved schools 1966, as approved by the Minister for Education.

12. To consider proposed revision of salary scale for the office of Senior Architect.

13. To receive notice of new works, if any.

14. To authorise the affixing of the Corporate Seal to any documents presented for sealing.

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15. To consider motion forwarded by Wicklow County Council (copy circulated).

16. To consider any matter that may legally be dealt with at this meeting.

Your attendance at this meeting is requested.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

To/

Each Member of the City Council:
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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 14th September, 1965.

ROLL CALL :
The Roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members answered :
In the Chair : Ald. S. Coughlan, T.D.

Aldermen : J. Carew and G. E. Russell.

Councillors : W. Brazier, Mrs. F. Condell, V. Feeney, J. Danagher, F. Glasgow, P. Kiely, T. Lawlor, J. P. Liddy.

Officers present : City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Engineer ; Architect ; Gas Engineer ; City Solicitor ; Housing Officer, etc.

Deputation from the Greystones and District Residents Association :
On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Ald. Russell, a deputation from the Greystones and District Residents Association was heard. A spokesman for the deputation submitted the following matters for the consideration of the Council :

(1) **The Quarry at Mayorstone.** It was stated that the work was not fully completed. There was still water in the quarry in places to a depth of 5 ft. The Corporation were asked to complete the work and remove water without delay.

(2) **Regional Swimming Pool.** The Association recommended that a regional swimming pool be sited in the quarry at Mayorstone. Greystones and District Residents Association would be responsible for the caretaking of the pool.

(3) Section of the Estate was without an adequate water supply.

(4) The Association referred to a Derelict Site at Avondale Drive.

(5) The Corporation was asked to acquire compulsorily the site for a proposed Bowling Alley, permission for which had been refused by the Corporation and was now on appeal to the Minister for Local Government.

Ald. Russell expressed surprise that the quarry had not been filled as directed by the Council many months ago following a drowning tragedy. The City Engineer said the quarry had been filled within a month of the matter being raised at the Council. Any water in the quarry at the present time was rain-water. He would inspect the quarry again and would report to the Council on any further steps which the Corporation might take. The Chairman referred to the question of swimming pools and said this matter was to be considered at the meeting by the Council. With regard to the Bowling Alley, this matter was in the hands of the Minister for Local Government. The Chairman went on to refer

to the City Solicitor's report of the 23rd June, 1965, wherein it was stated that notwithstanding any decision taken by the Minister the Corporation could still require the lessors to comply with the covenants, that is, to develop the land in accordance with plans approved of by the Corporation. The City Engineer referred to the complaint regarding water pressure. He said water pressure in the area was marginal and it would be very expensive to remedy a particular complaint.

ITEM 1 :

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved :

" That the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on the 13th and 27th July, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

OTHER MATTERS WHICH AROSE OUT OF THE MINUTES :

Gas. Ald. Russell asked if the gas sales campaign had commenced. There were a large number of old gas cookers being used and efforts should be made to have these replaced. The Corporation should in any event try and have its own tenants continue as gas consumers. It was disappointing to note that after all the efforts to improve the productive capacity of the works it now appeared that it was not possible to sell the output. The City Manager said that a sales campaign was about to be started. The production end of the undertaking was now running smoothly and the time was appropriate for the advertising and sales campaign. The Manager said that arrangements were being made to modify the Hire Purchase charges and he was hopeful that it would be possible to improve gas sales over the winter period. Cllr. Feeney said the cause of the drop in the consumption of gas was the uncompetitive price of gas as a domestic fuel. This was the view of persons who had used gas. The City Manager said that it would be wrong if the impression was given that gas was a dearer fuel than its competitors. The fuel industry was a competitive one and the price of gas compared very favourably with other fuels.

ITEM 2 :

Proposed by Cllr. Lawlor, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved :

" That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 6th July, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

The Council decided to defer consideration of the minutes to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

ITEM 3 :

Proposed by Cllr. Lawlor, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved :

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Tenders Committee held on the 7th September, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

ITEM 4 : CORRESPONDENCE :

Submitted acknowledgments of Votes of Sympathy from the family of the late Mrs. Ann Coughlan, from the Rector of the Crescent College on the death of Fr. Morris, and from the Guardian of the Franciscans

on the death of Fr. Ephrem. Same were ordered to be noted in the minutes.

Submitted communication dated 6th August, 1965, from Mr. Sean O'Kelly, Hy Brasil, Ballysimon Road, Limerick, acknowledging the Council's message of congratulations on his son's appointment as Vice-Rector of the Scots College in Rome. Noted.

Submitted communication from the General Manager of the Condensed Milk Company of Ireland Ltd., acknowledging the Council's message of congratulations on his Company's success in the R.D.S. Spring Show. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 16th August, 1965, from the Head of the Sports Department, Telefis Eireann, with regard to the Council's complaint of lack of T.V. coverage of the Limerick Festival of Sport. Noted.

Submitted communication from the Limerick Health Authority stating that the Authority had nominated His Worship the Mayor, Alderman J. Carew and Cllr. J. Keane as representatives on the Board of Governors of Barrington's Hospital. Noted.

Submitted letter dated 13th August, 1965, from the Secretary of St. John's Hospital, Limerick, stating that Cllr. Mrs. F. Condell and Cllr. W. Brazier had been selected to represent the Corporation on the Management Committee with the Mayor ex officio.

The Committee had also considered the request that the time of the meetings might be changed but had decided to make no alteration. Noted.

ITEM 5 :

Submitted Financial Statement and Departmental Reports for the months of July and August, 1965. Noted.

ITEM 6 :

The Council gave leave to the Chairman, Ald. Coughlan, to have deferred to another meeting his motion which read : " That the recent increases in Social Welfare Benefits be excluded in the Differential Rent System."

It was proposed by Ald. Carew, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved :

" That we ask the Minister for Local Government to take the necessary steps to remove the 30 mile per hour speed limit sign from its present position in Ballinacurra to the point near the bus-stop at the end of Ballinacurra."

The following motion was moved by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor :

" That in order to encourage the expansion of greater economic activity and consequent increase in employment we call on the Government to identify Limerick as a development centre and to take the necessary steps to set up an industrial estate in or near Limerick City."

Ald. Russell, moving the motion, said he welcomed the recent statement by the Government that it was proposed to designate Waterford and Galway as development centres. The wording of the statement issued by the Government stated that these centres would be in addition to Dublin, Cork and the Limerick/Shannon/Ennis centre. This suggested that the Limerick/Shannon/Ennis area was already a development centre. He did not think this could be accepted as far as Limerick was concerned, as Shannon and Ennis could offer inducements by way of

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grants, and in the case of Shannon exemption from tax on profits arising from exports greater than Limerick could offer. He went on to say that Limerick had never reached the stature of a manufacturing centre. Its designation as a development centre would ensure that it could offer all the facilities which it was proposed to allow these centres to offer.

Cllr. Liddy said that the Government had accepted Limerick as a development centre. This statement had been made in the preliminary announcement referred to by Ald. Russell and he failed to see why further representations were necessary. There was no question of Limerick having to prove its case. He drew attention to the fact that sites for industry were not available in Limerick City.

Ald. Carew, supporting the motion, said that employment in Limerick in industry was not as great now as it had been in previous years. Some of the older industries were not employing as many as they had a few years ago. It is important that the element of industrial employment in Limerick be increased. If State funds were being used to set up development centres Limerick was an obvious centre which should get its share of these funds.

The City Manager said that the Corporation had sites available in Rathbane for industrial purposes. The development proposals for this area were settled and an industrial estate of about 30 acres would be provided. He understood the Harbour Commissioners had land in the Dock Road which was also available for industrial purposes.

Ald. Russell summing up the debate said the question was would the concessions for the development centres established in Waterford and Galway apply in the case of the centres which were referred to in the report as established centres such as Dublin, Cork, Limerick/Shannon/Ennis; if so there would be no problem. If not, Limerick would have to press strongly to be given the same concessions as Galway and Waterford.

The motion was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

ITEM 7 : HOUSING :

The Chairman raised a number of points under this heading; replies were given as follows :—

Parnell Street : The City Manager said the preparation of a C.P.O. was under way for Parnell Street.

Rutland Street : Negotiations had commenced for the purchase of properties in Rutland Street.

Garryowen Reservoir : The Corporation was concerned about the lack of protection of the Garryowen Reservoir. The matter of providing protection for the Reservoir would be examined.

Bridge over the Shannon : The City Manager said that the Council would be provided with a statement of the procedures which must be followed in connection with the erection of a new bridge.

Abattoir : The C.V.O. and the Architect had had discussions with officers of the Department of Agriculture, following which further progress on the preparation of plans could be made.

Sub-Tenants : The City Manager said that under the new Housing Bill it would be open to the Council to make their own Scheme setting out the priorities in the letting of houses. It might be possible in this to do something towards the re-housing of sub-tenants in other than existing Corporation houses.

Arthur's Quay : In reply to the Chairman, the City Manager said

that the Corporation's Prohibition Order on temporary dwellings did not extend to Arthur's Quay. The Council indicated that the Order should be extended so as to cope with the parking of caravans in this area. The City Manager said the matter would have attention.

ITEM 8 :

It was proposed by Cllr. F. Glasgow, seconded by Ald. G. E. Russell, and unanimously resolved :

"That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 4 of the Local Government No. 2 Act, 1960, to the borrowing by way of overdraft of a sum not exceeding £300,000 on the Municipal Fund (Revenue) Account for the period ending 31st December, 1965."

It was proposed by Cllr. F. Glasgow, seconded by Ald. G. E. Russell, and unanimously resolved :

"That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 4 of the Local Government No. 2 Act, 1960, to the borrowing by way of overdraft of sums not exceeding—

Gas Revenue No. 1 Account	£164,000;
Gas Revenue No. 2 Account	£5,000;
Gas Capital Account (Plant)	£10,000;
Gas Capital Account (Main Laying)	£22,000,

for the period ending 31st December, 1965."

Proposed by Cllr. F. Glasgow, seconded by Ald. G. E. Russell, and unanimously resolved :

"That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 4 of the Local Government No. 2 Act, 1960, to the borrowing by way of temporary overdraft of sums not exceeding the following on the Capital Account :

Quarter ending 31st December, 1965 :

Housing	£195,000,
Sanitary	£6,000,
Lanigan's Bank	£11,000."

It was proposed by Cllr. Glasgow, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved :

"That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum not exceeding £200,000 for the purpose of making loans under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, and the sum of £40,000 for the purpose of making Local Grants under Section 12 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962."

ITEM 9 :

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Glasgow, and unanimously resolved :

"That the sum of £25,000 be borrowed by the Corporation from the Irish Life Assurance Company to finance the laying of Gas Mains in the Greenhills-Tankfield Area, repayable to the Company by 70 equal half-yearly instalments of Principal and Interest combined of £935 7s. 0d. each, the first of which shall become payable on the 1st March, 1966, and that repayment of these monies be secured by a Mortgage of the Rates and Funds which the Corporation are authorised to mortgage for securing repayment of money borrowed for said purposes and further resolving that the Indenture of Mortgage now presented for the purposes of effecting the foregoing terms of this resolution be sealed with the Seal of the Limerick Corporation."

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ITEM 10 :

Submitted report of conference with representatives of the Limerick County Council regarding the Fairgreen. Copy of the report had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. The report stated that the County Council would be willing to sell portion of its lands at Fairgreen to the Corporation to be used for any of the functions of the Local Authority; that the County Council would determine what portions of the land would be retained for use of fairs and the County Council would then advise the Corporation of the area which it is willing to sell and the price sought. As a result of the foregoing the Chairman suggested that it would be worth considering if representatives of the City Council might meet with representatives of the County Council at each quarter to discuss problems of mutual interest. It was agreed that this matter would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

ITEM 11 :

Swimming Pools : It was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

ITEM 12 :

It was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

ITEM 13 :

Submitted report on King John's Castle. The Chairman suggested that the Council should initiate discussions with the Limerick County Council, Shannonside, Shannon Development Company and the Office of Public Works, to consider improving the amenities of King John's Castle, and thus develop it as a tourist attraction. This suggestion was agreed to.

ITEM 14 :

Submitted circular letter from the Department of Local Government re the problem of itinerancy. It was decided to defer consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

ITEM 15 :

Re: Pound. It was decided to defer this matter to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

ITEM 16 :

Secondary Scholarship Scheme : It was decided to re-convene the Scholarships Sub-Committee to consider this matter and report back to the Council.

ITEM 17 :

Submitted report dated 8th September, 1965, from the Deputy City Manager, together with report from the City Engineer and a list containing the schemes from which a selection from which the Council was asked to select works to be carried out with the aid of employment emergency grants 1965/'66. The Council approved of the following schemes :

(1)	Road at Garryowen	£2,800
(2)	Continuation of roadway at Garryowen	£3,200
(4)	Wall and path at Rosbrien Church	£1,400

(5)	Cleaning, etc., of open area at Garryowen	£1,200
(7)	Completion of entrance to Bourke Avenue	£800
(9)	Conversion of old reservoir at Ennis Road into children's swimming pool	£3,500
(12)	Erection of wall at Bishop Street Playground	£700
(13)	Provision of dressingroom and extra toilet accommodation at Shelbourne Park	£1,200
(16)	Levelling and seeding additional area at St. Mary's Park	£400
(17)	Surfacing of proposed playground at Garryglass Avenue	£1,500

ITEM 18 :

Submitted list of schemes to be carried out subject to approval of the Minister for Local Government with the aid of grants from the Road Fund Grant. The Council approved of the submission of the following schemes :

Reconstruction of portion of O'Connell Avenue	£33,000
Reconstruction of Roches Street	£15,836
Reconstruction of Lower Cecil Street	£8,000
Reconstruction of Upper William Street (including Traffic Lights)	£21,387
Reconstruction of Longpavement Road	£4,000
A total of	£82,723

It was decided to defer Items 19, 20 and 21 to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee, and Item 22 to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

ITEM 23 :

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Danagher, and unanimously resolved :

" That acting as the Old Age Pensions Committee, we hereby appoint the City Manager and Town Clerk to act as Clerk of the Committee for a further period of six months from the 1st October, 1965."

ITEM 26 :

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Danagher, and unanimously resolved :

" That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing :

S.D. Advances—Mortgages : Margaret Keane, Island Road ; Patrick O'Grady, Ballinacurra Weston ; Liam Malone, Ballinacurra Weston ; William Kenihan, Ballinacurra Weston ; Anthony Loughran, Ballinacurra Weston.

S.D. Transfers : Premises, 90 Clareview Estate, Purcell to Grant. ; Premises, 29 Mayorstone Park, Wixted to McCann.

Mortgage : Mr. and Mrs. McCann and The Royal Liver Friendly Society.

Lease : Mr. Wixted, 29 Mayorstone Park.

Form of Discharge : Thomas Ryan, Island View, Corbally. Folio 200L, Co. Limerick.

Janesboro' Tenant Purchase Scheme : William Boland, 2 McDonagh Avenue, Lease and Mortgage.

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Trimby Estate, Rathbane : Rathbane No. 2 Area C.P.O. 1965, Engrossment.

Loan for Gas Department : Mortgage from Irish Life Assurance Co.

Street Trading Licence for Edmond Clancy.

MISCELLANEOUS :

1916 Commemoration : The Chairman said that next year would be the 50th anniversary of the Rising of 1916. He suggested that a sub-committee of the Council consisting of the Mayor, the three Aldermen and Cllr. Liddy be set up with a view to the making of the necessary arrangements for the full participation of Limerick City in the National Commemoration Ceremonies in connection with the event. Ald. Russell suggested that the local committee should include men and women who had associations with this period. He suggested that the Mayor should convene a meeting. The Council agreed that the Mayor be acquainted of their views in the matter.

It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, and unanimously resolved :

" That the congratulations of the Council be conveyed to Mr. M. Macken, County Manager, Carlow, on his appointment to the office of City Manager with Dublin Corporation, and that the Council extend to Mr. Macken their good wishes for his success in his new appointment. The Chairman said all the members of the Council wished to be associated with the resolution. The City Manager on behalf of the staff of the Corporation and his own behalf associated himself with the Council's message of good wishes. The meeting then adjourned.

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T. P. MACDIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse, by kind permission of the County Registrar, on Tuesday, 28th September, 1965, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present :

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful Cllr. F. Leddin, Mayor.

Aldermen : J. Carew, S. Coughlan, G. E. Russell.

Councillors : W. Brazier, F. Glasgow, J. Keane, P. Kiely, T. Lawlor, J. P. Liddy.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Cllr. Mrs. Condell, Cllr. Lipper, Cllr. Kirby.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Solicitor ; City Engineer ; City Accountant ; Architect ; Mr. Greene, Acting City Engineer ; Housing Officer ; Staff Officers in City Engineer's Office and Town Clerk's Office.

ITEM 1 :

Housing—(a) Construction : In reply to Ald. Russell, the City Manager outlined the position on housing construction as set out in the Departmental Report for the month of August, 1965.

Watergate Housing Scheme : There was a brief discussion with regard to the present position regarding Watergate Housing Scheme. The Architect said that the working drawings would be ready within two months and that the Corporation would be in a position to invite tenders by the end of November. He referred to the shortage of staff in his Department. In reply to Ald. Russell, Cllr. Liddy and Ald. Carew, the City Manager said that the Corporation was continually trying to get technical staff for the Architect's Department. It appeared that temporary posts were not attractive. The Manager said that the Corporation's programme was being advanced according to plan.

Bridge at Roxboro' Road : In reply to the Mayor, the City Engineer said that preliminary discussions had taken place with C.I.E. regarding the railway bridge at Roxboro' Road. He said it would be necessary to consider any improvement of the bridge as part of the general improvement for the whole Roxboro' Road. Such a scheme was in course of preparation.

System Building : In reply to Ald. Russell, the City Manager said that a submission would be made in a matter of days to the Department giving the Corporation's brief for the development of lands at Galvone for upwards of 800 houses, by the National Building Agency.

Public Lighting : Cllr. Liddy asked at what stage did the E.S.B. instal public lighting in Corporation schemes. Ald. Coughlan said there was no lighting in Kennedy Park. Reference was also made to the absence of lighting in College Park, Corbally, a private scheme. The City Manager said that public lighting normally proceeded concurrently with the building, and in the case of private schemes, public lighting was provided when the roads were handed over. Members of the Council were critical of the delay in having public lighting installed in schemes in which some of the houses were occupied. They asked that the matter be taken up with the E.S.B.

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Revision of Housing Rents : Submitted report from the City Manager dated 24th September, 1965. Referring to the decision of the Council at the Estimates meeting to include a figure of £170,150 for rents, the report said that recent reviews indicated that the maximum sum which would be received under this heading in the current financial year was £155,000. In order to reduce the deficiency of the rent income it was proposed to adjust rents charged to Corporation tenants who occupy houses let at fixed rents and graded rents. There were 953 tenants in the former category and 522 in the latter. A schedule was attached to the report giving details of the rents in the various schemes. The rents varied from 1/4d. and 1/9d. in St. Mary's Park to 10/0d. in Janesboro', with the exception of two small schemes, Cherry Place and Newgate Place. The rents were originally fixed on completion of the schemes, and there had been only one alteration made in the weekly rent charge which was an increase of 1/0d. per week in April, 1958. A revision of the rents was overdue and it was proposed to make an order increasing all rents by an amount of 6s. 0d. per week with effect from the week commencing 18th October, 1965. The tenants to be given an option of accepting as an alternative the differential renting system if the conditions of this scheme were more favourable to them. The additional income which would be received from this adjustment was estimated at £9,000. The report directed attention of the members of the Council to the serious debit balance which had arisen on the Corporation's housing account. The accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1965, showed a deficit of £84,725 on this account. The report concluded that it was imperative that the Corporation take the appropriate steps to substantially reduce this debit balance.

Cllr. Liddy said the increase of 6s. 0d. was too great. Some people paying fixed rents could afford to pay more, but he was concerned about persons in receipt of Social Welfare Benefits.

Ald. Russell said the Corporation's policy should be to lighten the burden as far as possible on the aged, those who were ill, those with large families. The increase seemed to him not to have regard to these factors in so far as it was the intention to increase over all the houses without taking into consideration the ability of the persons to pay. He asked the City Manager to have another look at his proposal and to re-submit.

Ald. Coughlan said no information had been given as to how the figure of 6s. 0d. had been reached. The increase was too great having regard to the standard and condition of the houses in the schemes concerned.

Cllr. Keane said he was opposed to any increase in rents.

The City Manager said the alternative to go on the differential rent was being allowed in his proposal. This should cover any case where the increase in the fixed rent was likely to result in hardship. It must be evident that rents fixed in the 1930's could no longer be considered as equitable having regard to the reduction in money values which had taken place. The present position was that new tenancies in these schemes were placed on the differential rent, the maximum of which was an economic rent, in the circumstances it was not inequitable to ask those paying fixed rents to bear an increased share of the rent income to the Corporation.

After some further discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Keane, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, " That no increase be applied to fixed or graded rents."

The City Manager said that the Corporation could not allow the deficit on the housing account to continue. Steps must be taken to clear it. After some further discussion the Council decided to defer consideration of this matter until the next monthly meeting. The City Manager agreed to the Council's request. The motion was not put to the meeting.

ITEM 2 :

Again submitted report from the City Manager and City Engineer regarding Swimming Pools. The Council decided to adjourn further consideration of this matter.

ITEM 3 :

Vacancies on the National Monuments Committee : After a brief discussion the City Council decided that the term of office of members of the National Monuments Committee appointed in 1960 be terminated and that the following committee be elected to hold office until the appointment of their successors :

A nominee of the Thomond Archaeological Society,
A nominee of the Shannonside Mid-Western Tourism Organisation,
A nominee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce,
Cllr. Mrs. F. Condell,
Cllr. F. Glasgow,
P. O. S. O Ceallachain, Uas., Architect,
Miss Murphy, St. Margaret's, O'Callaghan Strand,
Mr. S. Downey, O'Curry Street,
Mr. Joseph O'Malley, Solicitor, Glentworth Street,
Mr. John Cuddy, Quantity Surveyor, O'Connell Street.

ITEM 4 :

Again submitted circular letter L.11/66 from the Department of Local Government regarding the problem of itinerancy. Noted.

It was stated that a meeting of the Working Committee of representatives of local councils in this region would be held shortly to further consider the problem and how it affects local authorities in the Limerick area.

ITEM 5 :

Submitted report re Pound. The report said that in September, 1963, the Council had approved of the purchase from C.I.E. of a site in Lelia Street for the sum of £1,500. The site to be converted for use as a city pound to replace the existing pound in Watergate which would be disturbed in the re-development of that area. The Lelia Street site was suitable for use as a general pound subject to the carrying out of repairs and modifications at an estimated cost of £1,200. Alternatively a proposal that two separate pounds be established was acceptable to the County Registrar, (a) a goods pound in Lelia Street subject to repairs and modifications at an estimated cost of £850, and (b) an animal pound sited at Corcanree near the proposed abattoir site. An estimated cost would be in the order of £4,000. Ald. Russell, Ald. Carew, Ald Coughlan suggested that the alternative of having a goods pound in Lelia Street and an animal pound in Corcanree was the more attractive of the two suggestions put forward. Cllr. Lawlor asked why not provide for the lot in Corcanree. The City Manager said that it might take some time before a pound was provided in Corcanree. It could be provided

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quickly in Lelia Street at comparatively low expense. After a further brief discussion, it was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Ald. Carew, and unanimously resolved:

"That the Corporation proceed with the provision of a goods pound on portion of the site acquired at Lelia Street and an animal pound on the site at Corcanree near the abattoir site."

ITEM 6 :

Submitted report of the Scholarships Sub-Committee stating that the Sub-Committee had considered the Secondary Scholarships Scheme for 1966. It was proposed to the Council that the Scheme be adopted without change from the 1965 Scheme except changes in dates as required. On the motion of Cllr. Keane, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, it was unanimously resolved :

"That the Scholarship Scheme for 1966 be and is hereby adopted as recommended by the Scholarships Sub-Committee."

ITEM 7 :

Submitted Street Service Vehicles Bye-Laws as put forward by the Commissioner of the Gardai. The draft Bye-Laws, together with a copy of a report setting out the amendments proposed, had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Council were generally in agreement with the amendments but suggested that the number of cars in Thomas Street from its junction with Catherine Street towards Wickham Street might be reduced from 6 to 3. It was decided on the suggestion of Ald. Coughlan to defer the matter to the Secretary of the Limerick Taxi Owners Association for its views and to re-submit the matter to the next meeting of the Council.

Submitted report dated 9th September, 1965, on the Traffic Warden Scheme. The report stated that one of the difficulties which had been experienced in the operation of the Scheme had arisen owing to the absence on the Corporation's staff of persons competent to supervise the Wardens. It had been agreed with the Safety First Association that the Association would, acting as agent for the Corporation, undertake the operation of the Scheme and would be responsible for the recruitment, placing and supervision, and payment of Traffic Wardens in Limerick. The Corporation would reimburse the Association its outlay in the payment of wages and for the cost of any clothing, etc., supplied and would also, subject to the approval of the Council, pay an annual grant to the Association of £250. After a brief discussion it was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Ald. Carew, and unanimously resolved :

"That having considered report dated 9th September, 1965, from the City Manager, we hereby approve of the proposed arrangement whereby the Safety First Association will act as the agent for the Corporation in the recruitment, training, placing and supervision of traffic wardens. We approve of the payment of a grant of £250 per annum to the Association in respect of this work."

ITEM 9 :

Submitted request from the Shannonside Mid-Western Tourism Organisation for a grant towards the cost of a tourism survey of the Shannon estuary, copy of communication dated 15th July from the Company and copy of report with regard to the scope of the survey were circulated prior to the meeting.

It was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved :

"That the Corporation pay to Shannonside (Mid-Western Tourism Organisation) a grant of £400 towards the cost of a tourism survey of the Shannon estuary; the liability to pay the grant to fall within the next financial year."

ITEM 11 :

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Ald. Carew, and unanimously resolved :

"That the Corporate seal be affixed to the following documents submitted for sealing :

Janesboro' Sporting and Athletic Club—Lease.

S.D. Transfer—Form of Consent : O'Neill to Wallace, 8 Corporation Cottages.

S.D. Transfers—Release of charge with Memorial : O'Brien to Baines, re Limerick Corporation to Denis O'Brien, 3 Greenfields, N.C. Road.

Agreement : South Hill East Building Scheme—Thomas McInerney & Sons Ltd., File No. 574.

S.D. Advances—Mortgage : Timothy Danagher.

Closing Orders : 1 South Circular Road (4 Orders).

Demolition Orders : 7 Little Davis Street ; 21 Halls Range ; 20 Lelia Place ; 17 Lelia Place ; 9 Lelia Place ; 4 Lelia Place.

Limerick Corporation 3½% Redeemable Stock, 1956/'72 : Stock Certs. 1882—1887.

Undertaking to Repay Loan £145,200—erection of 65 houses under Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

ITEM 12 :

1916 Commemoration : The Mayor, in reply to Ald. Coughlan, said he proposed to hold an early meeting of the Aldermen and Cllr. Liddy to consider steps which might be taken to organise an appropriate commemoration of 1916 in Limerick City.

Planning Meeting : The City Manager reported that the City Engineer and the Chief Planning Officer would be absent on the 5th October, the date of the ordinary monthly planning meeting. It was decided to postpone this meeting to Tuesday, the 19th October.

CONDOLENCE :

Proposed by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved :

"That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. C. Davis, of Alpine Villas, O'Connell Avenue, on the death of his father."

To Michael Hynes, of 71 Fairgreen, on the death of his wife.

To Christopher Carey, of 38 Fairgreen, on the death of his mother.

To Richard McNamara, 10 Downey Street, Killalee, on the death of his brother.

To Mr. Rochford, of 31 Kilmurry Road, Killalee, on the death of his father.

A TRUE RECORD.

TOMAS MacDIARMADA,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR,
ALDERMEN, AND MEMBERS OF THE
LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

To be considered at the Meeting of the Council

TO BE HELD ON 12th OCT., 1965

For Four Weeks ended 25th SEPT., 1965

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1.—HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.

St. John's Housing Scheme. (86 houses) — All houses handed over. Scheme completed except for some clearing up.

Roxboro Road Housing Scheme (254 Houses)—(J. F. Kennedy Park)
Work proceeding on the construction of 115 houses.
Site Works 76.3% complete.
Development 63.7% complete.
Superstructure 88.5% complete.
129 houses handed over. 10 houses completed and not yet handed over.
108 houses roofed and tiled. 5 houses to first floor level.
No. of men employed, 196; 92 skilled ; 104 unskilled.

Convent Field Janesboro' Housing Scheme.
Work proceeding on the construction of 65 houses.
Superstructure 6.76% complete.
Site works 35.2% complete.
Development 1.8% complete. 16 houses to first floor level
6 houses to ground floor level.
No. of men employed 52 ; 15 skilled ; 37 unskilled.

Watergate.
Work proceeding on the working drawings.

South Hill Housing Scheme (East). The Highfield.
Work proceeding on the construction of 167 houses.
Development 1% Superstructure 2.1%; Site Works 22.0% complete
14 houses to first floor level. 63 houses to ground floor level.
No. of men employed 41; 11 skilled ; 30 unskilled.

South Hill Housing Scheme (West). (348 houses)
Draft layout plans completed, and forwarded for preliminary sanction.

Housing Letting—

No. of first lettings ...	9
Number of houses re-let ...	9
*No. of houses vacant 31/9/65 ...	7

*Includes 5 dwellings at St. John's.

2.—HOUSING MAINTENANCE.

Items of Repair attended to in Mouth of Sept., 1965.

Strand Barracks Area	311	Complaints taken	...	507
Garryowen Area ...	272	,, ,,	...	342
Prospect Area ...	239	,, ,,	...	440
Ballynanty Beg Area ...	235	,, ,,	...	346
Janesboro ...	223	,, ,,	...	306
TOTAL	1280			1941

3.—ROADS. —No. of men employed, 38, 35 unskilled. 3 skilled

4.—SANITARY SERVICE WORKS.—Nil.

5.—PARKS.

There were no trees planted in September.

4 Trees	broken	Corbally
3 Trees	broken	Hyde Road
1 Tree	,,	Garryowen
1 ,,	,,	Mayorstone
2 Trees	,,	Fr. Russell Park

120 acres of grass cut with three machines during month of September.

6.—VETERINARY INSPECTION.

INSPECTION OF PRIVATE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES STALLS, Etc.

	Inspected	Condemned Whole	Partial	Tubercular	%	Other Diseases
Cattle	268	—	—	—	—	—
Calves	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep	1600	—	—	—	—	—
Pigs	62	—	—	—	—	—
Sows	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Visited by Inspector	Weight of Food Condemned Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Private Slaughter-houses ...	96	—	2	0	18
Stalls, Shops, etc.	92	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	188	—	2	0	18

7.—MILK AND DAIRIES ACT : VETERINARY LABORATORY, etc.

Number of Milk Shops Inspected	6
Number of Milk Cars Inspected	6
Total Number of Tests carried out...	20
Number of Reductase Tests	—
,, ,, failures	—
,, ,, Gerber Tests	9
,, ,, failures	—
,, ,, Coliform Tests	—
,, ,, failures	—
,, ,, Plate Counts	9
,, ,, visits to approved Milk Shops	6
,, ,, Cows examined	—
,, ,, Dairy Yards Inspected	—
,, ,, Phosphotase Test	2
,, ,, Phosphotase Test of failures	—

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8.—GAS DEPARTMENT. September, 1965.

Make of Gas for month	82012 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1964	85743 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1963	89140 Therms
Sale of Coke for month	394 Tons
Sale of Coke same month last year	395 Tons

	Crude Gallons	Refined £. s. d.
Sale of Tar for month	189	18 0 0
Sale of Tar for same month last year ...	171	17 0 0

Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of month—		
	Revenue No. 1	£155.983 2 3
do	Revenue No. 2	£3.098 3 3
Debit do	Capital Ac.	£24.921 7 7
Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of same month last year—	Revenue No. 1	£145.580 9 4
do	Revenue No. 2	£12,720 16 11
Credit	Capital Ac.	£726 17 1
Number of Men employed at end of month		... 61
Number of Men employed at end of same month 'ast year ...		63

9.—PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Statistical Return for Period from Aug. 25th, 1965 to Sept. 25th, 1965

BOOK STOCK—

Total number of books in stock 24/8/65	27,196
Number of books added during above period	336
Number of books withdrawn	110
Total number of books in stock 25/9/'65	27,422

2. BOOK ISSUES—	Number	% of Total Issue
Fiction	2995	39%
Non-Fiction	1819	23.6%
Reference	811	10.5%
Juvenile	2096	26.9%
TOTAL ...	7721	100%
Average Daily Issue		... 276

3. BORROWERS—	
Tickets in use—Adult Fiction	... 1400
,, ,, ,, Adult Non-Fiction	... 1337
,, ,, ,, Juvenile	... 1302
TOTAL	... 4039
Newsroom—Average daily attendance	... 8
Museum—Total attendance for month	... 2560
6. Art Gallery—Total attendance for month	... 447

TOMAS MAC DIARMADA,
City Manager and Town Clerk

McKerns Printing, Limerick

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

FINANCIAL POSITION ON THE LAST DAY OF SEPTEMBER,1965

MUNICIPAL FUND

1. EXPENDITURE

	Current Year	Last Year
From 1st April to 31st August	£519486	£454245
For the month of September	£ 73368	£ 56668
Total Expenditure to date:	£592854	£510913

2. RECEIPTS

	RATES		RENTS		ALL OTHER SOURCES		TOTAL	
	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year
From 1st April to 31st August	£181890	£161734	£107917	£99217	£134303	£113423	£424110	£374374
For the month of September	£ 63601	£ 54666	£ 23215	£21080	£ 15646	£ 16543	£102462	£ 92289
Total Receipts to date :	£245491	£216400	£131132	£120297	£149949	£129966	£526572	£466663

3. RATE COLLECTION

		CURRENT WARRANT	CURRENT PERCENTAGE	LAST YEAR'S WARRANT	LAST YEAR'S PERCENTAGE
		£556463	100.00%	£483857	100.00%
Collected to 31st August £181890					
Discounts	1745	£183635	32.99%	£163289	33.46%
Balance outstanding at 31st August		£372828	67.01%	£320568	66.54%
Collected for month of September		£ 63601	11.43%	£ 54666	11.29%
Balance outstanding at 30th September		£309227	55.58%	£265902	55.25%
Transferred to Rate Mortgage A/c		to 30/9/65	£15295	to 30/9/64	£15295
Paid " " " "		to 30/9/65	£ 458	to 30/9/64	£446

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4.	HOUSING RENTS			
	Arrears	31/3/65 £4251	30/9/65 £4810	30/9/64 £4725

5.	SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITIONS ACTS :	31/3/65	30/9/65	30/9/64
	Arrears of Instalments due by Borrowers	£4820	£4562	£7294

6.	WATER CHARGES :	Current Year	Last Year
	Arrears due on 31st August	£3535	£3087
	Debited for Collection during month of September	£5218	£5345
	Total for Collection	£8753	£8432
	Collected and lodged during month of September	£4064	£2977
	Balance outstanding at end of September	£4689	£5455

7.	REVENUE ACCOUNT :	Current Year	Last Year
	Amount due to Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of September	£226713	£145920
	Paying Orders issued but not cashed at end of September	6621	18138
	TOTAL DEBIT BALANCE	£233334	£164058

8.	CAPITAL ACCOUNT :	Current Year	Last Year
	Amount due to bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of September	£105059	£164382

9.	GAS ACCOUNT :	Current Year	Last Year
	Amount due per Bank Pass Book No. 1 Revenue A/C to end of September	£155933	£145580
	" " " " " " " 2 Do do.	£ 3098	£ 12721
	" " " " " " " Capital A/C do.	£ 24921	727 Cr.

In pursuance of Section 16(2) of the Limerick City Management Act 1934, I have caused to be prepared by the City Accountant the foregoing statement of the financial position of the Corporation of Limerick on the last day of September with the corresponding figures for the same month and period last year.

DATE : 8th October, 1965.

TOMAS MacDIARMADA
CITY MANAGER AND TOWN CLERK

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

24th September, 1965.

To/ The Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the City Council.

REVISION OF HOUSING RENTS.

The income of the Corporation from housing rents has been under review since the adoption of the Estimate of Expenses for the current financial year. A sum of £153,400 (nett rent) was included in the Estimate submitted to the Council in March last. At the Estimates Meeting this figure was modified to £170,150 with a view to reducing the total amount of the rate levy for the current financial year. At the Estimates Meeting I indicated to the Council that this sum could not be realised without further adjustment of the rents charged. The recent reviews have confirmed this opinion and it is estimated that the maximum sum which will be received for the year is £155,000.

In order to reduce the deficiency in the rent income it is proposed to adjust the rents charged to Corporation tenants who occupy houses let (a) at fixed rent, and (b) at graded rents. There are 952 tenants in the former category and 522 in the latter. A schedule is attached to this report which gives details of the rents for the various schemes concerned. The schedule also shows the rateable valuation of the houses and the addition which is made to the weekly rent in respect of rates. From this schedule it will be seen that the rent levies (exclusive of rates) vary from 1/4d. and 1/9d. in St. Mary's Park to 10/- in Janesboro. With the exception of two small schemes (Cherry Place and Newgate Place) all the fixed rent and graded rent houses fall within this range. Since these rents were originally fixed on the completion of the schemes there has been only one alteration made in the weekly rent charged, which was increased by 1/- per week in April, 1958. It can be seen, accordingly, that a revision of these rents is overdue, and it is proposed to make an order increasing all rents in these schemes by an amount of 6/- per week, to be effective from the week commencing 18th October, 1965, the tenants of the houses to be given an option of accepting as an alternative the differential renting scheme if the conditions of this scheme are more favourable to them.

This increase will not in itself be sufficient to meet the anticipated deficiency on the housing rent account in the Estimate. The additional income which will be received from this adjustment is estimated at £9,000. Attention of the Members of the Council is again directed to the serious debit balance which has arisen on the Corporation's housing account. The accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1965, showed a deficit of £84,725 on this account. It is imperative that the Corporation takes appropriate steps to substantially reduce this debit balance.

T. P. MacDiarmada,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

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HOUSES ON FIXED RENTS.

22nd September, 1965

Rateable Valuation	Weekly Rate @ 70/6 in £		Weekly Rent exclusive of Rates		Scheme	Total Number
£	s.	d.	s.	d.		
3	4	1	3	9	Goal Lane No. 9	1
					Long Lane No. 12,13, 15	3
					Clancys Lane No.5,6, 8,9	4
					Fish Lane No.3,6,7,9	4
			5	9	Goal Lane No. 10	1
					Long Lane No.14,16	2
3½	4	9	3	10	Davitt St. No. 2	1
					Mitchell St. No. 1,5, 6,7	4
			4	2	Mary St. No. 39,40, 41,42	4
					Athlunkard St. No.47	1
			4	10	Mitchell St. No. 4,8	2
			5	3	Davitt St. No. 1,3,4	3
					Grattan St. No.24,28	2
			6	2	Sir Harry's Mall No.18	1
4	5	5	5	4	Nolans Cottages No.1 to No. 12	12
			5	11	Grattan St. No. 6,7	2
			6	1	Grattan St. No. 10.	1
			6	7	Grattan St. No. 11.	1
4½	6	1	4	10	Quinn's Cottages No. 22,23,27,45,46,47.	6
					Mitchell St. No. 4,8.	2
					Rossa Villas No. 7,9,14	3
			5	8	Grattan St. No. 9	1
			6	5	Rossa Villas No. 10,11	2
			6	7	Grattan St. No. 8,26	2
5	6	9	5	2	Rossa Villas No. 4A,1	2
			6	11	Rossa Villas No. 2	1
			9	11	Goal Lane No. 7	1
					Mary St. No. 44,45	2
					John St. No. 25,26, 27	3
					Lelia St. No. 8 to 11,13	5
					Sarsfield Ave. No. 3A,4A 1,13,16	5
					Church St. No.9,10,12,13 14.	5
5½	7	5	1	4	St. Mary's Park Total	
			1	9	St. Mary's Park fixed rent houses in scheme	298
						387

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HOUSES ON FIXED RENTS (Cont'd)

Rateable Valuation	Weekly Rate @ 70/6 in £	Weekly Rent Exclusive of Rates	Scheme	Total Number
			Bt. Forward	387
£	s. d.	s. d.		
6	8 2	3 6	Castle Barracks No. 1, 3,5,8,9,11,12,13,15, 16,17,18,22 to 26	17
		9 0	Kilalee, Total Fixed Rent in Scheme	66
6¼	8 6	3 6	St. Mary's Park See Page 1.	
6½	8 10	3 11	St. Mary's Park See Page 1.	
		8 4	Donnellans Buildings No. 1,4 to 19,20 to 32	29
			Rossa Avenue, No. 1 to 6,8,9,11,12 to 23,25, 27 to 31,34 to 42	29
6¾	9 2	5 8	St. Mary's Park See Page 1.	
		9 0	Kilalee, See Above	
		9 10	O'Dwyer Villas, Total F.R. for Scheme	80
		10 0	Janesboro, Total F.R. for Scheme	222
8	10 10	8 6	Pennywell, Total F.R. in Scheme	83
			Sean Heuston Place, Total F.R. in Scheme	27
8½	11 6	8 6	Pennywell, See Above	
			Sean Heuston Place, See Above.	
8¾	11 10	8 6	Pennywell, See Above	
9	12 2	8 6	Pennywell, See Above	
			Sean Heuston Place, See Above.	
			Reidy Park, No. 1 to 6	6
9½	12 11	8 6	Pennywell, See Above.	
		18 0	Cherry Place, No. 1,2, 4,5,6.	5
			Newgate Place, No. 1,3	2
				953

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HOUSES ON GRADED RENTS

Rateable Valuation	Weekly Rate @ 70/6 in £	Weekly Rent Exclusive of Rates	Scheme
£	s. d.	s. d.	
$6\frac{3}{4}$	9 2	6 7	Kileely 267 dwellings
		4 1	
		3 1	
		6 1	Prospect 255 dwellings
		4 1	
		2 7	
$6\frac{1}{2}$	8 10	6 1	Kileely
		4 1	
		3 1	
		6 1	Prospect
		4 1	
		2 7	Note Following houses are now subject to Differential Renting System: Kileely 101 dwellings Prospect 81 dwellings

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

23rd July, 1965.

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors:

Attached herewith report dated 16th instant from the City Engineer on the standard design for swimming pools made available by the Department of Local Government.

The City Engineer, in his report, details the dimensions of the swimming pool and ancillary accommodation attached thereto. He also outlines the nature of the structure and the plant, electrical installations etc. which will be provided. His report is recommended for adoption subject to the following modifications:

(1) That the Corporation constructs two pools on the Canal Bank site in adjoining locations as mentioned in his report.

The heaviest charge in connection with the swimming pool will be the operating costs. If two pools are constructed in the manner suggested the numbers using the pools should be considerably greater than if one pool only is available. The expenditure on salaries, wages, cleaning and maintenance of buildings and plant should not be very much greater for two pools than for one.

(2) The design should be modified to ensure that the boiler is gas fired instead of oil fired, and gas should also be used in the internal heating arrangements.

A report from the City Accountant will be available to the Members on the estimated cost of operating the swimming pools.

T. P. MacDiarmada,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

TOWN HALL

LIMERICK.

16th July, 1965

To the City Manager,

Utility Swimming Pools.

In accordance with the decision of the Corporation the plans for the Utility Swimming Pools were obtained from the Department of Local Government.

Pools:- The pool is 25 metres in length and has four swimming lanes 6ft. in width.
The maximum water depth is 8' - 6 in. where required for diving, and the general depth is approximately 4 ft. The height of the diving board is 3' - 3½" above water level.
There is a 6 ft. wide paved area around the four sides of the pool for circulation of swimmers.

Dressing Room Accommodation etc.

Immediately inside the door there is a cloakroom with counter and lockers. This is arranged so that there is direct access to one half of it from the female dressing room and direct access to the other half from the male dressing room. Seating accomodation for 50 persons is provided in the male dressing room and 50 persons in the female dressing room. A footbath is provided between each dressing room and the pool.
Three toilet units and two hand basins are provided in each dressing room.

A room is provided for attendants.

Plant Room.

The plant room houses the oil-fired boiler, two filter units, chlorinator, and circulation pump, switch gear etc.
The oil storage tank is external to the building.

Construction of Finishes.

The walls and floor of the pools are constructed of reinforced concrete finished fine.
The roof consists of corrigated asbestos sheeting supported on reinforced concrete purlins all supported on reinforced concreted portal frames.
The external walls consist of concrete block work with a pattern formed of coloured blocks.

Lighting panels will be constructed in the roof over the pool.

The interior of all walls, columns beams will be painted in a suitable colour.
The footpaths, walls, floor, and racing lines of the pool will also be painted a suitable colour.

Electrical Work.

This includes 2 No. 2 kw. Storage heaters lighting of Pool and Porch, bathouse etc. and wiring for 2 extraction fans as will as lighting of office etc.
The drawing as supplied are not complete working drawing. The drawings are the property of the Consulting Engineers who designed the pool and may not be used without their permission.

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The estimated cost of this pool has been given as £16,000 but there may be expenses for : Rock excavation.
Access Roads.
Fencing.

Land charges etc. depending on site condition. I recommend that the Corporation build only one pool in the first instance, and after a years experience it would then take a decision as to whether more pools were necessary.

I recommend that the first pool should be built at a central site (i.e. the site already accepted in the Canal Bank)
In this connection it should be noted that it would be possible to provide a second pool along side the first pool and under the same roof by erecting a similar structure back to back with the first structure and removing the back wall.

The second structure would be cheaper in so far as the dressing rooms attendants room toilets etc. would be ommited as well as the back wall. and the space occupied by these offices could be adapted to accommodate spectators on special occasions. Approximately 250 spectators could be accommodated on this area and approximately another 150 could be accommodated on temporary seats around the walls of the bathouse.

Running Costs of Swimming Pools:-

It should be appreciated that the Capital charges are only one part of the cost of operating a swimming Pool.
Other items which must be taken into consideration are:

(1) Salaries and wages.
(2) Rates and Insurances
(3) Fuel, oil
(4) Electricity and water.
(5) Maintenance of Buildings
(6) Maintenance of plant
(7) General Administration of Office Expenses
(8) Cleaning and Sundry Materials.
(9) Purification
(10) Clothing
(11) Miscellaneous Items.

Against the above items an item for receipts must be off-set.
I am of the opinion that the swimming pool in a City the size of Limerick must be run on very rigid lines in order to control the numbers and to prevent over-crowding at certain periods while the pool may be idle for other periods. The manner in which the Pool is controlled will largely effect the running cose. Probably the cheapest method of operation would be to rent the pool to "clubs" or "Groups" for fixed periods. This would reduce supervision and the Corporation's liabilities for accidents or drownings as well as saving fuel in so far as there would be advance notice of use and the water temperatures need not be kept to maximum at all times just to facilitate a few persons. Clubs, etc could also be held liable for wanton damage by their members.

Another method to keep down the running cost would be to have a membership card system as for public libraries. The member would have a fixed time allocated to him/her. Members would be organized into suitable sized sections with section leaders appointed on a voluntary basis. In this way the number of paid attendants could be kept to a minimum.
A copy of statement of expenditure and receipts and a copy of the schedule showing allocation of times for another swimming pool is attached for information.

Note:- This pool would not be suitable for small children.

N.C. Brennan.
CITY ENGINEER.

16th July, 1965.

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BARDAS LUIMNIGHE

Arus na Cathrach,

Luimneach.

14th September, 1965.

SWIMMING POOL. (2)

ESTIMATED ANNUAL RUNNING COST.

Supt./Caretaker	£600
Two Male Attendants	£1,200
Two Female Attendants	800
Two Ticket Clerks	1,000
	£3,600.
Loans (Net)	1,310
Heating, Purification etc.	3,200
Rates, Water etc.	500
Maintenance	1,000
Miscellaneous	500
	£10,110
Less Receipts	2,000
	£8,110

Approx. 10d in the £.

T. Collery,
City Accountant.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

8th October, 1965.

To/

The Mayor, Aldermen and members of the City Council.

The consent of the Council is hereby requested to the submission of a proposal for sanction of the Minister for Local Government to revise the salary scale of the Senior Architect from the scale now in force - £2,270 x £81 - £2,755 - to a new scale £2,270 x £81 - £3,135.

The Council, at its meeting on the 13th October, 1964, consented to the creation of a scale for the office of City Architect as follows: £2,370 x £81 - £2,613 x £82 - £2,695. The appropriate status adjustments granted to officers with corresponding scales provide for a new maximum figure of £3,135, which is the maximum of the scale now proposed for the Senior Architect. It is proposed that Mr. O'Callaghan will enter the new scale in accordance with his years of service in the office of Senior Architect.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Kilmantin Hill,

WICKLOW.

20th September, 1965.

Secretary: EACH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Town Clerk: EACH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A Chara,

I am directed by Wicklow County Council to forward herewith for consideration of your Council the following Resolution passed by Widklow County Council at their Meeting held on the 13th September, 1965:-

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea

RESOLVED - From criticisms offered from time to time it appears that Courthouses provided and maintained out of local funds are as unsuited to present-day requirements as would be the outworn system of administration of justice with which they were originally associated. It is considered that these buildings should revert to the ownership and full control of Local Authorities, who would then use them for the needs of their own Services, as they might think fit. It is furthermore considered that the Department of Justice, being the Central Authority charged with the administration of Justice, should, from State Funds, provide up-to-date Courthouses, which would meet the needs of those using them. A copy of this Resolution to be sent to each Local Authority.

Mise, le meas,

K.J. BRANNAN.
COUNTY SECRETARY

KJB/JK.

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ITEM 2 :

It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved :

" That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 28th September, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

ITEM 3 : CORRESPONDENCE.

Submitted communication dated 20th September, 1965, from the Department of Local Government acknowledging the Council's resolution with regard to the Speed Limit at Ballinacurra. The communication stated that Speed Limits throughout the country were at present being reviewed and the Council's resolution would be taken into account during the review. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 15th September, 1965, from the Department of Agricultural Fisheries stating that the plans for the proposed abattoir and the layout for the building were considered suitable subject to modification with regard to the provision of an extra chill-room and also a system of controlled ventilation. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 29th September, 1965, from the Department of An Taoiseach acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution regarding the recent announcement concerning development centres and industrial estates. It was stated that the matter was being brought to the attention of the Minister for Local Government under whose auspices a regional development committee had been set up to advise on the fulfillment of the Government's policy in this matter. Ald. Russell said the Council were grateful for the acknowledgment from the Department of An Taoiseach, he trusted the Taoiseach would use his good offices to ensure that Limerick was designated as a redevelopment area. Ald. Carew supported this plea.

Pensions Increases : Submitted communication dated 7th October, 1965, from the Department of Local Government giving notice of increase in pensions to retired officers/servants of Local Authority to take effect from the 1st August, 1965. The Council were informed that the matter would come before them with the necessary costs for further consideration. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 6th October, 1965, from Mr. D. Hanrahan, Chairman, Bord na gCon, thanking the Council for their message of congratulations on his appointment. Noted.

Submitted communication from Mr. M. Macken, Dublin City Manager and Town Clerk, thanking the Council for their congratulations and good wishes on his appointment as City Manager and Town Clerk. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 30th September, 1965, from the Librarian stating that the Art Gallery Advisory Committee had nominated Very Rev. Canon O'Grady, P.P., V.F., Sheen Lodge, Ennis Road; Very Rev. T. Griffin, C.C., Glenview Terrace, Farranshone, and Mr. J. P. Kneafsey, Ennis Road, to fill the vacancies on the committee caused by the death of Mons. Moloney, and the resignation of Mr. T. Feeney and Mr. S. Stewart. Approved.

Submitted communication dated 24th September, 1965, from the Chamber of Commerce advocating the prevention of a right hand turn for traffic proceeding into Sarsfield Street from Henry Street. The Council were generally in favour of this suggestion and recommended

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that the matter be taken up with the Gardai. Ald. Russell referring to traffic problems generally said it was time to consider the employment of an expert to advise on a solution to the traffic problems in the City. The Mayor spoke about the hold-up of traffic in central areas. Ald. Coughlan said that the problem was due to indiscriminate parking throughout the city. Parking Bye-Laws were not being enforced. He was in favour of 'No Parking' in certain streets. A complete review and a stern enforcement of the Parking Bye-Laws was the solution. Cllr. Feeney agreed. Ald. Carew said it was not fair to make drastic regulations applying to particular streets in the city. In the matter of parking, one street should be treated as fairly as the others. He said Arthur's Quay would meet the need for parking in the central areas. With regard to car parks generally he felt that persons would not leave their cars in parks remote from passing traffic unless there was an attendant. It was decided to list the matter for consideration at the next planning meeting.

ITEM 4 :

Submitted Financial Statement and Departmental Report for the month of September, 1965. Noted.

ITEM 5 :

Proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Kelly :

"That the Corporation's Scheme for supplementary grants for new houses be revised from the 1st July, 1965, to accord with the provisions of the new Housing Bill."

The Mayor supported the motion. The City Manager said that the present scheme had grants scaled in accordance with the income of the applicant. He suggested that the Council might wish to do something similar in the new scheme. The Council unanimously adopted the resolution and asked that a draft scheme be submitted for the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

ITEM 6 :

It was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Kelly :

"That the rates of pay of Watchmen employed by the Corporation be brought into line with the rates for comparable employment in other areas."

Ald. Coughlan said Watchmen employed by the Corporation were not paid at the rates comparable to the rates paid in Waterford or Cork. The resolution was passed unanimously and the City Manager said the matter would have attention.

ITEM 7 :

Proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by the Mayor :

"That the recent increase in Social Welfare Benefits be excluded in the differential rent assessment."

Ald. Coughlan said the action of the Corporation in taking into account increases in Social Welfare Benefits for the purpose of rent assessment was inhuman. The increases were in themselves meagre and to take a portion of this increase in respect of rent was unfair. Cllr. Feeney said that persons in this category should get special treatment. Ald. Russell and Cllr. Kelly supported the motion.

The City Manager said the Corporation under the Differential

Rent Scheme was bound to take into consideration the income of the tenant. However, persons on Social Welfare Benefit only, were allowed to pay the appropriate fraction of their income even if this was below the minimum of the rent for the particular scheme. This provision would continue. He regretted that it would not be possible for the Corporation to depart from the basic principle of the Differential Rent Scheme, which was that the rent was assessed having regard to income. He reminded the Council that the income on the housing account was below the level which the Council anticipated would be reached in considering the Estimate of Expenses. The question of Social Welfare was one for the State and the Corporation could not be expected to relieve the State of its obligations in this regard. Ald. Coughlan said that if the Manager would not accept the proposal he would move under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955. He appealed to the Manager to accept the proposal. The City Manager said he could not accept the motion as an adjustment of the Differential Rent Scheme. There were other tenants with income less than those receiving Social Welfare Benefits and to accept a proposal dealing with one section of the community would cause great anomalies in the operation of the Scheme. The motion was put and passed unanimously.

Housing : Under this item the Mayor allowed a discussion on roads. Ald. Russell referred to the need for warning signs at the junction of Quarry Road and New Road, Thomondgate, and also at the junction of Rose's Avenue, North Circular Road and the Ennis Road. Ald. Coughlan asked that C.I.E. be requested to provide bus shelters at Ballynantybeg, St. Mary's Park, Kileely and Rathbane. Ald. Russell asked that C.I.E. be asked to provide a bus shelter at the junction of the North Circular Road and Fort Mary Park. It was agreed that the matters be taken up with C.I.E.

Loans for purchase of Tenant Purchase Houses : In reply to Cllr. Kiely, the City Manager said the Corporation as a matter of policy had decided not to grant loans to enable persons to purchase Tenant Purchase houses which were fully vested in the tenant.

South Hill (West) Housing Scheme : The Council were informed that the approval of the Minister for Local Government had been sought to the preparation of final documents for a scheme to be known as South Hill (West) Housing Scheme containing a total of 347 houses. The scheme was in two stages, 204 houses in stage one, and 143 houses in stage two. The Council were given details of the house types and the design statistics as submitted in the Architect's report of the 17th September, 1965. A copy of the layout plan was before the Council for consideration. The Mayor referring to the layout asked if the provisions for playing fields were adequate. The Architect said that in a scheme of houses of this size the concern was to provide open space which was suitable for use by small children. The playing fields should be provided as part of the amenities for a number of such schemes. If playing fields were provided near houses frequently they were a cause of annoyance to the residents of such houses. It was proposed in the general development of the Galvone area to have provision for playing fields. Noted and approved.

The Council were informed that the Corporation had submitted to the Minister for Local Government a brief for the erection on behalf of the Corporation of approximately 800 houses in the Galvone area. The brief stated that the houses would conform with the requirements

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of the Department and the following proportions were suggested :

2 apartment houses	13%
3 apartment houses	27%
4 apartment houses	47%
5 apartment houses	13%

The brief also gave details of the planning requirements. Generally the houses should be two storey and it would be necessary to make provision for the off street parking of one car. The Corporation also required gas to be supplied and a gas cooker installed in each house. Ald. Coughlan said the demand for 2 apartment accommodation was very great. He felt the percentage allowed should be increased. Garden fences should be of the permanent type. Noted and approved.

Mayorstone Quarry : Submitted communication dated 20th September, 1965, from the Engineer with regard to Mayorstone Quarry. The Quarry had been inspected on the 15th September, when depth of water in it at the time was 12 inches. It was possible to walk through all the pool without water reaching the top of his boots. There were a few small areas where the depth of water was about 24 inches. The City Engineer considered the quarry to be safe, but the floor level would be gradually raised by casual dumping of spoil so that there would be a progressive improvement. A check would be kept on the quarry and if the depth of water should increase as would be dangerous, water would be pumped out. Ald. Russell said the Corporation should be absolutely certain that there was no water left in this quarry.

Revision of Housing Rents : Submitted report dated 24th September, 1965, from the City Manager with regard to the revision of housing rents. Copy of the report and the enclosures were circulated to the members prior to the meeting. Referring to the decision of the Council at the Estimates Meeting to include a figure of £170,150 for income from rents, the report said that the recent reviews indicated that the maximum sum which would be received under this in the current financial year was £155,000. In order to reduce the deficit on the rent income it was proposed to adjust rents charged to Corporation tenants who occupied houses at Fixed and Graded Rents. There were 953 tenants in the former category, and 522 in the latter. A schedule was attached to the report giving details of the rents for the various schemes. The report went on to say that the rents were originally fixed on completion of the schemes and there had only been one alteration made in the weekly rent which was an increase of one shilling per week in April, 1958. It was proposed to make an Order increasing all rents by an amount of 6s. 0d. per week with effect from the week commencing 18th October, 1965; the tenants to be given an option of accepting as an alternative the differential rent system, if the conditions would be more favourable to them. The additional income which would be received from this adjustment was estimated at £9,000. The debit balance which had arisen on the Corporation's housing account showed a figure of £84,725 for the year ended 31st March, 1965. The Council were advised that it was imperative to take steps to reduce the deficit on this account. Ald. Coughlan said that he was concerned particularly about the houses in St. Mary's Park and Kileely. These houses were not up to the standard which it was reasonable to expect in this day. He said the houses were in a deplorable condition. The reasons for the Corporation's financial dilemma at the present time was the fact that the Government had failed to honour promises made prior to the general election. Nothing was being done to re-examine

the rates position and the same applied in the case of the health grant. The failure of the Department of Social Welfare to pay claims on its Department promptly meant that the Health Authority was paying approximately £14,000 per annum in Home Assistance to people who should receive the Social Welfare Benefits. Unless action was taken by the Government the rates would continue to increase. The Corporation would have a case to increase the rents in their schemes if the houses were repaired and brought up to present-day standards. His party would resist the Manager's proposal to the utmost. Cllr. Kelly said the Prospect Scheme should be exempted also from any increase.

The Mayor said that since taking office he had received numerous complaints with regard to the need for repairs in St. Mary's Park and Killeely. It was the Corporation's duty to bring these houses up to modern standards. For that reason he opposed any increase in the Killeely, St. Mary's Park and Prospect Housing Schemes.

Cllr. Liddy referred to the provision in the new Housing Bill for grants for improvements to Local Authority houses. He thought the Corporation should undertake an immediate scheme for the improvement of all old Corporation houses in order to qualify for the grants. He objected to the increase on the grounds that it was inequitable. He suggested that the City Manager should re examine, revise and re-submit to the Council.

Ald. Russell said that he felt the Council could take it that a tenant who could afford to do so, did not object to paying a fair rent for a good house. The fact was, that the houses in St. Mary's Park, Kileely and Prospect were not good houses. The houses were in such a condition that they should be cleared systematically and repaired. In addition to this there were tragic conditions of overcrowding in St. Mary's Park Estate, but the Housing Regulations did not permit the Corporation to re-house sub-tenants in new schemes without a substantial loss of subsidy. This matter should be put right.

Cllr. Feeney said the increase proposed was outrageous. He asked the Manager to reconsider the whole position in the light of what members of the Council had said.

The City Manager said the financial considerations which he had put before the Council were paramount. Rents fixed in the thirties must be re-examined in the light of present day conditions. It was his duty to make this re-examination. He undertook to reconsider his proposals after what the members had said but could not undertake to defer action as the circumstances were such that he would be failing in his duty if he did not act as proposed. He would look into the question of repairs to houses affected by the increase as a matter of urgency. The Council would understand that the proposal for grants was included in the Bill and any schemes which the Corporation might have in mind would be subject to the passage of the Bill. Members of the Council pressed the Manager strongly to reconsider his decision. The City Manager said he would notify the Council once the decision was taken. He felt he could not defer action. After a further brief discussion the City Council decided to adjourn consideration of this matter for the time being and to resume the discussion at a meeting to be called at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 15th October, 1965.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of item (a) Abstract of Accounts, item (9) Swimming Pools.

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ITEM 10 :

It was proposed by Cllr. Glasgow, seconded by Cllr. Kiely :

"That having considered the notice sent to us under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, we hereby approve of the disposal of land at Kileely Road to Messrs. Metalex Ltd. in accordance with the terms set out in the said notice."

ITEM 11 :

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Glasgow, and unanimously resolved :

"That we hereby resolve to carry into execution the Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other approved Schools 1966, as approved by the Minister for Education."

ITEM 12 :

Proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Glasgow, and unanimously resolved :

"That having considered report dated 8th October, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk we hereby approve of the scale of £2,270 x £81 — £3,135 to be applied to the Office of Senior Architect to the Corporation ; the holder of the Office to enter the scale in accordance with his years of service."

ITEM 14 :

Proposed by Cllr. Glasgow, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved :

"That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents submitted for sealing :

S.D. Advances—Mortgage : James Ryan, Park ; Catherine O'Leary, Ballinacurra Weston ; Thomas Houlihan, Park ; Thomas Hogan, Ballinacurra Weston ; P. J. Redmond, Rosbrien Estate.

S.D. Transfers—Assignment : O'Brien to Barnes, Premises, Greenfields, North Circular Road.

Deed of Surrender and Memorial : Joseph O'Connor, 42 Greystones.

Tenant Purchase Schemes :

Lelia Street—Lease and Mortgage : Thomas O'Brien, 11 Lelia Street.

Janesboro'—Lease and Mortgage : John O'Connell, 19 McDonagh Avenue ; Mrs. M. T. McCarthy, 9 McDonagh Avenue.

Quin's Cottages—Release : Colm Crowe, 19 Quin's Cottages.

O'Dwyer Villas—Lease and Mortgage : Patrick Mulrooney, 50 O'Dwyer Villas ; Kathleen Carmody, 47 O'Dwyer Villas (Lease, Mortgage, Counterpart and Memorial).

Tenant Purchase Transfer : O'Connor to Quinn, 6 Sarsfield Avenue (Assignment and Release of Mortgage).

The Council decided to adjourn Item 15.

The meeting then adjourned.

A TRUE RECORD.

T. P. MAC DIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

Confirmed in Council
this 9th day of Nov. 1965

Frank Leddin
Chairman

CONTHCUALLACHT LUIMNI.

Cifig Cleirigh na Cathrach,
Arus na Cathrach,
Luimneach.

14th October, 1965.

The adjourned Quarterly Statutory Meeting of the Limeric.. City Council will be held in the County Courthouse, Merchant's Quay, (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Friday, 15th October, 1965, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

B U S I N E S S.

1. To further consider proposed revision of Housing Rents (copy report herewith).

Your attendance at this meeting is requested.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager & Town Clerk.

To/

Each Member of the City Council.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
LIMERICK.

24th September, 1965.

To/ The Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the City Council :

REVISION OF HOUSING RENTS.

The income of the Corporation from housing rents has been under review since the adoption of the Estimate of Expenses for the current financial year. A sum of £153,400 (nett rent) was included in the Estimate submitted to the Council in March last. At the Estimates Meeting this figure was modified to £170,150 with a view to reducing the total amount of the rate levy for the current financial year. At the Estimates Meeting I indicated to the Council that this sum could not be realised without further adjustment of the rents charged. The recent reviews have confirmed this opinion and it is estimated that the maximum sum which will be received for the year is £155,000.

In order to reduce the deficiency in the rent income it is proposed to adjust the rents charged to Corporation tenants who occupy houses let (a) at fixed rent, and (b) at graded rents. There are 953 tenants in the former category and 522 in the latter. A schedule is attached to this report which gives details of the rents for the various schemes concerned. The schedule also shows the rateable valuation of the houses and the addition which is made to the weekly rent in respect of rates. From this schedule it will be seen that the rent levies (exclusive of rates) vary from 1/4d. and 1/9d. in St. Mary's Park to 10/- in Janesboro. With the exception of two small schemes (Cherry Place and Newgate Place) all the fixed rent and graded rent houses fall within this range. Since these rents were originally fixed on the completion of the schemes there has been only one alteration made in the weekly rent charged, which was increased by 1/- per week in April, 1958. It can be seen, accordingly, that a revision of these rents is overdue, and it is proposed to make an order increasing all rents in these schemes by an amount of 6/- per week, to be effective from the week commencing 18th October, 1965, the tenants of the houses to be given an option of accepting as an alternative the differential renting scheme if the conditions of this scheme are more favourable to them.

This increase will not in itself be sufficient to meet the anticipated deficiency on the housing rent account in the Estimate. The additional income which will be received from this adjustment is estimated at £9,000. Attention of the Members of the Council isagain directed to the serious debit balance which has arisen on the Corporation's housing account. The accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1965, showed a deficit of £84,725 on this account. It is imperative that the Corporation takes appropriate steps to substantially reduce this debit balance.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager & Town Clerk.

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HOUSES ON FIXED RENTS.

22nd September, 1965

Rateable Valuation	Weekly Rate @ 70/6 in £		Weekly Rent exclusive of Rates		Scheme	Total Number
£	s.	d.	s.	d.		
3	4	1	3	9	Goal Lane No. 9	1
					Long Lane No. 12,13, 15	3
					Clancys Lane No.5,6, 8,9	4
					Fish Lane No.3,6,7,9	4
			5	9	Goal Lane No. 10	1
					Long Lane No.14,16	2
3½	4	9	3	10	Davitt St. No. 2	1
					Mitchell St. No. 1,5, 6,7	4
			4	2	Mary St. No. 39,40, 41,42	4
					Athlunkard St. No.47	1
			4	10	Mitchell St. No. 4,8	2
			5	3	Davitt St. No. 1,3,4	3
					Grattan St. No.24,28	2
			6	2	Sir Harry's Mall No.18	1
4	5	5	5	4	Nolans Cottages No.1 to No. 12	12
			5	11	Grattan St. No. 6,7	2
			6	1	Grattan St. No. 10.	1
			6	7	Grattan St. No. 11.	1
4½	6	1	4	10	Quinn's Cottages No. 22,23,27,45,46,47.	6
					Mitchell St. No. 4,8.	2
					Rossa Villas No. 7,9,14	3
			5	8	Grattan St. No. 9	1
			6	5	Rossa Villas No. 10,11	2
			6	7	Grattan St. No. 8,26	2
5	6	9	5	2	Rossa Villas No. 4A,1	2
			6	11	Rossa Villas No. 2	1
			9	11	Goal Lane No. 7	1
					Mary St. No. 44,45	2
					John St. No. 25,26, 27	3
					Lelia St. No. 8 to 11,13	5
					Sarsfield Ave. No. 3A,4A 1,13,16	5
					Church St. No.9,10,12,13 14.	5
5½	7	5	1	4	St. Mary's Park Total	
			1	9	St. Mary's Park fixed rent houses in scheme	298
						387

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HOUSES ON FIXED RENTS (Cont'd)

Rateable Valuation	Weekly Rate @ 70/6 in £	Weekly Rent Exclusive of Rates	Scheme	Total Number
			Bt. Forward	387
£	s. d.	s. d.		
6	8 2	3 6	Castle Barracks No. 1, 3,5,8,9,11,12,13,15, 16,17,18,22 to 26	17
		9 0	Kilalee, Total Fixed Rent in Scheme	66
6¼	8 6	3 6	St. Mary's Park See Page 1.	
6½	8 10	3 11	St. Mary's Park See Page 1.	
		8 4	Donnellans Buildings No. 1,4 to 19,20 to 32	29
			Rossa Avenue, No. 1 to 6,8,9,11,12 to 23,25, 27 to 31,34 to 42	29
6¾	9 2	5 8	St. Mary's Park See Page 1.	
		9 0	Kilalee, See Above	
		9 10	O'Dwyer Villas, Total F.R. for Scheme	80
		10 0	Janesboro, Total F.R. for Scheme	222
8	10 10	8 6	Pennywell, Total F.R. in Scheme	83
			Sean Heuston Place, Total F.R. in Scheme	27
8½	11 6	8 6	Pennywell, See Above Sean Heuston Place, See Above.	
8¾	11 10	8 6	Pennywell, See Above	
9	12 2	8 6	Pennywell, See Above Sean Heuston Place, See Above.	
			Reidy Park, No. 1 to 6	6
9½	12 11	8 6	Pennywell, See Above.	
		18 0	Cherry Place, No. 1,2, 4,5,6.	5
			Newgate Place, No. 1,3	2

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HOUSES ON GRADED RENTS

Rateable Valuation	Weekly Rate @ 70/6 in £		Weekly Rent Exclusive of Rates		Scheme
£	s.	d.	s.	d.	
$6\frac{3}{4}$	9	2	6	7	Kileely 267 dwellings
			4	1	
			3	1	
			6	1	Prospect 255 dwellings
			4	1	
			2	7	
$6\frac{1}{2}$	8	10	6	1	Kileely
			4	1	
			3	1	
			6	1	Prospect
			4	1	
			2	7	Note Following houses are now subject to Differential Renting System: Kileely 101 dwellings Prospect 81 dwellings

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

15th October, 1965.

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the City Council.

Revision of Housing Rents.

As requested by the City Council I have considered the representations made by the Members at Council Meetings on the 28th ultimo and the 12th instant. There appeared to be a general view among the Members that the flat increase of 6/-d. per week for all fixed rent and graded rent tenants did not allow sufficiently for differences in income and variations in the standard of accommodation in the Corporation housing schemes. In the course of the discussions it was not sufficiently stressed that the original proposal included an alternative whereby the tenants had the option of accepting the general differential renting scheme for Corporation houses. This alternative meets substantially the objections made on behalf of tenants with low incomes, large families and other dependants.

The prospective addition to the large deficit on the housing account makes it imperative that the revision of rent should proceed without delay. It is essential that the estimated increased rent yield of £9,000 should be collected. Having fully considered the representations made by the Council I am prepared to amend the original proposal for a flat overall increase of 6/-d. to the following:-

(a) Basic rents not exceeding 5/-d. to be increased by 5/-d. per week;

(b) Basic rents exceeding 5/-d. and not exceeding 10/-d. to be increased by 6/-d. per week;

(c) Basic rents in excess of 10/-d. per week to be increased by 7/-d. per week.

These increases to be effective from week commencing 18th instant as originally decided.

The City Engineer has surveyed the condition of the houses in St. Mary's Park and Killeely, and his report is circulated for the information of the Members.

The Housing Bill, 1965, which will be considered soon by the Dail, contains a section which provides that State grants of equivalent amount to the reconstruction grants, which are at present payable to private individuals and other persons, may be paid to housing authorities for the addition of extra rooms, the replacement or substantial reconstruction of a roof or the installation of water and sewerage facilities. The Corporation should give consideration to a reconstruction scheme for Corporation houses, which have not sanitary and bathroom accommodation and, which otherwise fall short of modern housing standards. More detailed recommendations may be formulated from the result of the City Engineer's survey of St. Mary's Park and Killeely, and will be brought before the Council in due course.

T. P. MacDiarmada,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

BARDAS LUIMNIGHE

Arus na Cathrach,
Luimneach.

15th October, 1965.

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CITY MANAGER :

Arising out of the Corporation's request that the older types of Corporation houses be examined with a view to bringing them up to the standard of the more recent houses, I have carried out a preliminary examination of these houses.

The following table gives the number and type of houses for St. Mary's Park and Kileely :

(1) ST. MARY'S PARK :

No. of Houses	Type No.	No. of Bedrooms	No. of Living Rooms	Scullery	Toilet Facilities	Floor Area
64	8(4Apt.)	3	1	1	1 W.C.	700 sq.ft.
332	1A(4Apt.)	3	1	1	1 W.C.	693 sq.ft.
58	3R(3Apt.)	2	1	1	1 W.C.	586 sq.ft.

(2) KILEELY HOUSING SCHEME :

No. of Houses	Type No.	No. of Bedrooms	No. of Living Rooms	Scullery	Toilet Facilities	Floor Area
12	8A(4 Apt.)	3	1	1	1 W.C.	732 sq.ft.
238	1A(4 Apt.)	3	1	1	1 W.C.	693 sq.ft
116	C(4 Apt.)	3	1	1	1 W.C.	715 sq.ft.

The standard of accommodation being provided in the Corporation's most recent schemes is as follows :

Type No.	No. of Bedrooms	No. of Living Rooms	Scullery	Toilet Facilities	Floor Area
5 Apartmt.	3 (or4)	2 (or 1)	1	(1W.C)(1H.B)(1 Bath)	845sq.ft.
4 Apartmt.	3	1	1	(1W.C)(1H.B)(1 Bath)	752sq.ft.
3 Apartmt.	2	1	1	(1W.C)(1H.B)(1 Bath)	673sq.ft.
2 Apartmt.	1	1	1	(1W.C)(1H.B)(1 Bath)	361sq.ft.

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15th October, 1965.

From this it will be seen that the floor area of the 4 apartment houses in St. Mary's Park and Kileely varies from 693 sq.ft. to 732 sq.ft. as compared with 752 sq.ft. for the more modern 4 apartment house which includes a bathroom. If bathrooms were added to the 4 apartment houses in St. Mary's Park and Kileely, this would bring the standard of accommodation up to that which is being provided in the modern 4 apartment house.

The 3 apartment houses in St. Mary's Park of which there are only 58 No. have a floor area of 586 sq. ft. as compared with the more modern 3 apartment house which has a floor area of 673 sq. ft. including bathroom. The provision of an additional room and the conversion of part of one bedroom to a bathroom could bring the accommodation up to that which is being provided in the modern 3 apartment house.

The cost of providing bathrooms, including gas heaters for water should not exceed £300 per house and may be less depending on the details of the existing drainage and plumbing.

I also examined the houses in St. Mary's Park and Kileely from the structural aspect. The houses are structurally sound, the roofs are good but I am informed that the insulation value of the external walls is such that in certain weather conditions condensation forms on the inside of the external walls.

(I would point out that nearly all houses, even expensive houses, suffer from this in certain weather conditions and this is a matter of degree).

Some houses are, I understand, almost normal in this respect but others, especially the end houses in blocks, which have (in addition to front and back walls) gable walls exposed to the external atmosphere, suffer from this defect to a greater extent.

It would cost approximately £60 per house (average) to apply insulation to the internal surfaces of the external walls to bring the standard of insulation to that which is normally accepted.

N. C. BRENNAN, B.E.,
City Engineer.

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TO/
The Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the City Council

ST. MARYS PARK, KILEELY, PROSPECT HOUSING SCHEMES.

INFORMATION REQUESTED BY CITY COUNCIL

	St. Marys Park £	Prospect £	Kileely £
Capital Cost of Schedule	177,741	201,550	171,792
Total Revenue Expenditure on Scheme to 31/3/1964	540,638	421,954	391,881
Total Revenue Income (Rent and Rates) to 31/3/1964	249,289	168,735	186,057
Total Deficit on Scheme to 31/3/1964	291,349	253,219	205,824
Average Annual Deficit	10,404	11,510	8,733
Deficit financed as follows			
Housing Subsidy	185,431	113,444	132,664
Rates Contribution	105,918	139,775	73,160
Total Cost of repairs on Scheme to 31/3/1964	75,550	48,714	37,810
Average Annual Cost of Repairs over last 10 years	4,863	3,955	2,950
Average Annual Cost of Repairs over last 5 years	5,929	5,095	3,068

TOTAL DEFICIT ON COMBINED SCHEMES OF ST. MARYS PARK, PROSPECT, KILEELY

	Subsidy £	Rates £	Total £
1952	18055	14393	32448
1956	17714	15274	32988
1960	16843	14729	31572
1964	16054	18882	34936
1965	15700	20276	35976

T. P. MacDiarmada
CITY MANAGER

15th October, 1965

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

The Quarterly Statutory Meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 12th October, 1965.

ROLL CALL :

The Roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members answered :

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful Cllr. F. Leddin, Mayor.

Aldermen : J. Carew, S. Coughlan, T.D. ; G. E. Russell.

Councillors : W. Brazier, V. Feeney, F. Glasgow, P. Kelly, P. Kiely, J. Kirby, T. Lawlor, J. P. Liddy.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs. Condell and O'Sullivan.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk ; Asst. Town Clerk ; City Accountant ; City Engineer ; Architect ; Messrs. Lynch and Greene, Asst. City Engineers ; Mr. T. McNamara, Chief Planning Assistant ; Mr. Costelloe, Staff Officer ; Mr. Quilligan, Housing Officer.

CONDOLENCE :

It was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, and unanimously resolved : "That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to His Lordship the Bishop on the recent unexpected death of Very Rev. Canon Robert O'Sullivan, P.P., Abbeyfeale, and Very Rev. Fr. Brazil, P.P., Dromcollogher."

Proposed by His Worship the Mayor, and unanimously resolved : "That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. Sheahan on the death of Chevalier P. J. Sheahan."

ITEM 1 :

Proposed by Cllr. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. Liddy, and unanimously resolved :

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 14th September, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

Gas : In reply to Ald. Russell, the City Manager said that the Corporation had already appointed a Gas Salesman cum Collector since January, 1965. The appointment had a dual purpose, namely, the collection of hire purchase arrears, and the sales of gas equipment. The H.P. arrears had been high, but progress in reducing the arrears had been good and it was hoped that the employee would be able to engage effectively on sales in a short time.

Ald. Russell said that in his opinion an extra Salesman would be needed to promote sales.

Rutland Street : In reply to Ald. Coughlan, the City Manager said the acquisition of property was necessarily a slow process. He would advise the Council on the progress in the acquisition of the property at Rutland Street. It was agreed that the acquisition of this property was desirable for planning purposes.

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ITEM 2 :

It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved :

" That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 28th September, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

ITEM 3 : CORRESPONDENCE.

Submitted communication dated 20th September, 1965, from the Department of Local Government acknowledging the Council's resolution with regard to the Speed Limit at Ballinacurra. The communication stated that Speed Limits throughout the country were at present being reviewed and the Council's resolution would be taken into account during the review. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 15th September, 1965, from the Department of Agricultural Fisheries stating that the plans for the proposed abattoir and the layout for the building were considered suitable subject to modification with regard to the provision of an extra chill-room and also a system of controlled ventilation. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 29th September, 1965, from the Department of An Taoiseach acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution regarding the recent announcement concerning development centres and industrial estates. It was stated that the matter was being brought to the attention of the Minister for Local Government under whose auspices a regional development committee had been set up to advise on the fulfillment of the Government's policy in this matter. Ald. Russell said the Council were grateful for the acknowledgment from the Department of An Taoiseach, he trusted the Taoiseach would use his good offices to ensure that Limerick was designated as a re-development area. Ald. Carew supported this plea.

Pensions Increases : Submitted communication dated 7th October, 1965, from the Department of Local Government giving notice of increase in pensions to retired officers/servants of Local Authority to take effect from the 1st August, 1965. The Council were informed that the matter would come before them with the necessary costs for further consideration. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 6th October, 1965, from Mr. D. Hanrahan, Chairman, Bord na gCon, thanking the Council for their message of congratulations on his appointment. Noted.

Submitted communication from Mr. M. Macken, Dublin City Manager and Town Clerk, thanking the Council for their congratulations and good wishes on his appointment as City Manager and Town Clerk. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 30th September, 1965, from the Librarian stating that the Art Gallery Advisory Committee had nominated Very Rev. Canon O'Grady, P.P., V.F., Sheen Lodge, Ennis Road; Very Rev. T. Griffin, C.C., Glenview Terrace, Farranshone, and Mr. J. P. Kneafsey, Ennis Road, to fill the vacancies on the committee caused by the death of Mons. Moloney, and the resignation of Mr. T. Feeney and Mr. S. Stewart. Approved.

Submitted communication dated 24th September, 1965, from the Chamber of Commerce advocating the prevention of a right hand turn for traffic proceeding into Sarsfield Street from Henry Street. The Council were generally in favour of this suggestion and recommended

that the matter be taken up with the Gardai. Ald. Russell referring to traffic problems generally said it was time to consider the employment of an expert to advise on a solution to the traffic problems in the City. The Mayor spoke about the hold-up of traffic in central areas. Ald. Coughlan said that the problem was due to indiscriminate parking throughout the city. Parking Bye-Laws were not being enforced. He was in favour of 'No Parking' in certain streets. A complete review and a stern enforcement of the Parking Bye-Laws was the solution. Cllr. Feeney agreed. Ald. Carew said it was not fair to make drastic regulations applying to particular streets in the city. In the matter of parking, one street should be treated as fairly as the others. He said Arthur's Quay would meet the need for parking in the central areas. With regard to car parks generally he felt that persons would not leave their cars in parks remote from passing traffic unless there was an attendant. It was decided to list the matter for consideration at the next planning meeting.

ITEM 4 :

Submitted Financial Statement and Departmental Report for the month of September, 1965. Noted.

ITEM 5 :

Proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Kelly :

" That the Corporation's Scheme for supplementary grants for new houses be revised from the 1st July, 1965, to accord with the provisions of the new Housing Bill."

The Mayor supported the motion. The City Manager said that the present scheme had grants scaled in accordance with the income of the applicant. He suggested that the Council might wish to do something similar in the new scheme. The Council unanimously adopted the resolution and asked that a draft scheme be submitted for the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

ITEM 6 :

It was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Kelly :

" That the rates of pay of Watchmen employed by the Corporation be brought into line with the rates for comparable employment in other areas."

Ald. Coughlan said Watchmen employed by the Corporation were not paid at the rates comparable to the rates paid in Waterford or Cork. The resolution was passed unanimously and the City Manager said the matter would have attention.

ITEM 7 :

Proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by the Mayor :

" That the recent increase in Social Welfare Benefits be excluded in the differential rent assessment."

Ald. Coughlan said the action of the Corporation in taking into account increases in Social Welfare Benefits for the purpose of rent assessment was inhuman. The increases were in themselves meagre and to take a portion of this increase in respect of rent was unfair. Cllr. Feeney said that persons in this category should get special treatment. Ald. Russell and Cllr. Kelly supported the motion.

The City Manager said the Corporation under the Differential

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Rent Scheme was bound to take into consideration the income of the tenant. However, persons on Social Welfare Benefit only, were allowed to pay the appropriate fraction of their income even if this was below the minimum of the rent for the particular scheme. This provision would continue. He regretted that it would not be possible for the Corporation to depart from the basic principle of the Differential Rent Scheme which was that the rent was assessed having regard to income. He reminded the Council that the income on the housing account was below the level which the Council anticipated would be reached in considering the Estimate of Expenses. The question of Social Welfare was one for the State and the Corporation could not be expected to relieve the State of its obligations in this regard. Ald. Coughlan said that if the Manager would not accept the proposal he would move under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955. He appealed to the Manager to accept the proposal. The City Manager said he could not accept the motion as an adjustment of the Differential Rent Scheme. There were other tenants with income less than those receiving Social Welfare Benefits and to accept a proposal dealing with one section of the community would cause great anomalies in the operation of the Scheme. The motion was put and passed unanimously.

Housing : Under this item the Mayor allowed a discussion on roads. Ald. Russell referred to the need for warning signs at the junction of Quarry Road and New Road, Thomondgate, and also at the junction of Rose's Avenue, North Circular Road and the Ennis Road. Ald. Coughlan asked that C.I.E. be requested to provide bus shelters at Ballynantybeg, St. Mary's Park, Kilcely and Rathbane. Ald. Russell asked that C.I.E. be asked to provide a bus shelter at the junction of the North Circular Road and Fort Mary Park. It was agreed that the matters be taken up with C.I.E.

Loans for purchase of Tenant Purchase Houses : In reply to Cllr. Kiely, the City Manager said the Corporation as a matter of policy had decided not to grant loans to enable persons to purchase Tenant Purchase houses which were fully vested in the tenant.

South Hill (West) Housing Scheme : The Council were informed that the approval of the Minister for Local Government had been sought to the preparation of final documents for a scheme to be known as South Hill (West) Housing Scheme containing a total of 347 houses. The scheme was in two stages, 204 houses in stage one, and 143 houses in stage two. The Council were given details of the house types and the design statistics as submitted in the Architect's report of the 17th September, 1965. A copy of the layout plan was before the Council for consideration. The Mayor referring to the layout asked if the provisions for playing fields were adequate. The Architect said that in a scheme of houses of this size the concern was to provide open space which was suitable for use by small children. The playing fields should be provided as part of the amenities for a number of such schemes. If playing fields were provided near houses frequently they were a cause of annoyance to the residents of such houses. It was proposed in the general development of the Galvone area to have provision for playing fields. Noted and approved.

The Council were informed that the Corporation had submitted to the Minister for Local Government a brief for the erection on behalf of the Corporation of approximately 800 houses in the Galvone area. The brief stated that the houses would conform with the requirements

of the Department and the following proportions were suggested :

2 apartment houses	13%
3 apartment houses	27%
4 apartment houses	47%
5 apartment houses	13%

The brief also gave details of the planning requirements. Generally the houses should be two storey and it would be necessary to make provision for the off street parking of one car. The Corporation also required gas to be supplied and a gas cooker installed in each house. Ald. Coughlan said the demand for 2 apartment accommodation was very great. He felt the percentage allowed should be increased. Garden fences should be of the permanent type. Noted and approved.

Mayorstone Quarry : Submitted communication dated 20th September, 1965, from the Engineer with regard to Mayorstone Quarry. The Quarry had been inspected on the 15th September, when depth of water in it at the time was 12 inches. It was possible to walk through all the pool without water reaching the top of his boots. There were a few small areas where the depth of water was about 24 inches. The City Engineer considered the quarry to be safe, but the floor level would be gradually raised by casual dumping of spoil so that there would be a progressive improvement. A check would be kept on the quarry and if the depth of water should increase as would be dangerous, water would be pumped out. Ald. Russell said the Corporation should be absolutely certain that there was no water left in this quarry.

Revision of Housing Rents : Submitted report dated 24th September, 1965, from the City Manager with regard to the revision of housing rents. Copy of the report and the enclosures were circulated to the members prior to the meeting. Referring to the decision of the Council at the Estimates Meeting to include a figure of £170,150 for income from rents, the report said that the recent reviews indicated that the maximum sum which would be received under this in the current financial year was £155,000. In order to reduce the deficit on the rent income it was proposed to adjust rents charged to Corporation tenants who occupied houses at Fixed and Graded Rents There were 953 tenants in the former category, and 522 in the latter. A schedule was attached to the report giving details of the rents for the various schemes. The report went on to say that the rents were originally fixed on completion of the schemes and there had only been one alteration made in the weekly rent which was an increase of one shilling per week in April, 1958. It was proposed to make an Order increasing all rents by an amount of 6s. 0d. per week with effect from the week commencing 18th October, 1965; the tenants to be given an option of accepting as an alternative the differential rent system, if the conditions would be more favourable to them. The additional income which would be received from this adjustment was estimated at £9,000. The debit balance which had arisen on the Corporation's housing account showed a figure of £84,725 for the year ended 31st March, 1965. The Council were advised that it was imperative to take steps to reduce the deficit on this account. Ald. Coughlan said that he was concerned particularly about the houses in St. Mary's Park and Kileely. These houses were not up to the standard which it was reasonable to expect in this day. He said the houses were in a deplorable condition. The reasons for the Corporation's financial dilemma at the present time was the fact that the Government had failed to honour promises made prior to the general election. Nothing was being done to re-examine

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the rates position and the same applied in the case of the health grant. The failure of the Department of Social Welfare to pay claims on its Department promptly meant that the Health Authority was paying approximately £14,000 per annum in Home Assistance to people who should receive the Social Welfare Benefits. Unless action was taken by the Government the rates would continue to increase. The Corporation would have a case to increase the rents in their schemes if the houses were repaired and brought up to present-day standards. His party would resist the Manager's proposal to the utmost. Cllr. Kelly said the Prospect Scheme should be exempted also from any increase.

The Mayor said that since taking office he had received numerous complaints with regard to the need for repairs in St. Mary's Park and Killeely. It was the Corporation's duty to bring these houses up to modern standards. For that reason he opposed any increase in the Killeely, St. Mary's Park and Prospect Housing Schemes.

Cllr. Liddy referred to the provision in the new Housing Bill for grants for improvements to Local Authority houses. He thought the Corporation should undertake an immediate scheme for the improvement of all old Corporation houses in order to qualify for the grants. He objected to the increase on the grounds that it was inequitable. He suggested that the City Manager should re-examine, revise and re-submit to the Council.

Ald. Russell said that he felt the Council could take it that a tenant who could afford to do so, did not object to paying a fair rent for a good house. The fact was, that the houses in St. Mary's Park, Kilecly and Prospect were not good houses. The houses were in such a condition that they should be cleared systematically and repaired. In addition to this there were tragic conditions of overcrowding in St. Mary's Park Estate, but the Housing Regulations did not permit the Corporation to re-house sub-tenants in new schemes without a substantial loss of subsidy. This matter should be put right.

Cllr. Feeney said the increase proposed was outrageous. He asked the Manager to reconsider the whole position in the light of what members of the Council had said.

The City Manager said the financial considerations which he had put before the Council were paramount. Rents fixed in the thirties must be re-examined in the light of present day conditions. It was his duty to make this re-examination. He undertook to reconsider his proposals after what the members had said but could not undertake to defer action as the circumstances were such that he would be failing in his duty if he did not act as proposed. He would look into the question of repairs to houses affected by the increase as a matter of urgency. The Council would understand that the proposal for grants was included in the Bill and any schemes which the Corporation might have in mind would be subject to the passage of the Bill. Members of the Council pressed the Manager strongly to reconsider his decision. The City Manager said he would notify the Council once the decision was taken. He felt he could not defer action. After a further brief discussion the City Council decided to adjourn consideration of this matter for the time being and to resume the discussion at a meeting to be called at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 15th October, 1965.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of item (a) Abstract of Accounts, item (9) Swimming Pools.

ITEM 10 :

It was proposed by Cllr. Glasgow, seconded by Cllr. Kiely :

"That having considered the notice sent to us under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, we hereby approve of the disposal of land at Kileely Road to Messrs. Metalex Ltd. in accordance with the terms set out in the said notice."

ITEM 11 :

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Glasgow, and unanimously resolved :

"That we hereby resolve to carry into execution the Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other approved Schools 1966, as approved by the Minister for Education."

ITEM 12 :

Proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Glasgow, and unanimously resolved :

"That having considered report dated 8th October, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk we hereby approve of the scale of £2,270 x £81 — £3,135 to be applied to the Office of Senior Architect to the Corporation ; the holder of the Office to enter the scale in accordance with his years of service."

ITEM 14 :

Proposed by Cllr. Glasgow, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved :

"That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents submitted for sealing :

S.D. Advances—Mortgage : James Ryan, Park ; Catherine O'Leary, Ballinacurra Weston ; Thomas Houlihan, Park ; Thomas Hogan, Ballinacurra Weston ; P. J. Redmond, Rosbrien Estate.

S.D. Transfers—Assignment : O'Brien to Barnes, Premises, Greenfields, North Circular Road.

Deed of Surrender and Memorial : Joseph O'Connor, 42 Greystones.

Tenant Purchase Schemes :

Lelia Street—Lease and Mortgage : Thomas O'Brien, 11 Lelia Street.

Janesboro'—Lease and Mortgage : John O'Connell, 19 McDonagh Avenue ; Mrs. M. T. McCarthy, 9 McDonagh Avenue.

Quin's Cottages—Release : Colm Crowe, 19 Quin's Cottages.

O'Dwyer Villas—Lease and Mortgage : Patrick Mulrooney, 50 O'Dwyer Villas ; Kathleen Carmody, 47 O'Dwyer Villas (Lease, Mortgage, Counterpart and Memorial).

Tenant Purchase Transfer : O'Connor to Quinn, 6 Sarsfield Avenue (Assignment and Release of Mortgage).

The Council decided to adjourn Item 15.

The meeting then adjourned.

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T. P. MAC DIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

The adjourned Quarterly Meeting of Limerick City Council was held at the City Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Friday, 15th October, 1965.

ROLL CALL :

The roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members answered :

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful Councillor F. Leddin, Mayor.

Aldermen : J. Carew, S. Coughlan, T.D., and G. E. Russell.

Councillors : J. Kirby, P. Kelly, V. Feeney, J. P. Liddy, J. Keane.

Apologies for inability to attend received from Councillors Mrs. Condell and W. Brazier.

Officers present : City Manager and Town Clerk, City Accountant, Assistant Town Clerk, M. Greene, B.E., Assistant City Engineer, Housing Officer.

PROPOSED INCREASES IN WEEKLY RENT OF FIXED AND GRADED RENT TENANCIES.

The Manager read his Report of 15th October, 1965, which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting together with statement on the financing of St. Mary's Park, Prospect, and Kileely Housing Schemes and report dated 15th October, 1965, from the City Engineer on house sizes and condition of dwellings in the St. Mary's Park and Killeely Schemes, together with a rough estimate of the cost of providing certain amenities which the houses now lacked.

Cllr. Liddy objected to the steep nature of the increases. The increases envisaged in the Report represented little improvement in the Manager's original proposal of a flat 6/- increase in the weekly rents of all Fixed and Graded Rent dwellings.

Cllr. Feeney was disappointed with the Manager's Report. He suggested that tenants should be paid to reside in St. Mary's Park.

Ald. Russell considered the most serious aspect of the position was brought out in the Engineer's Report. The houses must be put in decent condition. He suggested the imposition of only a modest increase until houses had been reconstructed when the position could be re-examined. The Council had an obligation to see that people were properly housed. He suggested that the Council should adopt the Engineer's Report.

Ald. Coughlan suggested to the City Manager that he move on the matter of repairs in anticipation of the enactment of the present Housing Bill. He disagreed with the Engineer's Report as regards the condition of houses in St. Mary's Park and Killeely. He referred to condition of land in front of St. Mary's Park houses. He appreciated the position as outlined in the Manager's Report and his party wanted to adopt a responsible attitude in the matter. There were good grounds for increases in schemes other than St. Mary's Park, Kileely and Prospect which should be excluded from any proposed increase. He again appealed to the

Manager for special consideration for the three schemes mentioned.

The City Manager promised to investigate with the Department of Local Government whether sanction to a scheme of reconstruction could be obtained in advance of legislation. The new Bill provided for payment of reconstruction grants in respect of local authority house Generally the grant would amount to one-third of the cost of the work. The balance would have to come from the rates. Work on the provision of playing fields at St. Mary's Park was included in the Relief Grant proposed for this year.

Ald. Coughlan asked if the Council had power to move under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

The Manager stated that fixing of rents was an executive function and thereby the responsibility of the Manager. Section 4 could not be invoked in regard to the execution of a function generally.

Ald. Coughlan referred to the pre-election promises of the Taoiseach and the Minister for Health which had not been honoured. This was the root cause of the trouble.

Cllr. Glasgow queried the position with regard to Tenant Purchase. Would this be affected by proposed rent increase?

The City Manager confirmed that the increase would affect Tenant Purchase applications. Tenant purchasers who had completed legal documents (Lease and Mortgage) would not be affected. He would like to seek the advice of the City Solicitor in regard to tenants who had advised the Corporation (in writing) of their intention to avail of Tenant Purchase facilities but who had not completed their purchase. In the case of applications received after the 28th September, 1965, the purchase price would be computed by reference to the increased rents.

Ald. Russell supported Cllr. Glasgow. The Corporation certainly had a moral obligation if not a legal one in regard to applications on hand.

Ald. Coughlan asked the Manager to hold his hand in the matter of increases until a definite decision with regard to repairs was first taken. The Manager stated he could not do this as the deficit on Housing was too great. Many of these rents had been fixed in the 1930's with only one minor adjustment in the interim period.

Cllr. Liddy stated that the increases were too steep. He instanced a case in Killeely where a house originally let at 4/3 per week was now on a weekly rent of 15/10.

Ald. Russell suggested a 50% cut in the Manager's proposals with a proviso that the position be reviewed when the scheme of reconstruction had been completed.

Ald. Coughlan objected to any increase in rents in St. Mary's Park, Prospect and Killeely Schemes.

The City Manager replying, dealt with the financial implications as set out in his Report of 24th September, 1965. He stressed that any tenant who had difficulty in meeting the proposed increase could transfer to the Differential Renting System and in many cases this could mean a reduction in the amount of the weekly rent the tenant would otherwise pay. He referred the Council to the costs to date of repairs in the three major schemes concerned.

Ald. Coughlan asked the City Manager to have full regard to the view expressed by the Council and to come back again with the matter before he made his formal Order.

Ald. Russell remarked that it was essential for the Manager to retain the goodwill of the tenants and appealed to him to impose only

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a modest increase in rent at present.

The City Manager replying stated that he had had full consultation with the Council in the matter over three meetings. He had to have regard to his own responsibilities in the matter. The proposals contained in his Report before the meeting were made after considering the points raised by the Council members at two previous meetings and having regard to the financial position of the Corporation. He could not agree to the matter being further deferred. He would certainly consider the representations made by the individual members of the Council but his formal Order would be made on Monday, 18th October, 1965. Copy of the Order would be available for the information of the members at the meeting of the Planning Committee due to be held on Tuesday, 19th October, 1965.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

A TRUE RECORD.

TOMAS MAC DIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

Limerick City Council

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A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, [illegible]th October, 1965, at 7.30 p.m. when the following members were present :

Aldermen : S. Coughlan, T.D.

Councillors : J. Kirby, J. P. Liddy, J. Keane, F. Glasgow, T. Lawlor, W. Brazier, and P. Kiely.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Russell, Ald. Carew, Cllrs. Condell, O'Sullivan, Feeney, Kelly, Lipper and Danagher.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, The Accountant, City Engineer, Housing Officer.

ITEM 1 :

Housing Construction : Cllr. Liddy asked if the plan showing the derelict and other sites in the city which might be available for small industries or as sites for private houses had been prepared. The Assistant Town Clerk said this was being prepared in connection with the Provisional Plan and with other matters which will come before the Planning Committee in due course. Cllr. Brazier asked that a wall at St. Lawrence Park which was partially undermined be repaired. It was stated that this matter was being looked into.

ITEM 2 :

Again submitted report from the Gardai together with report from the Assistant Town Clerk relating to the proposed amendments to the Parking Bye-Laws and other traffic alterations which the Gardai wished to introduce. The Council had already approved of the amendments in relation to Honan's Quay.

Harvey's Quay : No parking in Harvey's Quay between swivel bridge and junction with Lower Cecil Street. Approved.

Lower Henry Street : The proposal was for no parking in the west side and one hour parking on the east side. The Council recommended that no parking be allowed in this street.

Rutland Street : The proposal was for parking on the Town Hall side, no parking on the opposite side. The Committee was of opinion that there should be no change in the existing arrangements which permitted alternate day parking on either side.

Bus Services : With regard to the routes for out of town bus services Cllr. Keane said that the proposal to route some buses through Parnell Street was unwise in view of the fact that Parnell Street was narrow, and with parking on both sides, was liable to congestion. He suggested that until Parnell Street was widened the routes be changed to Carey's Road, Upper Carey's Road, Roxboro' Road. The Council also asked that it be made clear that incoming buses use the same routes.

ITEM 3 :

Submitted report on procedures relating to the construction of a bridge, copy of the report had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. The report set out in detail the procedures outlined in part IV of the Local Government Act, 1946 and the last paragraph suggested that having regard to the manner in which an additional

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bridge over the Shannon would improve road communications in the City, County Limerick and County Clare, that the Corporation should obtain the views of these two Authorities relating to the increase in road traffic in their areas and the Limerick Harbour Commissioners should also be consulted. After some discussion the Committee on the proposal of Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, unanimously agreed to proceed as suggested by the City Manager in the last paragraph of his report dated 22nd October, 1965.

ITEM 4 :

Public Conveniences : Submitted report from the City Engineer with regard to public conveniences in the City, and the condition of the public conveniences at present. After a brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Lawlor, seconded by Cllr. Glasgow, that the report as presented by the City Engineer be adopted. Cllr. Lawlor asked that an approach be made to the authority in control of Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery to provide a public convenience in the cemetery grounds. The City Manager said that this request would be conveyed to the Trustees. Cllr. Kiely suggested that steps be taken to have the public convenience attached to Clare Street Park open to 10.30 p.m. The Manager said this matter would be examined.

Ald. Coughlan said that no steps had been taken so far to provide public conveniences near King John's Castle. The City Manager said this was included in the City Engineer's report which had been referred by the Council to a special committee with outside representation. Replies were awaited from a number of parties who were invited to act on the Committee and the matter would come back for further consideration as soon as a meeting of this Committee could be arranged. The Council asked that the matter might be brought for attention to the meeting of the Planning Committee to be held on the first Tuesday in November.

ITEM 6 :

Miscellaneous : Cllr. Keane asked that the roadway opposite the shops in Hyde Road be widened. Cllr. Liddy supported. The City Manager said a report would be obtained from the City Engineer in the matter.

SEALING :

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Keane, and resolved: "That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing :

S.D. Advance—Deed of Assignment and Release : Thomas Moore and Another to Eileen Rice.

Closing Order : 6 Sarsfield Street.

Garryowen No. 3 C.P.O. Map No. 95—Transfer : Mrs. Catherine Fleming.

CONDOLENCE :

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : "That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. Anslow, 3 Pennywell."

A TRUE RECORD.

TOMAS MAC DIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

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Limerick City Council

A meeting of the Planning Committee of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 19th October, 1965, at 7.30 o'clock, p.m., the following members being present :

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful Cllr. F. Leddin, Mayor.

Aldermen : J. Carew, S. Coughlan, T.D., and G. E. Russell.

Councillors : J. Kirby, J. P. Liddy, V. Feeney, W. Brazier, T. Lawlor.

Officers present included the Deputy City Manager ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Engineer ; Mr. T. McNamara, Chief Planning Assistant ; Mr. K. Quilligan, Housing Officer.

On the proposition of the Chairman the Council unanimously agreed to receive a deputation from the Limerick Lawn Tennis Association. Mr. R. Quin, a spokesman for the deputation, said the Association had been asked to request the Corporation to provide hard court tennis grounds in Limerick City. Such courts would benefit the youth of the City. He suggested the People's Park as a suitable location. The Mayor said the matter was worthy of consideration. Ald. Russell supported as did Cllr. Lawlor, Cllr. Liddy, Cllr. Glasgow, and Ald. Carew. The Council agreed to refer the matter to the City Manager for attention.

RENTS (FIXED) ON HOUSES :

The Mayor proposed that a deputation from the tenants of St. Mary's Park, Kileely, which was present at the meeting, be heard. The spokesman for the deputation from St. Mary's Park said they failed to understand the figures which had been circulated to the members of the Council giving the cost of St. Mary's Park Housing Scheme and the deficit. The houses had been built for £300. The tenants had paid rent since the houses were occupied and in his view the houses had been paid for many times over. He appealed to the Mayor and members of the Council not to agree to the proposed increase in rents under any circumstances and if it was necessary to ask for a sworn inquiry into the whole matter. The spokesman for the Kileely Tenants Association said members of this Association would not pay the increased rents.

The Deputy City Manager said he wished to apologise for the absence of the City Manager who was in Dublin on official business.

The Mayor submitted a report from the Manager to the members of the Council in which the Manager stated that he had considered carefully the representations made by the members of the Council at the meeting of the Council held on the 15th October. He had, however, reached the conclusion that he had no alternative having regard to the financial circumstances of the Corporation but to make an order (which he had done on the 18th October, 1965) applying the increases which had been set out in his report to the Council on the 15th October ; the increases to apply from the 20th October, 1965. Ald. Coughlan said the reason the Manager had been forced to act as he had was the fact that sufficient money was not being provided to the Corporation to enable the Corporation to carry on its business. He reiterated the views he had previously expressed regarding statements made by the Taoiseach,

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the Minister for Health, and the Minister for Local Government on the question of relief from central funds to Local Authorities. The fact that rents were being increased was due to the action of the Government, and his Party wished to be divorced entirely from this action.

Cllr. Liddy said the matter should be divorced from politics. What the Taoiseach, the Minister for Health, and the Minister for Local Government had said in relation to relief to Local Authorities on rates, on health matters, or on the question of rents, had been published and were there for everybody to read. He regretted the absence of the Manager from the meeting. His view was that the increase was far too steep. The fact that there had been no increase other than the increase of Is. 0d. since the houses were first occupied indicated that successive Managers had failed to do their duty and the result was that a very steep increase was now called for. His Party did not agree with the increase proposed. He suggested the matter be deferred to the Rates meeting when the Council would have an opportunity of reviewing the entire financial position of the Corporation.

The Mayor said he was opposed to any increase in rents, for the reason the houses were not in a good state of repair. The answer was to put the houses into a proper state of repair and then the question of an increase in rents could be taken up.

Cllr. Feeney congratulated the deputation on the case they had made. He deplored the absence of the City Manager from the meeting. He appealed to the Manager not to enforce the increase. Ald. Russell said the City Manager had made his Order and it appeared to him there was nothing the Council could do to have the Manager retract the Order which he had made. The Council could, however, hold the City Manager to the promise he had made to repair the houses in St. Mary's Park, Kileely and Prospect, and there was an obligation on the Council to ensure that these repairs were carried out. Secondly, he suggested that in cases of hardship which came to the notice of members of the Council representations could be made for special consideration. The Deputy City Manager said the City Manager had made the Order increasing the rents and the increase would be operative from the 20th October, 1965. The financial position of the Corporation had been under review for the half year and from this it would be obvious to anybody that there could be no relief expected next March when the Council come to consider the Estimate of Expenses. With regard to the repair of the Schemes the Deputy City Manager agreed that overall schemes for the improvement of houses which were owned by the Corporation could be prepared and submitted to the Department but the Corporation would have to await the passing of the Housing Bill before grants could be allowed in respect of such repairs. The Deputy City Manager read the details of the cost to date of the St. Mary's Park, Kileely and Prospect Housing Schemes, copy of which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. The statement showed that deficit on the combined schemes in 1965 was £35,976.

The discussion then closed and the Council moved on to consider the business of the meeting, planning.

ITEM 1 :

Submitted the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 6th July, 1965, copy of which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. Noted.

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ITEM 2 :

Submitted circular P.D.6 of the 12th July, 1965, from the Department of Local Government re Provisional Plan. Ald. Coughlan said the sending of circulars such as this to Planning Authorities, and in particular the Corporation which was well advanced in its preparation for a Provisional Plan was pointless if the Department of Local Government did not provide money to enable the Corporation to put its plans into effect. Ald. Russell said the target set by the Corporation was the preparation of a plan by the 1st January, 1966. He asked if this target would be met. The City Engineer said the Provisional Plan would be ready by January, 1966. The Development Plan would take a little longer.

Lichfield Report on the Limerick/Shannon/Ennis District : Ald. Coughlan said that he had seen press reports of the Lichfield report on the Limerick/Shannon/Ennis district. From what he had seen the report was of no value as far as Limerick was concerned. It appeared to him to refer to matters which had been attended to by the City Council such as the provision of industrial sites which were being provided at Rathbane and Corcanree. The Mayor pointed out that the full report was in the hands of the Minister and it had not been made available as yet to the Corporation. Ald. Russell said that it was surprising the Minister should issue to the press the report which concerned the Limerick/Shannon/Ennis district without first sending a copy for the information of the Council. After a further brief discussion it was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Ald. Coughlan, and resolved :

" That we protest to the Minister for Local Government at the lack of courtesy shown in not sending to the Corporation for consideration a copy of the Lichfield report on the Limerick/Shannon/Ennis district; that we request the Minister to furnish a copy of the report for consideration without delay."

ITEM 3 :

Submitted report from the City Engineer on progress and preparation of the Development Plan, copy of the report had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. Noted.

ITEM 4 :

Submitted report from the City Engineer on the selection of an area in which a site for a new Town Hall could be included. The City Engineer said his report suggested that an area from Castle Street to Merchants Quay across the Abbey River to include the Custom House and Treaty Stone Park should be designated as an area to be reserved for civic and public buildings, with associated lawns, car parks, etc., as well as public parks, walks, recreational and entertainment facilities including boating clubs, angling clubs, etc. Ald. Russell welcomed the proposals and said the area was associated with the history of the City and constituted the historic centre of Limerick. He proposed that the proposal to designate the area described by the City Engineer for the purposes set out in the Engineer's report of the 27th September, 1965, be adopted. Cllr. Lawlor seconded. The proposal was put to the Committee and adopted.

ITEM 5 :

Submitted report from the City Engineer on the preservation of buildings, landmarks, etc., of historical, archaeological and geological

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interest. Copy of the City Engineer's report of the 27th September, 1965 had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. Cllr. Lawlor suggested that the Fountain in John's Square should be included in the Third Schedule Part IV, Item 6. The City Engineer said he had no objection to this. The Council adopted the report.

Arising out of the foregoing, Ald. Coughlan referred to the condition of Amharclann na Feile. He said the exterior of the premises was most unkempt and did not reflect credit on the Committee. He also referred to the manner in which the Theatre was being let to dramatic groups in the city as unreasonable.

Cllr. Liddy who spoke as a representative of the Council on the executive committee of the Feile said the premises did not look well from the outside. However, extensive decorations had been carried out in the interior, but the Committee had not got sufficient money to complete the work. The charges to groups for the use of the Theatre were reasonable. The Committee would like to see the Theatre open for the full twelve months but this did not seem to be practicable.

Ald. Russell said it was a regrettable fact that cultural activities did not pay their way. The Committee must cover its outgoings and beyond this they were happy to make no money out of Amharclann na Feile. He thought the citizens were grateful for what was being done by the Committee. Cllr. Glasgow referred to the use of the theatre by Feile Luimni. There were no difficulties in connection with the Amharclann except financial difficulties.

ITEM 6 :

Submitted report on decisions made under the Planning and Development Act, 1963, together with notices of applications under consideration at the 30th September, 1965. Noted.

ITEM 7 :

Submitted communication dated 31st July, 1965, from the Limerick Market Trustees regarding the Limerick Markets. There was a brief discussion on this matter. Cllr. Lawlor suggested that arrangements be made for the Planning Committee to meet members of the Market Trustees to discuss the Market Trustees' suggestion that the Market be moved from Corr Street to Mulgrave Street. Ald. Russell said the difficulty was that the traders in the area had objections to any proposals to shift the markets. The Mayor said the matter would have to be resolved one way or the other. The present state of the markets in Corr Street was not good. After a further brief discussion the Committee agreed that the members of the Council on a Board of Market Trustees should discuss the position with Mr. Herriott and report back.

ITEM 8 :

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter except for proposals 1 and 2 in the report of the Chief Superintendent relating to parking at one side of Honan's Quay only. This proposal was adopted on the motion of Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Liddy. There was no further discussion. The meeting adjourned.

A TRUE RECORD.

TOMAS MAC DIARMADA,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND MEMBERS OF THE LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

To be considered at the Meeting of the Council

TO BE HELD ON 9th NOV., 1965

For Five Weeks ended 30th OCT., 1965

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1.—HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.

Roxboro Road Housing Scheme (254 Houses)—(J. F. Kennedy Park)
Work proceeding on the construction of 95 houses.
Site Works 86.5% complete.
Development 76.5% complete.
Superstructure 93% complete.
129 houses handed over. 30 houses completed and not yet handed over.
93 houses roofed and tiled.
No. of men employed, 182; 95 skilled ; 87 unskilled.

Convent Field Janesboro' Housing Scheme.
Work proceeding on the construction of 65 houses.
Superstructure 16.45% complete.
Site works 54.65% complete.
Development 1.8% complete. 39 houses to first floor level
9 houses to ground floor level. 14 houses roofed and tiled.
No. of men employed 63; 21 skilled ; 42 unskilled.

Watergate.
Work proceeding on the working drawings.

South Hill Housing Scheme (East). The Highfield.
Work proceeding on the construction of 167 houses.
Development 4% Superstructure 5.7%; Site Works 84.5% complete
9 houses roofed and tiled. 13 houses to first floor level.
114 houses to sub floor level.
No. of men employed 62; 25 skilled ; 37 unskilled.

South Hill Housing Scheme (West). (348 houses)
Draft layout plans with the Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil.

Housing Letting—

No. of first lettings	5
Number of houses re-let	3
No. of houses vacant 31/10/65	5

2.—HOUSING MAINTENANCE.

Items of Repair attended to in Month of Oct. 965.

Strand Barracks Area	215	Complaints taken	...	392
Garryowen Area ...	274	" "	...	465
Prospect Area ...	248	" "	...	470
Ballynanty Beg Area ...	243	" "	...	310
Janesboro ...	224	" "	...	307
TOTAL	1204		...	1944

3.—ROADS. —No. of men employed, 40. 38 unskilled. 2 skilled

SANITARY SERVICE WORKS.—Nil.

5.—PARKS.

There were no trees planted in October. 5 trees broken.
111½ acres of lawns cut. These include parks and open spaces.
All annual flowers lifted and replanted with as follows :

3375	Wallflowers
1647	Belles (Buttons)
1646	Mytosis (Forget-me-nots)
1514	Polyanthus
85	Auricula
223	Sweet William
8490	Total

All these were grown from seed at Corporation Nurseries in Corbally.
7 doz. Hyacinths, 200 Narcissus, 500 Crocus, 1,000 Tulips were interplanted with above.

6.—VETERINARY INSPECTION.

INSPECTION OF PRIVATE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES STALLS, Etc.

	Inspected	Condemned Whole	Partial	Tubercular	%	Other Diseases
Cattle	261	—	—	—	—	—
Calves	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep	1540	—	—	—	—	—
Pigs	52	—	—	—	—	—
Sows	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Visited by Inspector	Weight of Food Condemned Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Private Slaughter-houses ...	90	—	1	3	—
Stalls, Shops, etc.	92	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	182	—	1	3	—

7.—MILK AND DAIRIES ACT : VETERINARY LABORATORY, etc.

Number of Milk Shops Inspected	7
Number of Milk Cars Inspected	2
Total Number of Tests carried out...	26
Number of Reductase Tests	—
" " failures	—
" " Gerber Tests	12
" " failures	—
" " Coliform Tests	—
" " failures	—
" " Plate Counts	14
" " visits to approved Milk Shops	7
" " Cows examined	—
" " Dairy Yards Inspected	—
" " Phosphotase Test	8
" " Phosphotase Test of failures	—

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8.—GAS DEPARTMENT. October, 1965.

Make of Gas for month	87696 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1964	90063 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1963	94716 Therms
Sale of Coke for month	308 Tons
Sale of Coke same month last year	447 Tons

	Crude Gallons	Refined
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Sale of Tar for month	170	1 0 0
Sale of Tar for same month last year ...	256	87 0 0

Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of month—			
	do	Revenue No. 1	£162,446 4 10
	do	Revenue No. 2	£1,400 6 4
Debit	do	Capital Ac.	£2,847 2 1
Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of same month last year—		Revenue No. 1	£149,571 2 4
	do	Revenue No. 2	£13,109 11 1
Debit		Capital Ac.	£907

Number of Men employed at end of month 60
Number of Men employed at end of same month last year 64

9.—PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Statistical Return for Period from Sept. 26th, 1965 to Oct. 30th, 1965

BOOK STOCK—

Total number of books in stock 25/9/65	27,422
Number of books added during above period	79
Number of books withdrawn	116
Total number of books in stock 30/10/'65	27,385

2. BOOK ISSUES—	Number	% of Total Issue	
Fiction	3061	38.4%	
Non-Fiction	1934	24.3%	
Reference	208	2.6%	
Juvenile	2766	34.7%	
TOTAL ...	7969	100%	
Average Daily Issue			306

3. BORROWERS—		
Tickets in use—Adult Fiction		1319
" " " Adult Non-Fiction		1376
" " " Juvenile		1472
TOTAL ...		4167
Newsroom—Average daily attendance		9
Museum—Total attendance for month		2434
6. Art Gallery—Total attendance for month		510

TOMAS MAC DIARMADA,
City Manager and Town Clerk

McKerns Printing, Limerick

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

FINANCIAL POSITION ON THE LAST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1965

MUNICIPAL FUND

1. EXPENDITURE

	Current Year	Last Year
From 1st April to 30th September	£592854	£510913
For the month of October	55599	52940
Total Expenditure to date:	£648453	£563853

2. RECEIPTS

	RATES		RENTS		ALL OTHER SOURCES		TOTAL	
	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year
From 1st April to 30th September	£245491	£216400	£131132	£120297	£149949	£129966	£526572	£466663
For the month of October	85434	73552	21407	20288	15789	16404	122630	110244
Total Receipts to date:	£330925	£289952	£152539	£140585	£165738	£146370	£649202	£576907

3. RATE COLLECTION

		CURRENT WARRANT	CURRENT PERCENTAGE	LAST YEAR'S WARRANT	LAST YEAR'S PERCENTAGE
		£556463	100.00%	£483857	100.00%
Collected to 30th September	£245491				
Discounts	1745	247236	44.42%	217955	45.04%
Balance outstanding at 30th September		£309227	55.58%	£265902	54.96%
Collected for month of October		85434	15.35%	73552	15.20%
Balance outstanding at 31st October		£223793	40.23%	£192350	39.76%
Transferred to Rate Mortgage A/c		to 31/10/65	£15295	to 31/10/64	£15295
Paid " " " "		to 31/10/65	458	to 31/10/64	446

4. HOUSING RENTS:

	31/3/65	31/10/65	31/10/64
Arrears	£4251	£5195	£5025

5. SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:

	31/3/65	31/10/65	31/10/64
Arrears of Instalments due by Borrowers	£4820	£4906	£6519

6. WATER CHARGES:	Current Year	Last Year
Arrears due on 30th September	£4689	£5455
Debited for Collection during month of October	£2088	£3113
Total for Collection	£6777	£8568
Collected and lodged during month of October	£1835	£3631
Balance outstanding at end of October	£4942	£4937

7. REVENUE ACCOUNT:	Current Year	Last Year
Amount due to Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of October	£175736	£94304
Paying Orders issued but not cashed at end of October	15552	£12092
TOTAL DEBIT BALANCE	£191288	£106396

8. CAPITAL ACCOUNT:	Current Year	Last Year
Amount due to Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of October	£218145	£276795

9. GAS ACCOUNT:	Current Year	Last Year
Amount due per Bank Pass Book No. 1 Revenue A/C to end of October	£162446	£149571
" " " " " " " 2 Do	1400	13109
" " " " " " " CAPITAL A/C	2847	907

In pursuance of Section 16(2) of the Limerick City Management Act 1934, I have caused to be prepared by the City Accountant the foregoing statement of the financial position of the Corporation of Limerick on the last day of October with the corresponding figures for the same month and period last year.

DATE: 5th November, 1965.

TOMAS MacDIARMADA,
CITY MANAGER AND TOWN CLERK.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Oifig Cleirigh na Cathrach,
Arus na Cathrach,
Luimneach.

5th November, 1965.

A monthly meeting of the Limerick City Council will be held in the County Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 9th November, 1965, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

B U S I N E S S.

1. To confirm the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on the 12th and 15th October, 1965.

2. To confirm the minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on the 26th October, 1965.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 19th October, 1965.

4. To read general correspondence.

5. To consider Departmental Reports and Financial Statement for October, 1965, including a Statement setting out the requirements with regard to Housing Loans.

6. To consider the following motions of which due notices have been given:

   (a) "That this Council deplores the continuing inadequacy of the water supply in the Greystones Estate and calls on the City Manager to take immediate steps to rectify this lack of an essential amenity to many families in the locality concerned".

   (b) "Limerick City Council concerned at the long delay in completing the work on the Greystones Quarry, request the City Manager to take immediate steps to see that this danger spot is cleared of water without further delay. Furthermore, the Council requests the City Manager to immediately prepare a scheme for converting the smaller Mayorstone Quarry into a Playground for the use of the many young children in the Mayorstone/Greystones neighbourhood".

   Signed: G. E. Russell.
   30th October, 1965.

7. To further consider Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31/3/1965.

8. To further consider report re Swimming Pools (copy report herewith).

9. To further consider draft Bye Laws entitled "The Limerick Appointed Stands (Street Service Vehicles) Bye Laws 1965".

10. Housing.

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11. To consider Draft Scheme for payment of Supplementary Housing Grants (copy of Scheme herewith).

12. To consider Road Safety Campaign to be held in December, 1965. (Letter from the Minister for Local Government to each member herewith).

13. To consider proposal re revision of salary scales for Veterinary Officers employed by the Corporation (copy report herewith).

14. To consider report re proposed transfer of property from Limerick Harbour Commissioners to the Corporation (copy report herewith).

15. To consider report re increase in Pensions for retired officers and servants (copy report herewith).

16. To approve of expenditure in excess of the Estimate of Expenses on the Vocational Education Account (copy report herewith).

17. To approve of the expenditure of a sum not exceeding 1d. in the £ on the decoration of the City for Christmas.

18. To consider report on School Meals (copy report herewith).

19. To authorise the affixing of the Corporate Seal, to warrant for temporary Rate Collector, & to any documents presented for sealing.

20. To consider notices of new works (if any).

21. To consider motion forwarded by Wicklow County Council (copy circulated).

22. To consider any other matter that may legally be considered at this meeting.

Your attendance at this meeting is requested.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager & Town Clerk.

Each member of the City Council.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

The adjourned Quarterly Meeting of Limerick City Council was held at the City Courthouse (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Friday, 15th October, 1965.

ROLL CALL :

The roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members answered :

In the Chair : The Right Worshipful Councillor F. Leddin, Mayor.

Aldermen : J. Carew, S. Coughlan, T.D., and G. E. Russell.

Councillors : J. Kirby, P. Kelly, V. Feeney, J. P. Liddy, J. Keane.

Apologies for inability to attend received from Councillors Mrs. Condell and W. Brazier.

Officers present : City Manager and Town Clerk, City Accountant, Assistant Town Clerk, M. Greene, B.E., Assistant City Engineer, Housing Officer.

PROPOSED INCREASES IN WEEKLY RENT OF FIXED AND GRADED RENT TENANCIES.

The Manager read his Report of 15th October, 1965, which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting together with statement on the financing of St. Mary's Park, Prospect, and Kileely Housing Schemes and report dated 15th October, 1965, from the City Engineer on house sizes and condition of dwellings in the St. Mary's Park and Killeely Schemes, together with a rough estimate of the cost of providing certain amenities which the houses now lacked.

Cllr. Liddy objected to the steep nature of the increases. The increases envisaged in the Report represented little improvement in the Manager's original proposal of a flat 6/- increase in the weekly rents of all Fixed and Graded Rent dwellings.

Cllr. Feeney was disappointed with the Manager's Report. He suggested that tenants should be paid to reside in St. Mary's Park.

Ald. Russell considered the most serious aspect of the position was brought out in the Engineer's Report. The houses must be put in decent condition. He suggested the imposition of only a modest increase until houses had been reconstructed when the position could be re-examined. The Council had an obligation to see that people were properly housed. He suggested that the Council should adopt the Engineer's Report.

Ald. Coughlan suggested to the City Manager that he move on the matter of repairs in anticipation of the enactment of the present Housing Bill. He disagreed with the Engineer's Report as regards the condition of houses in St. Mary's Park and Killeely. He referred to condition of land in front of St. Mary's Park houses. He appreciated the position as outlined in the Manager's Report and his party wanted to adopt a responsible attitude in the matter. There were good grounds for increases in schemes other than St. Mary's Park, Kileely and Prospect which should be excluded from any proposed increase. He again appealed to the

Manager for special consideration for the three schemes mentioned.

The City Manager promised to investigate with the Department of Local Government whether sanction to a scheme of reconstruction could be obtained in advance of legislation. The new Bill provided for payment of reconstruction grants in respect of local authority houses. Generally the grant would amount to one-third of the cost of the work. The balance would have to come from the rates. Work on the provision of playing fields at St. Mary's Park was included in the Relief Grant proposed for this year.

Ald. Coughlan asked if the Council had power to move under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

The Manager stated that fixing of rents was an executive function and thereby the responsibility of the Manager. Section 4 could not be invoked in regard to the execution of a function generally.

Ald. Coughlan referred to the pre-election promises of the Taoiseach and the Minister for Health which had not been honoured. This was the root cause of the trouble.

Cllr. Glasgow queried the position with regard to Tenant Purchase. Would this be affected by proposed rent increase?

The City Manager confirmed that the increase would affect Tenant Purchase applications. Tenant purchasers who had completed legal documents (Lease and Mortgage) would not be affected. He would like to seek the advice of the City Solicitor in regard to tenants who had advised the Corporation (in writing) of their intention to avail of Tenant Purchase facilities but who had not completed their purchase. In the case of applications received after the 28th September, 1965, the purchase price would be computed by reference to the increased rents.

Ald. Russell supported Cllr. Glasgow. The Corporation certainly had a moral obligation if not a legal one in regard to applications on hand.

Ald. Coughlan asked the Manager to hold his hand in the matter of increases until a definite decision with regard to repairs was first taken. The Manager stated he could not do this as the deficit on Housing was too great. Many of these rents had been fixed in the 1930's with only one minor adjustment in the interim period.

Cllr. Liddy stated that the increases were too steep. He instanced a case in Killeely where a house originally let at 4/3 per week was now on a weekly rent of 15/10.

Ald. Russell suggested a 50% cut in the Manager's proposals with a proviso that the position be reviewed when the scheme of reconstruction had been completed.

Ald. Coughlan objected to any increase in rents in St. Mary's Park, Prospect and Killeely Schemes.

The City Manager replying, dealt with the financial implications as set out in his Report of 24th September, 1965. He stressed that any tenant who had difficulty in meeting the proposed increase could transfer to the Differential Renting System and in many cases this could mean a reduction in the amount of the weekly rent the tenant would otherwise pay. He referred the Council to the costs to date of repairs in the three major schemes concerned.

Ald. Coughlan asked the City Manager to have full regard to the view expressed by the Council and to come back again with the matter before he made his formal Order.

Ald. Russell remarked that it was essential for the Manager to retain the goodwill of the tenants and appealed to him to impose only

a modest increase in rent at present.

The City Manager replying stated that he had had full consultation with the Council in the matter over three meetings. He had to have regard to his own responsibilities in the matter. The proposals contained in his Report before the meeting were made after considering the points raised by the Council members at two previous meetings and having regard to the financial position of the Corporation. He could not agree to the matter being further deferred. He would certainly consider the representations made by the individual members of the Council but his formal Order would be made on Monday, 18th October, 1965. Copy of the Order would be available for the information of the members at the meeting of the Planning Committee due to be held on Tuesday, 19th October, 1965.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

A TRUE RECORD.

TOMAS MAC DIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

Confirmed in Council
this 9th day of Nov. 1965

Frank Leddin
Chairman.

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Limerick City Council

A meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse, by kind permission of the County Registrar, on Tuesday, 9th November, 1965.

PRESENT :
In the Chair : The Right Worshipful Cllr. F. Leddin, Mayor.

Aldermen : J. Carew, S. Coughlan, T.D., and G. E. Russell.

Councillors : W. Brazier, V. Feeney, T. Lawlor, F. Glasgow, P. Kiely, J. Kirby.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Cllrs. O'Sullivan, Keane, Lipper and Liddy.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Engineer ; City Accountant ; Housing Officer, etc.

MAYOR'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES :

The Mayor informed the Council that he was going on a visit to the United States. He proposed taking the Chains of Office with him and also the robes with the approval of the Council. He notified the Council that he was appointing Ald. J. Carew to act as Deputy Mayor in his absence. It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and resolved : " That the Council give permission to the Mayor to take with him on his trip to the United States the Chains of Office and the robes."

All the members of the Council present wished the Mayor *bon voyage* and a successful visit. The City Manager on behalf of the staff of the Corporation, and on his own behalf, joined with the Council's good wishes.

PROCEDURE :

The Mayor informed the Council that he proposed to take the notice of the Special Meeting to deal with the resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 as first business. Ald. Coughlan said in view of the absence of a number of members of the Council who had signed the resolution he wished to have the matter set aside for the time being. He wished to have it clearly understood that the motion was not withdrawn and would be re-submitted for discussion at an appropriate time. The Mayor referred to a proposed meeting with the City Manager on the following Friday and said he understood the City Manager would not meet the deputation unless the Council had decided on the resolution under Section IV, or there was no such resolution before the Council. The City Manager said in his opinion deferment in the ordinary sense of adjournment would not comply with the Law. To re-enter the matter it would be necessary for the City Manager to be furnished with another notice in whatever form the members of the Council wished to put it.

Ald. Coughlan said it would be necessary to comply with the Law. It was clear that there was no change in approach. The legal formalities necessary under Section 4 would be taken.

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October, 1965.

Dear

Once again I am writing to you on the subject of road safety. During the two road safety campaigns in December and at Whit last, the most encouraging feature was the extent of local participation. Without the generous response of local authorities to my appeal, little could have been achieved towards the development of community interest in road safety.

The ultimate weapon in promoting the safe use of our roads is public opinion. Only by moulding public opinion can we hope to raise the general standard of our behaviour as road users to the point where the respect and care demanded by modern traffic conditions will become an every-day pattern in our lives. I feel that previous road safety campaigns have done much to achieve this in the last few years. The widespread indifference which prevailed for so long is gradually giving way to national and individual concern, but much remains to be done to translate this concern into positive and worthwhile action.

The continued upward trend in road accidents may have tended to make us ask ourselves if the effort is worth-while. We can take some small comfort from the fact that the rise in accidents has not as yet matched the phenomenal growth of motor traffic in this country. This position will not continue. Experience elsewhere suggests that when traffic density reaches a certain point the increase in accidents tends to become more marked. We are fast approaching this situation here and, far from being discouraged about the present position, we must face up to the challenge and redouble our efforts to arrest this growing accident rate.

It is in this context, therefore, that I ask for the co-operation and assistance of your local authority in a further major national road safety campaign which I propose to conduct from December 1st to December 11th, 1965.

The principal feature of the campaign will be a conference on road safety, some details of which are outlined in the attached statement. The Symposium on road safety held last year aroused considerable nationwide interest and added greatly to the impact of the 1964 December Campaign. It is hoped that the subjects to be highlighted at this year's conference will do much to further this interest. I hope to see your local authority well represented at the conference as the themes will be of interest to members and officers alike.

My Department is writing separately to the Managers on detailed aspects of the campaign and in particular on the promotion of local activities to coincide with the campaign. As elected leaders of the community you and the members of

your local authority can do much to promote the organisation of such activities. This is particularly desirable in those areas where the Safety First Association of Ireland has not yet formed permanent road safety committees, or where other voluntary bodies have not developed local interest in road safety. Where such a body operates, the local authority may be able to help them to promote activities for the campaign. I take this opportunity of reminding you of the powers available to local authorities to incur expenditure in the promotion of road safety and of the 50% recoupment scheme which applies to certain classes of expenses incurred by a local authority in connection with these campaigns.

I would appreciate it if you arranged to discuss this matter with the Manager and have it placed on the Council's agenda at an early date. I realise the extra burdens which I am asking local authorities to undertake, but I ask you to accept them to stand with me in the struggle against the rising tide of road accidents.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Minister for Local Government.

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CONFERENCE ON ROAD SAFETY

DECEMBER, 1965

Venue Conference Theatre, Liberty Hall, Dublin 1.

Dates, etc. 2-3 December inclusive.
Morning session each day to run from 10-1 approx.
Afternoon session from 2.30-5.30 approx.

General At each session there will be a principal speaker, generally a foreign expert on the subject who will deliver a paper of about 1 hour's duration. Other experts will follow with shorter contributions (approx. 30 minutes each) and then there will be opportunity for questions and a general discussion.

Members of a profession, etc., interested in a particular subject will be invited to attend, but others interested in road safety will also be present and it is hoped that papers read will be capable of appreciation by the non-professional public. The press will be present.

Subjects

Thursday, 2nd December

A.M. Theme I - The Moral Aspect of Road Behaviour.

P.M. Theme II - Enforcement of Road Traffic Law.

Friday, 3rd December

A.M. Theme III - Vehicle Maintenance.

P.M. Theme IV - Accident Research.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK

City Manager's Office,

5th November, 1965.

To/ His Worship, the Mayor, and to each member
of the City Council

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Attached is copy of Statement prepared by the City Accountant which sets out the position with regard to loans and instalments of loans on the Capital account (Housing) at the present date.

T. P. MacDiarmada
City Manager

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Loan Applications forwarded to Department of Local Government for sanction

Carey's Road Housing Scheme	£21,500	-	New Ireland Assurance Co. Ltd.
Pennywell No. 3 " "	£11,688	-	Commissioner of Public Works
South Hill East " "	£379,000	-	" " "
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	£200,000	-	" " "
Local Grants (Section 12)	£40,000	-	" " "
TOTAL	£652,188		

Applications for Instalments of Loans forwarded to Commissioners of Public Works

Garryowen (1 - 3)	£10,000
Bullfield	£40,000
Convent Field	£24,000
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	£50,000
Reconstruction Grants	£5,000
TOTAL	£129,000

Estimated Loan Instalments required during November, 1965

Bullfield	£35,000
Convent Field	£10,000
South Hill East	£50,000
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	£50,000
Local Grants	£12,000
	£157,000

Estimated Loan Instalments required for period December, 1965 - March, 1966

Bullfield	£35,000
St. John's	£25,000
Convent Field	£40,000
South Hill East	£120,000
Tankfield/Greenhills	£52,000
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	£200,000
Garryowen (1 - 3)	2,800
Local Grants	£40,000
Reconstruction Grants	5,000
	£519,800

T. Collery
City Accountant

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

23rd July, 1965.

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors:

Attached herewith report dated 16th instant from the City Engineer on the standard design for swimming pools made available by the Department of Local Government.

The City Engineer, in his report, details the dimensions of the swimming pool and ancillary accommodation attached thereto. He also outlines the nature of the structure and the plant, electrical installations etc. which will be provided. His report is recommended for adoption subject to the following modifications:

(1) That the Corporation constructs two pools on the Canal Bank site in adjoining locations as mentioned in his report.

The heaviest charge in connection with the swimming pool will be the operating costs. If two pools are constructed in the manner suggested the numbers using the pools should be considerably greater than if one pool only is available. The expenditure on salaries, wages, cleaning and maintenance of buildings and plant should not be very much greater for two pools than for one.

(2) The design should be modified to ensure that the boiler is gas fired instead of oil fired, and gas should also be used in the internal heating arrangements.

A report from the City Accountant will be available to the Members on the estimated cost of operating the swimming pools.

T. P. MacDiarmada,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

The estimated cost of this pool has been given as £15,000 but there may be expenses for :- Rock excavation.
Access Roads.
Fencing.

Land charges etc. depending on site condition. I recommend that Corporation build only one pool in the first instance, and after a years experience it would then take a decision as to whether more pools were necessary.

I recommend that the first pool should be built at a central site (i.e. the site already accepted in the Canal Bank)
In this connection it should be noted that it would be possible to provide a second pool along side the first pool and under the same roof by erecting a similar structure back to back with the first structure and removing the back wall.

The second structure would be cheaper in so far as the dressing rooms attendants room toilets etc. would be ommited as well as the back wall. and the space occupied by these offices could be adapted to accommodate spectators on special occasions. Approximately 250 spectators could be accommodated on this area and approximately another 150 could be accommodated on temporary seats around the walls of the bathouse.

Running Costs of Swimming Pools:-

It should be appreciated that the Capital charges are only one part of the cost of operating a swimming Pool.
Other items which must be taken into consideration are:

(1) Salaries and wages.
(2) Rates and Insurances
(3) Fuel, oil.
(4) Electricity and water.
(5) Maintenance of Buildings
(6) Maintenance of plant
(7) General Administration of Office Expenses
(8) Cleaning and Sundry Materials.
(9) Purification
(10) Clothing
(11) Miscellaneous Items.

Against the above items an item for receipts must be off-set.
I am of the opinion that the swimming pool in a City the size of Limerick must be run on very rigid lines in order to control the numbers and to prevent over-crowding at certain periods while the pool may be idle for other periods. The manner in which the Pool is controlled will largely effect the running cose. Probably the cheapest method of operation would be to rent the pool to "clubs" or "Groups" for fixed periods. This would reduce supervision and the Corporation's liabilities for accidents or drownings as well as saving fuel in so far as there would be advance notice of use and the water temperatures need not be kept to maximum at all times just to facilitate a few persons. Clubs, etc could also be held liable for wanton damage by their members.

Another method to keep down the running cost would be to have a membership card system as for public libraries. The member would have a fixed time allocated to him/her. Members would be organized into suitable sized sections with section leaders appointed on a voluntary basis. In this way the number of paid attendants could be kept to a minimum.
A copy of statement of expenditure and receipts and a copy of the schedule showing allocation of times for another swimming pool is attached for information.

Note:- This pool would not be suitable for small children.

M.C. Brennan.
16th July, 1965. CITY ENGINEER.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Draft Scheme for Payment of Supplementary Grants.

1. The Corporation will consider applications for Supplementary Grants from persons qualified in accordance with the Statutory Provisions and this Scheme.

2. A grant may be paid by the Corporation to a person who erects (or purchases) a new house for his own occupation in the City of Limerick, provided:

   (a) A grant is made by the Minister for Local Government, under

   (1) Section 16 of the Act of 1948,
   (2) Section 2 of the Act of 1962, or
   (3) Section 15 of the Act of 1965.

   (b) The person is the occupier of the house when the erection or purchase thereof was or is completed.

3. The total, as determined by the Corporation, of the income of the person and the income of his spouse (if any) does not exceed £1,045 per annum, provided

   that where the person satisfies the Corporation that he, or his spouse, maintains at his or her own expense a dependant person the Corporation will make an allowance off the income of £100 for each person, so maintained, or £400 in the aggregate, whichever is the lesser.

4. Having regard to the foregoing, supplementary grants may be paid as follows, not to exceed the amount of the relevant Government Grant in any case:

Income as determined by the Corporation	Grant
not exceeding £750 per annum ...	£275
Exceeding £750 but not exceeding £850 p.a ...	£200
Exceeding £850 but not exceeding £1045 p.a....	£150

5. A supplementary grant will not be made in any case where the Corporation is satisfied that the ground rent charged is unreasonable.

6. For the purpose of the application the applicant shall state the total of his income and the income (if any) of his wife on the date he enters into a contract or binding agreement to proceed with the erection (or purchase) of a house for his own occupation.

7. Application for grant must be made on the form prescribed and obtainable from the Office of the City Manager & Town Clerk, Town Hall.

8. A determination by the Corporation of the amount of a grant under this scheme or of the income of the applicant or his wife (if any) shall be final and not appealable.

9. A grant under this Scheme will be paid only in respect of any house where the first instalment of the Government Grant is paid after 1st July, 1965.

10. In the case of an application in respect of a house where the first instalment of the Government Grant is paid before 1st July, 1965, the amount of the supplementary grant will be determined in accordance with the provisions of the scheme dated 8th October, 1962.

Dated this 26th October, 1965.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager & Town Clerk.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

5th November, 1965.

The approval of the Council is sought to a proposal to submit for the sanction of the Minister for Agriculture the following revision of salary scales:

	Existing Scale.	New Scale.	Operative Date:
Chief Veterinary Officer:	£1960 x £50 - £2210	£2285 x £58 - £2575	1.1.1964.
Veterinary Inspector:	£1115 x £48 - £1795 x £70 - £1865.	£1300 x £53 - £2090 x £85 (after 3 yrs.) - £2175.	1.1.1964.

The Ninth Round Increase to apply to the scale from the 1st February, 1964.

The cost of the proposal up to 31st March, 1966, is £780.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager & Town Clerk.

To/

The Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the City Council.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

5th November, 1965.

To/

The Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the City Council.

Attached is copy of report dated 1st November, 1965, received from the City Engineer relating to properties of the Harbour Board which the Limerick Harbour Commissioners are willing to dedicate or transfer to the Corporation as the case may be.

With regard to (1) and (2) in the City Engineer's report it is recommended to the Council that a dedication of this property by the Harbour Commissioners be accepted by the Corporation. A similar recommendation applies in the case of No. (3) subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

With regard to the acquisition of the Harbour Commissioners interests in properties at Francis Street and Nolan's Cottages referred to in paragraphs 4(A) and (B) of the City Engineer's report the Council is informed that this matter is being examined.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK

Town Hall,

Limerick.

1st November, 1965.

CITY MANAGER :

I attach herewith plan submitted by the Harbour Engineer showing properties which it is proposed to transfer to the Corporation. These may be listed as follows :

(1) Quay walls from Russell's Pier to Francis Street as shwon coloured blue on attached map. Total length 3090 feet lineal.

(2) Area of land adjoining the above quay walls from Russell's Pier to Francis Street as shown coloured red on the attached plan (approximate area 1½-acres).

(3) Swivel portion of Sarsfield Bridge shown coloured green on the attached map.

(4) Harbour Board's interest in properties at :

(A) Francis Street, and
(B) Nolan's Cottages.

Re (1) & (2) :

The quay walls are in good condition and the cost of structural repairs will be negligible. It is essential that the length of wall at Arthur's Quay and Honan's Quay be transferred in connection with the development of the car park at Arthur's Quay. The portion from Honan's Quay to Bedford Row will be required in connection with future improvement of the underpass under Sarsfield Bridge. The remainder from Bedford Row to Russell's Pier will be required in connection with road widening and the provision of a possible future car park along this frontage of the river.

The Bishop's Quay which forms part of the public right-of-way is classified as a main road for purposes of Road Fund Grants and the present surface is relatively good sothat the cost of repair and upkeep will be similar to that which applies to other main roads in the city.

Re (3) :

The Swivel Bridge is of steel construction and requires painting every 5 years at an approximate cost of £250 (annual cost £50). This would normally qualify for 50% upkeep grant for main roads.

It will be necessary to acquire this bridge and cut away portion of it to improve the underpass at this point.

Re 4 (A) :

The property at Francis Street shown coloured brown on the attached map is held from the Harbour Commissioners @ £40 per annum on a 200 year lease dating from 1902.

Cont'd.....

It is envisaged that a strip of the land being reclaimed at Arthur's Quay, (40' to 50' wide) along the river wall be used as a public park and walk suitably landscaped and it is desireable that this walk and park should be continued along the river front to link up with the Custom House Park and eventually by way of a foot bridge across the mouth of the Abbey River to Merchant's Quay to link into the river front development up to as far as King John's Castle. It is therefore desireable for the Corporation to acquire in due course the link between Arthur's Quay and the Custom House and it is recommended that the Corporation acquire the Harbour Commissioners interest in this property at an agreed price as a first step in this direction.

Re 4 (B) :

The Corporation holds the ground on which Nolan's Cottages are constructed from the Harbour Commissioners for a term of 999 years from 1893 at anannual rent of 1/-. It is recommended that the Corporation acquire outright title to this ground but this is from practical considerations of little importance as the Corporation are already the substantive owners.

N. C. BRENNAN, B.E.,
City Engineer.

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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE,

TOWN HALL,

LIMERICK.

5th November, 1965.

SCHOOL MEALS SCHEME

The Council asked a short time ago that the Corporation review its School Meals Scheme in the light of what was being done in the other County Boroughs.

This review has been made. The type of meal served in other areas is similar to that served under the Corporation's Scheme, namely, ½rd pint bottle of pasteurised milk and a fruit bun, or a bread sandwich.

Attached is copy of report from the Chief Medical Officer Dr. R. Hayes, the contents of which will be noted.

T. P. MacDiarmada,
CITY MANAGER AND TOWN CLERK.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

LIMERICK HEALTH AUTHORITY.

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28/29, Lower Gerald Griffin Street,
Limerick.

26th October, 1965.

Re: School Meals.

Dear Mr. McHugh,

I return herewith file of correspondence from Dublin, Cork and Waterford Health Authorities concerning the School Meals Scheme.

The type of meal supplied must of necessity be governed by the financial resources available. The best type, in my opinion, would be a warm meal in the nature of a meat stew to be followed by fruit. A meal of this nature would not only be expensive but difficult to prepare and serve to each eligible child.

Therefore, I am still of the opinion that a daily ration of milk is the most valuable and desirable single constituent of a school meal. This I stated in a letter to you on 9th January, 1963, and the rest of the opinions I expressed in that letter I still hold.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: Richard Hayes,
Chief Medical Officer.

Mr. T. J. McHugh,
Assistant Town Clerk,
Arus na Cathrach,
LIMERICK.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.
4th Nov.
~~9th Sept.~~, 1965.

To His Worship the Mayor and to each Member of the City Council.

The Council is asked to approve of expenditure of £660. 2. 4. in excess of that included in the Estimate of Expenses on the Vocational Education Account to enable a gratuity to be paid to the representative of a deceased employee of the Vocational Education Committee.

T. COLLERY,

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER.

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To/

Each member of the Limerick City Council;

Re: Water Supply - Greystones Estate.

The City Engineer has submitted the following report to the City Manager regarding the water supply in the Greystones Estate:

"I called yesterday, 3/11/1965, on one of the residents who had been complaining and whose house is one of the highest in the area. This resident informed me that the position was vastly improved in the past fortnight and that the water went off for about one hour each day. At the time of my visit at 2.30 p.m. the water supply from the tap in the kitchen was excellent.

Further adjustments are being made to valves in this neighbourhood and it is hoped to improve the position further.

I will report further in about one week."

Signed: N. C. Brennan,
City Engineer.
4/11/1965.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Kilmantin Hill,

WICKLOW.

20th September, 1965.

Secretary: EACH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Town Clerk: EACH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A Chara,

I am directed by Wicklow County Council to forward herewith for consideration of your Council the following Resolution passed by Widklow County Council at their Meeting held on the 13th September, 1965:-

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea

RESOLVED - From criticisms offered from time to time it appears that Courthouses provided and maintained out of local funds are as unsuited to present-day requirements as would be the outworn system of administration of justice with which they were originally associated. It is considered that these buildings should revert to the ownership and full control of Local Authorities, who would then use them for the needs of their own Services, as they might think fit. It is furthermore considered that the Department of Justice, being the Central Authority charged with the administration of Justice, should, from State Funds, provide up-to-date Courthouses, which would meet the needs of those using them. A copy of this Resolution to be sent to each Local Authority.

Mise, le meas,

K. J. BRANNAN.
COUNTY SECRETARY

KJB/JK.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Town Hall,
Limerick.

9th November, 1965.

Re: Pensions Increases.

The Minister for Local Government has advised the Corporation that under the provisions of the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1964, Regulations are being made providing for the grant of further increases in certain State and Local Authority pensions.

The Minister has authorised Local Authorities, pending the making of the Regulations, to pay increases to retired officers and servants as from the 1st August, of this year.

The minimum increase on the original pension will be 9%.

The Corporation is prepared to pay the increases specified subject to the passing of the necessary money resolutio by the City Council.

The cost in the current financial year is estimated at £650, and for a full year £950.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager & Town Clerk.

To/

Each Member of the City Council.

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Town Hall,
Limerick.

14th September, 1965.

SWIMMING POOL.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL RUNNING COST.

Supt./Caretaker	... ...	£600.
Two Male Attendants	... ...	£1,200.
Two Female Attendants	... ...	£800.
Two Ticket Clerks	... ...	£1,000.
		£3,600.
Loans (Net).	... ...	£1,310.
Heating, Purification etc.	... ...	£3,200.
Rates, Water etc.	... ...	£500.
Maintenance	... ...	£1,000.
Miscellaneous	... ...	£500.
		£10,110.
Less Receipts	... ...	£2,000.
		£8,110.

Approx. 10d. in the £.

T. Collery,
City Accountant.

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Town Hall,

Limerick.

5th November, 1965.

Loan Instalment Receipts

Year 1962 - 63			
Half-year ending	30/9/1962	....	£159,594
" " "	31/3/1963	....	£242,300
	Total	....	£401,894
Year 1963 - 64			
Half year ending	30/9/1963	....	£196,850
" " "	31/3/1964	....	£307,850
	Total	....	£504,700
Year 1964 - 65			
Half year ending	30/9/1964	....	£266,200
" " "	31/3/1965	....	£186,690
	Total	....	£452,890
Year 1965/66			
Half Year Ending	30/9/1965	....	£732,800

Signed T. COLLERY,
City Accountant.

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Cllr. Feeney referred to the proposal that the City Manager would meet a deputation consisting of the three Aldermen and Councillor Liddy and himself on Friday next to discuss the rent problem. He referred to the deputation which he had led to the Minister for Local Government, of the Residents Associations and to the discussion with the Minister. In the course of this discussion the Minister stated that he thought the increase was too high. 2/0d. increase at this stage, and the balance when the houses were provided with the amenities necessary to bring them up to modern standards had been suggested.

Ald. Russell asked if the statement made by the Minister could be verified in writing from the Minister's Department, and he asked if the Manager had any information in the matter. The City Manager said he had a discussion on the problem with officials of the Department but was not able to throw any light on the matter discussed by the deputation to the Minister.

Cllr. Feeney said he would make an effort to have documentary evidence available from the Minister on the statement he had made to the deputation.

The City Manager said he would be willing to meet a deputation consisting of the members of the City Council. He did not think it would be proper to have representatives of the Residents Association present at the meeting in view of the fact that Ald. Coughlan had indicated that fresh notice under Section 4 would be presented. After a further brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, and agreed that a deputation consisting of the three Aldermen, Councillors Liddy and Feeney, and the other members of the Council if they desire to attend, should meet the City Manager on Friday afternoon to discuss the rent problem.

ITEM 1 :

It was proposed by Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That the minutes of the City Council held on the 12th and 15th October, 1965, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

GAS :

Arising out of the minutes Ald. Russell asked what progress had been made in the appointment of a Gas Salesman. The City Manager said that one collector had been designated wholetime to work on the sales of gas appliances for the month of November. The progress he was making was satisfactory. Reports for the last two weeks showed an increase in gas sales over the corresponding period of last year.

Ald. Russell asked if the Corporation had made any attempt to sell gas for central heating. In England gas was making tremendous strides in this field. The City Manager said the matter had been considered but no special effort had been made up to the present to promote central heating by way of gas. This was a specialised matter but he hoped that the gas undertaking would be able to offer central heating installation at a competitive price, when the market was ripe.

Ald. Coughlan said that there was no comparison between the price of gas in England and Ireland. From enquiries he had made some time ago he was of opinion that gas could not compete with oil or electricity in terms of cost for central heating purposes. The City Manager said he did not agree with this view.

It was proposed by Cllr. Glasgow, seconded by Ald. Russell, " That

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the minutes of the General Purposes committee held on the 26th October, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Glasgow, "That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 19th October, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed, and referred to the planning Committee for further consideration."

CORRESPONDENCE :

Submitted communication dated 5th November, 1965, from the Office of Public Works referring to the invitation to a conference with regard to the future development of King John's Castle. The communication outlined the responsibility of the Office of Public Works in relation to King John's Castle and said that an officer would be present if so required. The Council agreed that the Planning Committee meeting of the 7th December would be appropriate meeting to have this matter considered and that the representatives of the outside bodies already agreed should be invited to this meeting. /

POST BOX AT BARRINGTON'S HOSPITAL :

Submitted communication from the Postmaster stating that a private post box would be installed in Barrington's Hospital at an annual cost of £4. The Council asked that the communication be sent to the Hospital for attention. The City Manager was asked to consider the installation of a similar box in St. Camillus' Hospital.

Acknowledgment of Votes of Sympathy were received from the widow of the late Mr. P. J. Sheahan and from the Secretary of His Lordship the Bishop, on the deaths of Canon O'Sullivan and Rev. Fr. Brazil.

WATER PRESSURE, WALLERS WELL :

Submitted report from the City Engineer stating that the position in this area had been examined and the residents were being canvassed to ascertain if they would be connected to the water services provided by the Corporation. Depending on the result of this canvass further action would be decided by the Corporation.

ROADWAY AT GARRYOWEN :

Submitted communication dated 27th October from the City Engineer stating that a scheme was being prepared for a further section of the Garryowen Road. It is proposed to carry out this scheme with the aid of a Road Fund Grant.

ITEM 5 :

Submitted Departmental Report and Financial Statement for the month of October, 1965. The financial statement was accompanied by a report from the City Accountant showing the position with regard to loans and instalments of loans and the Capital Account (Housing) at the date of the meeting. The statement also showed the amounts received by way of instalments of loans for the previous half years. The City Manager said the Capital requirements for the year were of the order of one million pounds, £600,000 for housing and £400,000 for Loans and Grants. Ald. Coughlan asked at what rate of interest money would be issued for loans under the Housing (Loans and Grants)

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Act. In view of the fact that the Government's national loan was 6¼% it seemed inevitable that there would be an increase on the rate to borrowers. The City Manager said that the Corporation had not been advised of the increase. The rate to borrowers would be ¼% above the rate at which the Corporation borrow for a particular advance. The Asst. Town Clerk, said, in reply to Cllr. Glasgow, that persons who had not signed the mortgages for loans could not be guaranteed a loan at 6½% The money would be issued at ¼% above the rate at which the Corporation borrowed it.

TENANT PURCHASE :

In reply to Ald. Russell, the City Manager said that any person who had decided on tenant purchase and had informed the Corporation in writing of such decision to purchase before the recent increase in rents would be entitled to proceed on the basis of the old rents.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by the Mayor : " That this Council deplores the continued inadequacy of the water supply in the Greystones Estate, and calls on the City Manager to take immediate steps to rectify this lack of an essential amenity for many families in the locality concerned."

Copy of report dated 4th November received from the City Engineer had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. The report stated that the City Engineer had been informed that the position had improved greatly, within the last fortnight. The City Engineer informed the Council that further improvements had since resulted and the tests to get the optimum improvement within the existing system were continuing. The motion was passed. The following motion was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Ald. Carew : " The Limerick City Council concerned at the long delay in completing the work on the Greystones Quarry request the City Manager to take immediate steps to see that this dangerous spot is cleared of water without further delay. Furthermore the Council request the City Manager to immediately prepare a scheme for converting the smaller Mayorstone Quarry into a playground for the use of the many young children in the Mayorstone/Greystone neighbourhood." The City Engineer informed the Council that arrangements had been made to keep the quarry pumped free of water. Funds were not available to the Corporation to undertake any work on the conversion of the old quarry. The motion was not put.

GARRYGLASS PLAYGROUND :

Arising out of the foregoing the Council were informed that the Corporation's Treasurers, the Munster and Leinster Bank Ltd., had refused to grant a loan of £8,200 for the proposed playground at Garryglass Avenue. Ald. Coughlan asked if the money could be obtained from other sources. The City Manager said he would not advise this step at the present time. The rate of interest from other sources might well be prohibitive. After some discussion it was decided on the proposition of Ald. Russell that the Garryglass Scheme be referred to the City Engineer for further examination with a view to amendment that the Council be further consulted on the amendments and with the revised cost.

ITEM 7 : ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS :

Submitted abstract of accounts for the year ended 31st March,

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1965. The City Accountant said that the balances against the accounts had increased from £133,726 at the end of March, 1964, to £232,464. He gave details of the increase under the different services. Noted.

ITEM 8 : SWIMMING POOLS :

It was decided to defer further consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

ITEM 9 : DRAFT BYE LAWS :

Again submitted the Draft Bye Laws entitled Limerick Appointed Stands (Street Services Vehicles) Bye Laws, 1965. The Assistant Town Clerk explained that this matter had come before the Council at a previous meeting. The Council asked that street service vehicles owners be consulted. Consultation had taken place and the following recommendations had been made by the vehicle owners : omission of the stand in Boherbuoy ; substitution of a stand in Parnell Street or Davis Street ; reduction in the number of cars allowed in Cecil Street from 14 to 12 with a proviso that provision be left for 2 cars other than taxis—to be parked outside the Hotel Cecil ; a reduction in the area in Thomas Street from its junction with Catherine Street to O'Mara's Gate only. After a brief discussion it was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by the Mayor : "That the Council accept the recommendations as submitted and advise the Commissioner of the Gardai that these recommendations constitute their representations in the matter."

ITEM 10 : HOUSING :

In reply to Ald. Russell, the City Manager said that if the Council so desired a report on housing progress it could be made to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee. The Council agreed to this.

ITEM 11 :

Submitted draft scheme for the payment of Supplementary Housing Grants under the proposed 1965 Housing Bill. The Scheme, on the motion of Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, was unanimously adopted.

ITEM 12 :

Submitted communication from the Minister for Local Government to each member of the Council regarding Road Safety Campaign to be held from the 1st to the 11th December. The Asst. Town Clerk said that the campaign was the follow-up of a similar campaign of last December and he suggested that a local committee might be organised with the Mayor as Chairman, and representatives of the Council. The suggestion was adopted. It was agreed that the Mayor would invite representatives from all local organisations to a meeting and that the Council should be represented on the Committee by the Mayor, Alderman Russell, Alderman Coughlan, Alderman Carew, and Councillor Liddy.

ITEM 13 :

Submitted report from the City Manager and Town Clerk with regard to the revision of salary scales for the Office of Chief Veterinary Officer and Veterinary Officer to the Corporation. On the motion of Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Ald. Russell, it was unanimously resolved : "That having considered report dated 5th November, 1965 from the

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City Manager and Town Clerk we approve of the application of revised salary scales set out therein to the offices of Chief Veterinary Inspector and Veterinary Inspector ; we note the cost involved and we approve of the necessary expenditure."

ITEM 14 :

Submitted report dated 5th November, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk, together with copy of report of the 1st November from the City Engineer, relating to properties which the Harbour Commissioners wished to dedicate or to transfer to the Corporation. The properties referred to were the quay walls from Russels Quay to Francis Street; the area of land adjoining the quay walls from Russells Quay to Francis Street; the swivel bridge portion of Sarsfield Bridge. After a brief discussion the Council, on the motion of Cllr. Glasgow, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, unanimously resolved : " That the Corporation accept the dedication from the Limerick Harbour Commissioners of the property referred to subject to the considerations set out in the City Manager's report."

ITEM 15 :

Submitted report of the 9th November, 1965, from the City Manager relating to pensions increases for retired officers and servants of the Corporation. It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That the Council approve of the granting of increase in pensions to retired officers and servants of the Corporation in accordance with the provisions of the Pensions (Increases) Act, 1964, the cost set out in the City Manager's report is noted, and any necessary expenditure is approved."

ITEM 16 :

Submitted report dated 4th November, 1965, regarding expenditure in excess of the estimate on the Vocational Education account. It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, " That having considered report dated 1st November, 1965, from the Deputy City Manager and Town Clerk, we approve of the expenditure in the sum of £660 2s. 4d. in excess of that included in the estimate of expenses for the Vocational Education account, to enable a gratuity to be paid to the representatives of a deceased employee of the Vocational Education Committee."

ITEM 17 :

It was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved : " That approval be given to the expenditure of a sum not exceeding 1d. in the £ on the decoration of the city for Christmas."

ITEM :

The Corporate Seal was affixed to the following documents presented for sealing :

S.D. Advances—Mortgages : Patrick Dempsey, Clareview Estate ; Thomas Slater, Clareview Estate ; William J. Hanley, Clareview Estate ; B. T. O'Carroll, Park ; P. F. O'Dwyer, Park ; John J. Cross, Park ; Cornelius O'Connor, Ballinacurra Weston ; Thaddeus A. Mullen, Coolraine ; Michael Doyle, Coolraine ; Michael Francis O'Donoghue,

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Park ; Thomas F. Boyce, Park.

Killalee Tenant Purchase Scheme—Lease and Mortgage : P. Horrigan, 7 Keane Street.

Rossa Avenue Tenant Purchase Scheme—Lease and Mortgage : James O'Neill.

Lelia Street Tenant Purchase Scheme—Lease and Mortgage : Mrs. Mgt. Clancy, 10 Lelia Street.

Deed of Mortgage : 10 Singland Road East, Garryowen, Patrick McNamara.

ITEM 20 : NEW WORKS :

There was no notice of new works.

ITEM 21 :

Resolution forwarded by Wicklow County Council for consideration regarding Court Houses was, on the motion of Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, marked 'read.'

ITEM 22 :

Under the heading of 'Any Other Business,' Ald. Coughlan referred to his statement at a recent planning meeting regarding Amharclann na Feile. He said he wished to makeit clear that he had never criticised Feile Luimni. He was an admirer of the Feile and a supporter of their efforts. He did, however, criticise the Committee of Amharclann na Feile. He thought that the grant which the Committee had received from the Corporation was not put to proper use and was still of this opinion. Ald. Russell said that Ald. Coughlan's comments were grossly inaccurate. The Committee who were engaged in the management of Amharclann na Feile were doing as good a job as was possible. Cllr. Glasgow said the Theatre had been closed during the past twelve months due to extensive alterations to the interior. It is now in excellent condition.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

A TRUE RECORD.

TOMAS MAC DIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

Confirmed as Correct
14th Dec 1965

Chairman

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County thouse on Tuesday 23rd November, 1965. The roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. the following members answered:

he Chair: Alderman J. Carew, Deputy Mayor,

rman: G. E. Russell.

ncillors: Mrs. Condell; W. Brazier; P. Kiely; P. Kelly: J. Kirby; T. Lawlor; F. Glasgow.

icers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk; Assistant Town Clerk; City Engineer; City Accountant.

logy for unavoidable absence was received from Cllr. Liddy.

OLENCE AND ADJOURNMENT:

th of Mr. William T. Cosgrave:

posed by Ald. J. Carew, seconded by Alderman G. E. Russell, and resolved:

"That we convey to Mr. Liam Cosgrave, T.D., the sympathy and condolence of the Council on the death of his father, the late Mr. William T.Cosgrave, one of the founders of the State, the first Minister for Local Government, a man whose place in the history of the nation is secure.

We further resolve that this meeting do now stand adjourned as a mark of respect."

uncillors Glasgow; Kelly; Condell and Kirby associated themselves with the solution. The City Manager on behalf of the staff of the Corporation and on his n behalf was also associated with the Council's message of sympathy.

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kirby, and unanimously solved:

"That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mrs. Bulfin of Grange, Co. Limerick, a sister of the late Seoirse Clancy, ex Mayor of Limerick, who was murdered during the War of Independence in 1921."

ALING:

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Glasgow, and resolved:

"That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing:

S. D. ADVANCES:
John Hannon,
Bernard Redmond,
Patrick Bennis,
David Hogan,
Patrick Noone,
John Tierney,
Christopher Reynolds,
Martin Currid,

S. D. ADVANCES:
Jeremiah Hogan,

S. D. ADVANCES:
Eamon Delaney.

MORTGAGES:
Park,
Ballinacurra Weston,
Park,
Ballinacurra Weston,
Singland,
Singland,
Singland.
Singland.

RELEASE:
Southville Gardens.

DEED OF RELEASE WITH MEMORIAL:
50, Glenview Gardens.

P.T.O.

Limerick Corporation 3½% Redeemable Stock 1956/'72:
Certs. 1888
1889.

Undertaking of repayment of Loan of £379,000 re erection of 167 dwellings under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

Roseville, Roxboro' Road - Road Widening
Mr. John Bourke. Agreement.

Undertaking to repay Loan £50,000 - making of loans under Section 11 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEMES:

Church Street (St. Marys) Joseph McAuliffe	Lease/Mortgage: 10, Church STreet.
Lelia Street: Mrs. Mary T. Clancy.	Lease: 9, Lelia Street.
Janesboro': John J. O'Shaughnessy. Des Graham.	Lease/Mortgage: 23, McDonagh Avenue. 29, Colbert Avenue.
Killalee: Joseph Tuite,	Lease/Mortgage: 42, Keane Street.

The meeting then adjourned sine die.

A true record.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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Confirmed in Council this 14th Dec 1965

Chairman.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse on Monday, 29th November, 1965 (by kind permission of the County Registrar).

Before the Meeting began the Mayor informed the Council that he could not remain as he had to be present at another Meeting in connection with the John F. Kennedy Library. Thereupon the Chair was taken by Ald. S. Coughlan, T.D.

Roll Call : The Roll was called at 7.30. o'clock p.m. when the following Members answered :

In the Chair: Ald. S. Coughlan, T.D.

Aldermen : J. Carew.

Councillors: P. Kelly; V. Feeney; W. Brazier; J.P. Liddy; P. Kiely; J. Keane; T. Lawlor; G. Glasgow.

Apologies for inavoidable absence were received from Ald. G.E. Russell and Councillor Mrs. F. Condell.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk; City Engineer; City Solicitor; Housing Officer and Staff Officer, Asst. Town Clerk's Department.

ITEM 1.

Notice of motion under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

The motion was moved by Ald. Coughlan - "That pursuant to the provisions of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby require the Limerick City Manager and Town Clerk to adjust the rent of 46, Hyde Road, occupied by Mr. Michael Moore by way of increase of 2/- per week from 15/3d. with effect from the 20th October, 1965 and we request that this resolution be considered at Meeting of the City Council to be held on 29th November, 1965". Ald. Coughlan continued to say that this matter had already been dealt with in detail and it was felt by him that inability of tenants to pay, lack of amenities, and state of disrepair of dwellings warranted exemption from increase in certain Schemes. The reason for proposing this motion was that it was the only way to solve the problem, as all other efforts had failed. Cllr. Kelly formally seconded.

Councillor Liddy said the rents were excessive but his party was opposing the motion as it was felt that this was a wrong approach to the problem. The tenants did not want the motion and were agreeable to compromise suggested at Meeting between the Aldermen, Cllr. Feeney and the City Manager that two-thirds of the increase be charged as from the 20th October, 1965 and the remaining third from 1st April, 1966. The question of repairs and provision of bathrooms was of greater importance and he intended to have a motion brought before the Council in the near future directing the Manager to have those repairs carried out and bathrooms erected where needed. Finally, the Minister would not agree to the terms of the motion and accordingly it was a futile step.

Councillor P. Kelly said that the question of this increase had been discussed at a number of Meetings of the City Council and also had been discussed with representatives of the tenants. He referred to compromise suggested at Meeting between the City Manager, the Aldermen and Cllr. Feeney and he stated that he

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understood that the City Manager would be prepared to accept 2/3rds. of increase from 20/10/1965 and balance from 1/4/1966, if the Council were unanimous in a resolution that this be done.

Ald. Carew referred to deputation to the Minister and wished to know Minister's reply. He referred to large deficit on the Housing Account and stated that if additional revenue was not received by way of rents the only alternative would be either by a further increase on rates or by raising a special loan. He made reference to Ald. Russell's former suggestion as a better approach to the problem that a levy of 50% ofthe increase be operated now and the balance when the repairs were carried out. His impression of the Manager's attitude at theMeeting with the Aldermen and Cllr. Feeney was that he was endeavouring to be fair to all sections and another meeting could be fruitful. In conclusion he was definitely opposed to the motion.

Cllr. Feeney said that the matter had been discussed by the Council on several occasions and rent increases were opposed by all parties. He opposed present increase on the grounds that it should have been spread over a number of years. A resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 was futile, as the Minister had informed the deputation that he had no real power when the Manager increased Housing rents. However, the Minister had expressed surprise when informed of the condition of some of the houses and had signified his approval to sending down an investigator if requested by the Council. Finally, he thought the most suitable approach would be on the lines of Ald. Russell's suggestion or on the suggestion made at the Meeting between the Manager, himself and the Aldermen.

Cllr. Keane opposed the motion because all Schemes were not included. He queried why Schemes such as Cherry Place or Janesboro were omitted and said that motion to be consistant should cover all Schemes.

The City Manager commented on motion submitted and directed the attention of the Council to defects which made him regard it as a motion that was not legal.

Firstly, the motion presupposed the order made by him to have no legal effect as the rent of the house mentioned was stated as 15/3d. whereas the actual rent chargeable on the date the motion was drafted was 21/3d. having been increased to this amount since 25/10/1965 by his Order.

Secondly referring to the Section of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 which stated that a motion under Section 4 could not be drafted so as to apply to the general performance of a function by the Manager, he stated that although the motion as submitted covered one particular function, one house being singled out, the purpose was to compel the Manager to carry out such functions generally. For that reason he had to register his objection. There were also other objections which he considered witholding at this stage.

He referred to Cllr. Liddy's objection to increase on the grounds that it was excessive and should have been spread over a number of years and stated that reason for increase was present serious Housing Deficit and a gradual increase accordingly would not resolve present adverse position.

As regards repairs and installation of bathrooms which were discussed in detail at meeting between the Aldermen and himself the intention was to eliminate as far as possible dampness, lack of heat retention and to provide bathrooms in all houses of the Corporation wherever needed. The Corporation could borro

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for this purpose and grants were provided for in the Housing Bill 1965. The proposal was generally very desirable and should be undertaken subject to the availability of funds and reasonableness of cost.

He was told he was being unreasonable in not agreeing to accepting 50% of the increase now and the balance when repairs were carried out and at the Meeting with the Aldermen when pressed to say what he might be prepared to accept he indicated that an increase of 2/3rds. of the total increase now with the balance of the remaining third from April next would not be an unreasonable arrangement.

Councillor Keane raised question as to whether uniform increase would apply all round and was informed by the Manager that he would not distinguish between Schemes.

Cllr. Keane went on to say that the whole problem arose from the action of the City Council in increasing rents to reduce rates. At successive Estimates Meetings the whole problem had rested with the City Council. The Manager did not get the revenue on the Housing Account which the Council (not the Manager) estimated and the result was an ensuing deficit, on the Housing Account. This was now the reason for the increase of rents.

The Manager stated that rate could not be struck as a matter of convenience. What had happened at the last Estimates Meeting was that the Council Members decided to estimate for an increased amount in Housing Revenue receipts.

Ald. Coughlan summing up stated they were in the same difficulty as at the first night. Full discussions had failed and they were now no nearer to a solution. The only reason he had invoked the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 was that it was the only remaining course, as all others had failed. He referred to the other suggestions and said a large amount of money would have to be found to provide bathrooms and have repairs carried out. It was unrealistic to think this could be done in the forseeable future. The three Schemes were singled out because of their particular condition. The Manager was turning down the motion on a technicality. He agreed that compulsion was a bad thing but the Manager was compelling people to pay rents for houses which were unfit for human habitation. Finally nobody had intimated to the Council when repairs would be completed and how they were to be financed.

He then put the motion to the Meeting. Ald. Carew and Cllr. Feeney enquired if an amendment could be moved at this Meeting and the City Solicitor advised that it would not be in order to table any amendment.

The voting for the motion which was moved by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Kelly was :

For: Ald. Coughlan, Cllr. Kelly. 2.

Against: Ald. Carew, Cllr. Keane, Cllr. Brazier, Cllr. Feeney, Cllr. Glasgow, Cllr. Liddy, Cllr. Kiely, Cllr. Lawlor. 8.

The motion was declared lost.

ITEM NO. 2.

It was proposed by Cllr. Keane, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor and resolved that authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum, not exceeding £200,000 for the purpose of making advances under Section 11 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.

The Manager drew the attention of the Meeting to the report he had circulated giving details of the Corporation's present financial position in regard to the making of those loan advances. Noted.

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ITEM NO. 3.

On the motion of Cllr. Keane, seconded by Cllr. Glasgow the affixing of the Corporate Seal to the following documents was authorised :

(a) S.D. Acts: William Wallace - Deed of Reconveyance - premises at Shelbourne Road.

(b) Assignment of ground rent and Mortgage on premises "Stella Maris", North Circular Road. (Costelloe to McOnegal).

Condolence: It was proposed by Ald. Coughlan and unanimously resolved "That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late James Clancy, Hyde Road.

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Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

Confirmed in Council this 24th Dec 1965

Chairman

BARDAS LUIMNI.

Oifig Cleirigh na Cathrach,
Arus na Cathrach,
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10th December, 1965.

A monthly meeting of the Limerick City Council will be held in the County Courthouse, Merchant's Quay, (by kind permission of the County Registrar) on Tuesday, 14th December, 1965, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

B U S I N E S S.

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4. To read general correspondence.

5. To consider Departmental Reports and Financial Statement for November, 1965.

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7. To consider the following motion of which due notice was given:

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> Signed: G. E. Russell (Ald.),
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8. To authorise the borrowing by way of loan of the following:

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Rosbrien Sewer			£2,200,
Sewerage:	Bullfield	£4,000,	
	Tankfield/Greenhills	£1,000,	
	St. Johns	£3,500	£8,500,
Lanigans Bank			£11,000

To authorise the borrowing by way of overdraft up to 31st March, 1966, of the following:
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£217,200 (Housing) on the Municipal Fund Capital Account,
£10,500 (Sanitary) on the Municipal Fund Capital Account,
£11,000 (Lanigans Bank) on the Municipal Fund Capital Account,
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P.T.O.

9. To consider copy of the Annual Scheme for Vocational Education for year 1966/'67, together with C.E.O.'s reports thereon, and if so decided to pass the necessary resolution.

10. To approve of expenditure in excess of the estimate of expenses on the Vocational Education Account (copy report herewith).

11. To consider report regarding the making of Supplementary Grants to St. Annes Co-operative Guild Ltd., in respect of houses at Bishop Street playground.

12. To consider report from City Manager on the remuneration for the office of Coroner.

13. To further consider report on Valuation for Rating purposes (copy already circulated).

14. To consider Interim report of Shannonside (and Western Regional Tourism Organisation) (copy herewith),

15. To authorise the affixing of the Corporate Seal to any documents presented for sealing.

16. To consider notices of new works (if any),

17. To receive Tenders.

18. To consider any other matter that may legally be considered at this meeting.

Your attendance at this meeting is requested.

T. Collery.
Deputy City Manager.

To/

Each member of the Limerick City Council.

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ITEM 1.

Notice of motion under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

The motion was moved by Ald. Coughlan - "That pursuant to the provisions of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby require the Limerick City Manager and Town Clerk to adjust the rent of 46, Hyde Road, occupied by Mr. Michael Moore by way of increase of 2/- per week from 15/3d. with effect from the 20th October, 1965 and we request that this resolution be considered at Meeting of the City Council to be held on 29th November, 1965". Ald. Coughlan continued to say that this matter had already been dealt with in detail and it was felt by him that inability of tenants to pay, lack of amenities, and state of disrepair of dwellings warranted exemption from increase in certain Schemes. The reason for proposing this motion was that it was the only way to solve the problem, as all other efforts had failed. Cllr. Kelly formally seconded.

Councillor Liddy said the rents were excessive but his party was opposing the motion as it was felt that this was a wrong approach to the problem. The tenants did not want the motion and were agreeable to compromise suggested at Meeting between the Aldermen, Cllr. Feeney and the City Manager that two-thirds of the increase be charged as from the 20th October, 1965 and the remaining third from 1st April, 1966. The question of repairs and provision of bathrooms was of greater importance and he intended to have a motion brought before the Council in the near future directing the Manager to have those repairs carried out and bathrooms erected where needed. Finally, the Minister would not agree to the terms of the motion and accordingly it was a futile step.

Councillor P. Kelly said that the question of this increase had been discussed at a number of Meetings of the City Council and also had been discussed with representatives of the tenants. He referred to compromise suggested at Meeting between the City Manager, the Aldermen and Cllr. Feeney and he stated that he

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understood that the City Manager would be prepared to accept 2/3rds. of increase from 20/10/1965 and balance from 1/4/1966, if the Council were unanimous in a resolution that this be done.

Ald. Carew referred to deputation to the Minister and wished to know Minister's reply. He referred to large deficit on the Housing Account and stated that if additional revenue was not received by way of rents the only alternative would be either by a further increase on rates or by raising a special loan. He made reference to Ald. Russell's former suggestion as a better approach to the problem that a levy of 50% ofthe increase be operated now and the balance when the repairs were carried out. His impression of the Manager's attitude at theMeeting with the Aldermen and Cllr. Feeney was that he was endeavouring to be fair to all sections and another meeting could be fruitful. In conclusion he was definitely opposed to the motion.

Cllr. Feeney said that the matter had been discussed by the Council on several occasions and rent increases were opposed by all parties. He opposed present increase on the grounds that it should have been spread over a number of years. A resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 was futile, as the Minister had informed the deputation that he had no real power when the Manager increased Housing rents. However, the Minister had expressed surprise when informed of the condition of some of the houses and had signified his approval to sending down an investigator if requested by the Council. Finally, he thought the most suitable approach would be on the lines of Ald. Russell's suggestion or on the suggestion made at the Meeting between the Manager, himself and the Aldermen.

Cllr. Keane opposed the motion because all Schemes were not included. He queried why Schemes such as Cherry Place or Janesboro were omitted and said that motion to be consistant should cover all Schemes.

The City Manager commented on motion submitted and directed the attention of the Council to defects which made him regard it as a motion that was not legal.

Firstly, the motion presupposed the order made by him to have no legal effect as the rent of the house mentioned was stated as 15/3d. whereas the actual rent chargeable on the date the motion was drafted was 21/3d. having been increased to this amount since 25/10/1965 by his Order.

Secondly referring to the Section of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 which stated that a motion under Section 4 could not be drafted so as to apply to the general performance of a function by the Manager, he stated that although the motion as submitted covered one particular function, one house being singled out, the purpose was to compel the Manager to carry out such functions generally. For that reason he had to register his objection. There were also other objections which he considered witholding at this stage.

He referred to Cllr. Liddy's objection to increase on the grounds that it was excessive and should have been spread over a number of years and stated that reason for increase was present serious Housing Deficit and a gradual increase accordingly would not resolve present adverse position.

As regards repairs and installation of bathrooms which were discussed in detail at meeting between the Aldermen and himself the intention was to eliminate, as far as possible dampness, lack of heat retention and to provide bathrooms in all houses of the Corporation wherever needed. The Corporation could borrow

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for this purpose and grants were provided for in the Housing Bill 1965. The proposal was generally very desirable and should be undertaken subject to the availability of funds and reasonableness of cost.

He was told he was being unreasonable in not agreeing to accepting 50% of the increase now and the balance when repairs were carried out and at the Meeting with the Aldermen when pressed to say what he might be prepared to accept he indicated that an increase of 2/3rds. of the total increase now with the balance of the remaining third from April next would not be an unreasonable arrangement.

Councillor Keane raised question as to whether uniform increase would apply all round and was informed by the Manager that he would not distinguish between Schemes.

Cllr. Keane went on to say that the whole problem arose from the action of the City Council in increasing rents to reduce rates. At successive Estimates Meetings the whole problem had rested with the City Council. The Manager did not get the revenue on the Housing Account which the Council (not the Manager) estimated and the result was an ensuing deficit, on the Housing Account. This was now the reason for the increase of rents.

The Manager stated that rate could not be struck as a matter of convenience. What had happened at the last Estimates Meeting was that the Council Members decided to estimate for an increased amount in Housing Revenue receipts.

Ald. Coughlan summing up stated they were in the same difficulty as at the first night. Full discussions had failed and they were now no nearer to a solution. The only reason he had invoked the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 was that it was the only remaining course, as all others had failed. He referred to the other suggestions and said a large amount of money would have to be found to provide bathrooms and have repairs carried out. It was unrealistic to think this could be done in the forseeable future. The three Schemes were singled out because of their particular condition. The Manager was turning down the motion on a technicality. He agreed that compulsion was a bad thing but the Manager was compelling people to pay rents for houses which were unfit for human habitation. Finally nobody had intimated to the Council when repairs would be completed and how they were to be financed.

He then put the motion to the Meeting. Ald. Carew and Cllr. Feeney enquired if an amendment could be moved at this Meeting and the City Solicitor advised that it would not be in order to table any amendment.

The voting for the motion which was moved by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Kelly was :

For: Ald. Coughlan, Cllr. Kelly. 2.

Against: Ald. Carew, Cllr. Keane, Cllr. Brazier, Cllr. Feeney, Cllr. Glasgow, Cllr. Liddy, Cllr. Kiely, Cllr. Lawlor. 8.

The motion was declared lost.

ITEM NO. 2.

It was proposed by Cllr. Keane, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor and resolved that authority be and the same is hereby granted to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum, not exceeding £200,000 for the purpose of making advances under Section 11 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.

The Manager drew the attention of the Meeting to the report he had circulated giving details of the Corporation's present financial position in regard to the making of those loan advances. Noted.

ITEM NO. 3.

On the motion of Cllr. Keane, seconded by Cllr. Glasgow the affixing of the Corporate Seal to the following documents was authorised :

(a) S.D. Acts: William Wallace - Deed of Reconveyance - premises at Shelbourne Road.

(b) Assignment of ground rent and Mortgage on premises "Stella Maris", North Circular Road. (Costelloe to McOnegal).

Condolence: It was proposed by Ald. Coughlan and unanimously resolved "That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late James Clancy, Hyde Road.

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Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse on Tuesday 23rd November, 1965. The roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members answered:

In the Chair: Alderman J. Carew, Deputy Mayor,

Alderman: G. E. Russell.

Councillors: Mrs. Condell; W. Brazier; P. Kiely; P. Kelly: J. Kirby; T. Lawlor; F. Glasgow.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk; Assistant Town Clerk; City Engineer; City Accountant.

Apology for unavoidable absence was received from Cllr. Liddy.

CONDOLENCE AND ADJOURNMENT:

Death of Mr. William T. Cosgrave:

Proposed by Ald. J. Carew, seconded by Alderman G. E. Russell, and resolved:

"That we convey to Mr. Liam Cosgrave, T.D., the sympathy and condolence of the Council on the death of his father, the late Mr. William T.Cosgrave, one of the founders of the State, the first Minister for Local Government, a man whose place in the history of the nation is secure.

We further resolve that this meeting do now stand adjourned as a mark of respect."

Councillors Glasgow; Kelly; Condell and Kirby associated themselves with the resolution. The City Manager on behalf of the staff of the Corporation and on his own behalf was also associated with the Council's message of sympathy.

It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Kirby, and unanimously resolved:

"That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mrs. Bulfin of Grange, Co. Limerick, a sister of the late Seoirse Clancy, ex Mayor of Limerick, who was murdered during the War of Independence in 1921."

SEALING:

Proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Glasgow, and resolved:

"That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing:

S. D. ADVANCES:
John Hannon,
Bernard Redmond,
Patrick Bennis,
David Hogan,
Patrick Noone,
John Tierney,
Christopher Reynolds,
Martin Currid,

S. D. ADVANCES:
Jeremiah Hogan,

S. D. ADVANCES:
Eamon Delaney.

MORTGAGES:
Park,
Ballinacurra Weston,
Park,
Ballinacurra Weston,
Singland,
Singland,
Singland.
Singland.

RELEASE:
Southville Gardens.

DEED OF RELEASE WITH MEMORIAL:
50, Glenview Gardens.

P.T.O.

Limerick Corporation 3½% Redeemable Stock 1956/'72:
Certs. 1888
1889.

Undertaking of repayment of Loan of £379,000 re erection of 167 dwellings under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

Roseville, Roxboro' Road - Road Widening
Mr. John Bourke. Agreement.

Undertaking to repay Loan £50,000 - making of loans under Section 11 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEMES:

Church Street (St. Marys) Joseph McAuliffe	Lease/Mortgage: 10, Church STreet.
Lelia Street: Mrs. Mary T. Clancy.	Lease: 9, Lelia Street.
Janesboro': John J. O'Shaughnessy. Des Graham.	Lease/Mortgage: 23, McDonagh Avenue. 29, Colbert Avenue.
Killalee: Joseph Tuite,	Lease/Mortgage: 42, Keane Street.

The meeting then adjourned sine die.

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Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the above Committee was held in the County Courthouse on Monday, 29th November, 1965 at 7.30 p.m. the following members being present:

IN THE CHAIR: Alderman S. Coughlan, T.D.

ALDERMEN: J. Carew.

COUNCILLORS : J. Keane, P. Kelly, V. Feeney, W. Brazier, J. P. Liddy, P. Kiely, T. Lawlor and F. Glasgow.

OFFICERS PRESENT : City Manager and Town Clerk, City Solicitor, City Engineer, Housing Officer, Staff Officer, Town Clerk's Department.

In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council for the reception and examination of tenders, the following tenders were opened by the Chairman, numbered and initialled by him and delivered to the City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:

Tenders for Van

No.	Firm	Gross Amount	Less allowance on old van	Nett Amount
1.	Bedford Motor Company, Limerick	£743	£150	£593
2.	Limerick Motor Works	£844	£175	£669

TOMAS MacDIARMADA,
CITY MANAGER AND TOWN CLERK.

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LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of the PlanningCommittee (Whole-House) of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse, Merchant's Quay, by kind permiss of the County Registrar, on Tuesday, 2nd November, 1965, at 7.30 o'clock, the following members being present :

Aldermen : J. Carew; S. Coughlan, T.D., and G.E. Russell.

Councillors: J. Kirby; W. Brazier; J.P. Liddy; P. Kiely; T. Lawlor; F. Glasgow.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk; Assistant Town City Accountant; City Engineer; Mr. McNamara, Chief Plann Assistant.

The Mayor had indicated that it would not be possible for him to a the Meeting. On the motion of Ald. Russell, seconded by Ald. Carew, Ald. Coughlan was voted to the Chair.

New Industry for Limerick: Ald. Russell referred to the announce of a new industry for Limerick. The industry was referred to as a timbe processing plant which would give employment on a large scale. He paid tribute to the work of the Minister for Health, Mr. D.B. O'Malley, T.D., the Chairman of the Industrial Council, Councillor J.P. Liddy; Mr. J. O' C.E.O., of the City of Limerick Vocational Committee for their efforts to secure this industry for Limerick. He hoped it would be possible to com work on the erection of the new factory at an early date. Alderman Care Councillor Kiely associated themselves with Ald. Russell's remarks. The Chairman said it was gratifying for the city to have secured a project of magnitude of a new timber factory. Employment, he understood, would be a He congratulated the Minister for Health, and Cllr. Liddy for their effort in securing this industry for Limerick. Councillor Liddy thanked the mem for their kind remarks. He wished to refer in particular to the efforts late Mr. Martin McGuire, former Chairman of the Limerick Harbour Board, i negotiations which had now culminated with the announcement that the indus would be established in Limerick.

Item 1: Development Plan : At this stage with the leave of the Me Ald. Russell raised the following matters :

Water supply at the Greystones Estate: Ald. Russell said the inade water supply in the Greystones area was a cause of concern to the reside Immediate steps should be taken to put the matter right.

Mayorstone Quarry : There was still water in this Quarry, and he a the Corporation should complete the work so that the water could be remov entirely. Cllr. Liddy supported. The Chairman said it would be a trage if the work was not completed.

The City Engineer said that as a result of steps he had directed he u stood that the water supply in the Greystones area had improved. Tests w being continued and he expected a further improvement. With regard to th the water holes had been filled but the water in the quarry now was rainwat would naturally flow into the partially filled quarry from the surrounding He had given instructions to have the quarry pumped out at least once a mo after any heavy rainfall.

Item 1:

Submitted report from the City Engineer recommending that an area in Thomondgate be reserved in the Development Plan as a site for the proposed

School of Technology. The reservation to be maintained for a period of three years. If this site was not required for this purpose it should be reserved for housing and ancillary purposes. The City Engineer submitted a plan showing the area referred to in his report. Cllr. Liddy said the location of the regional Technical College must be decided within months. It seemed to him that it would take considerable time to clear the area in Thomondgate defined by the City Engineer. The Vocational Education Committee had a site in Henry Street and if it was decided that this was not suitable it was open for the Committee to consider the proposal before the meeting as an alternative. Ald. Russell suggested that further consideration of the matter be adjourned to give the Vocational Education Committee an opportunity to examine the proposal. After some further discussion it was agreed that the proposal be sent to the Vocational Committee for consideration.

Item 2: King John's Castle :

Again submitted report dated 23rd July, 1965 from the City Manager, together with report of the 16th July, 1965, from the City Engineer, with regard to the improvement of the amenities of the Castle. The City Manager explained that the matter was before the Planning Committee at the request of the City Council to enable the Committee to consider the provision of a public convenience in this area. The Council after a brief discussion on the motion of Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Glasgow, adopted the recommendation contained in the report regarding the provision of public convenience. Further consideration of the report proper was deferred to a meeting of the Planning Committee at which representatives of outside bodies would attend.

Item 3 Pound:

Submitted report dated 29th October, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk with regard to the provision of a Pound, together with a report from the City Engineer recommending one Pound for both animals and goods at Corcanree at an estimated cost of £4,760. After a brief discussion it was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Liddy, and resolved :

"That the City Engineer's report with regard to the provision of one Pound in Corcanree be adopted".

Item 4 :

Submitted statement setting out the decisions of the Corporation from the 1st to the 29th October, 1965, and also giving details of the planning proposals under consideration at the end of October. Circulated to the Council was a copy of the Minister's decision on the appeal in relation to the Bowling Alley at Greystones, Ennis Road. Ald. Russell said the Minister had made a wise decision and deserved the thanks of the Council. The Chairman agreed.

Item 5 : Correspondence :

Submitted communication dated 14th October, 1965, from the Department of Local Government, copy of which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting, relating to the resolution of the Council calling for the identification of Limerick as a development centre with an indjstrial estate. The letter from the Department referred to the planning of the Limerick region and stated that the examination of the planning problems and the need of the Limerick/Shannon/ Ennis District would be dealt with in the first part of the Consultants assignment. This report had been received by the Minister and would be the subject of a further communication from the Department in a short time. Ald. Russell said the Corporation should acquire further lands for industrial development especially near the Harbour. This was very necessary now in view of the fact that the Harbour Board's land in this area would be used for the proposed new timber plant. The City Manager said that the Corporation had an industrial estate of 40 acres, approx., in Rathbane. This area was ready for any developer who wished to commence.

The City Manager went on to say that Limerick County Council would be considering the reservation of lands for industrial purposes and the Corporation would consult with the County Council and report back on the possibility of lands in the harbour area outside the City boundary being reserved for this purpose. This was agreed.

Markets :

Alderman Russell submitted a memorial presented by traders in the area surrounding the Milk Market, Carr Street. He suggested that a copy of the memorial be sent to the members of the Council on the Board of Market Trustees. He went on to refer to the need for a proper produce market in Limerick. Cllr. Lawlor said the substitution of a car park for the market in Carr Street would be equally beneficial to the traders in the area. There was no further discussion on the matter, and the meeting adjourned.

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Tomas Mac Diarmada,
City Manager and Town Clerk.

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Limerick City Council

A meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Court House, by kind permission of the County Registrar, on Tuesday, 9th November, 1965.

PRESENT :
In the Chair : The Right Worshipful Cllr. F. Leddin, Mayor.

Aldermen : J. Carew, S. Coughlan, T.D., and G. E. Russell.

Councillors : W. Brazier, V. Feeney, T. Lawlor, F. Glasgow, P. Kiely, J. Kirby.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Cllrs. O'Sullivan, Keane, Lipper and Liddy.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Engineer ; City Accountant ; Housing Officer, etc.

MAYOR'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES :

The Mayor informed the Council that he was going on a visit to the United States. He proposed taking the Chains of Office with him and also the robes with the approval of the Council. He notified the Council that he was appointing Ald. J. Carew to act as Deputy Mayor in his absence. It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and resolved : " That the Council give permission to the Mayor to take with him on his trip to the United States the Chains of Office and the robes."

All the members of the Council present wished the Mayor *bon voyage* and a successful visit. The City Manager on behalf of the staff of the Corporation, and on his own behalf, joined with the Council's good wishes.

PROCEDURE :

The Mayor informed the Council that he proposed to take the notice of the Special Meeting to deal with the resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 as first business. Ald. Coughlan said in view of the absence of a number of members of the Council who had signed the resolution he wished to have the matter set aside for the time being. He wished to have it clearly understood that the motion was not withdrawn and would be re-submitted for discussion at an appropriate time. The Mayor referred to a proposed meeting with the City Manager on the following Friday and said he understood the City Manager would not meet the deputation unless the Council had decided on the resolution under Section IV, or there was no such resolution before the Council. The City Manager said in his opinion deferment in the ordinary sense of adjournment would not comply with the Law. To re-enter the matter it would be necessary for the City Manager to be furnished with another notice in whatever form the members of the Council wished to put it.

Ald. Coughlan said it would be necessary to comply with the Law. It was clear that there was no change in approach. The legal formalities necessary under Section 4 would be taken.

Cllr. Feeney referred to the proposal that the City Manager would meet a deputation consisting of the three Aldermen and Cour lor Liddy and himself on Friday next to discuss the rent problem. He referred to the deputation which he had led to the Minister for Local Government, of the Residents Associations and to the discussion with the Minister. In the course of this discussion the Minister stated that he thought the increase was too high. 2/0d. increase at this stage, and the balance when the houses were provided with the amenities necessary to bring them up to modern standards had been suggested.

Ald. Russell asked if the statement made by the Minister could be verified in writing from the Minister's Department, and he asked if the Manager had any information in the matter. The City Manager said he had a discussion on the problem with officials of the Department but was not able to throw any light on the matter discussed by the deputation to the Minister.

Cllr. Feeney said he would make an effort to have documentary evidence available from the Minister on the statement he had made to the deputation.

The City Manager said he would be willing to meet a deputation consisting of the members of the City Council. He did not think it would be proper to have representatives of the Residents Association present at the meeting in view of the fact that Ald. Coughlan had indicated that fresh notice under Section 4 would be presented. After a further brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, and agreed that a deputation consisting of the three Aldermen, Councillors Liddy and Feeney, and the other members of the Council if they desire to attend, should meet the City Manager on Friday afternoon to discuss the rent problem.

ITEM 1 :

It was proposed by Cllr. Feeney, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : "That the minutes of the City Council held on the 12th and 15th October, 1965, be and the same are hereby confirmed."

GAS :

Arising out of the minutes Ald. Russell asked what progress had been made in the appointment of a Gas Salesman. The City Manager said that one collector had been designated wholetime to work on the sales of gas appliances for the month of November. The progress he was making was satisfactory. Reports for the last two weeks showed an increase in gas sales over the corresponding period of last year.

Ald. Russell asked if the Corporation had made any attempt to sell gas for central heating. In England gas was making tremendous strides in this field. The City Manager said the matter had been considered but no special effort had been made up to the present to promote central heating by way of gas. This was a specialised matter but he hoped that the gas undertaking would be able to offer central heating installation at a competitive price, when the market was ripe.

Ald. Coughlan said that there was no comparison between the price of gas in England and Ireland. From enquiries he had made some time ago he was of opinion that gas could not compete with oil or electricity in terms of cost for central heating purposes. The City Manager said he did not agree with this view.

It was proposed by Cllr. Glasgow, seconded by Ald. Russell, "That

the minutes of the General Purposes committee held on the 26th October, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Glasgow, "That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 19th October, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed, and referred to the planning Committee for further consideration."

CORRESPONDENCE :

Submitted communication dated 5th November, 1965, from the Office of Public Works referring to the invitation to a conference with regard to the future development of King John's Castle. The communication outlined the responsibility of the Office of Public Works in relation to King John's Castle and said that an officer would be present if so required. The Council agreed that the Planning Committee meeting of the 7th December would be appropriate meeting to have this matter considered and that the representatives of the outside bodies already agreed should be invited to this meeting. /

POST BOX AT BARRINGTON'S HOSPITAL :

Submitted communication from the Postmaster stating that a private post box would be installed in Barrington's Hospital at an annual cost of £4. The Council asked that the communication be sent to the Hospital for attention. The City Manager was asked to consider the installation of a similar box in St. Camillus' Hospital.

Acknowledgment of Votes of Sympathy were received from the widow of the late Mr. P. J. Sheahan and from the Secretary of His Lordship the Bishop, on the deaths of Canon O'Sullivan and Rev. Fr. Brazil.

WATER PRESSURE, WALLERS WELL :

Submitted report from the City Engineer stating that the position in this area had been examined and the residents were being canvassed to ascertain if they would be connected to the water services provided by the Corporation. Depending on the result of this canvass further action would be decided by the Corporation.

ROADWAY AT GARRYOWEN :

Submitted communication dated 27th October from the City Engineer stating that a scheme was being prepared for a further section of the Garryowen Road. It is proposed to carry out this scheme with the aid of a Road Fund Grant.

ITEM 5 :

Submitted Departmental Report and Financial Statement for the month of October, 1965. The financial statement was accompanied by a report from the City Accountant showing the position with regard to loans and instalments of loans and the Capital Account (Housing) at the date of the meeting. The statement also showed the amounts received by way of instalments of loans for the previous half years. The City Manager said the Capital requirements for the year were of the order of one million pounds, £600,000 for housing and £400,000 for Loans and Grants. Ald. Coughlan asked at what rate of interest money would be issued for loans under the Housing (Loans and Grants)

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Act. In view of the fact that the Government's national loan was 6½% it seemed inevitable that there would be an increase on the rate to borrowers. The City Manager said that the Corporation had not been advised of the increase. The rate to borrowers would be ¼% above the rate at which the Corporation borrow for a particular advance. The Asst. Town Clerk, said, in reply to Cllr. Glasgow, that persons who had not signed the mortgages for loans could not be guaranteed a loan at 6½%. The money would be issued at ¼% above the rate at which the Corporation borrowed it.

TENANT PURCHASE :

In reply to Ald. Russell, the City Manager said that any person who had decided on tenant purchase and had informed the Corporation in writing of such decision to purchase before the recent increase in rents would be entitled to proceed on the basis of the old rents.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by the Mayor : " That this Council deplores the continued inadequacy of the water supply in the Greystones Estate, and calls on the City Manager to take immediate steps to rectify this lack of an essential amenity for many families in the locality concerned."

Copy of report dated 4th November received from the City Engineer had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. The report stated that the City Engineer had been informed that the position had improved greatly, within the last fortnight. The City Engineer informed the Council that further improvements had since resulted and the tests to get the optimum improvement within the existing system were continuing. The motion was passed. The following motion was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Ald. Carew : " The Limerick City Council concerned at the long delay in completing the work on the Greystones Quarry request the City Manager to immediately prepare a scheme for converting the smaller Mayorstone Quarry into a playground for the use of the many young children in the Mayorstone/Greystone neighbourhood." The City Engineer informed the Council that arrangements had been made to keep the quarry pumped free of water. Funds were not available to the Corporation to undertake any work on the conversion of the old quarry. The motion was not put.

GARRYGLASS PLAYGROUND :

Arising out of the foregoing the Council were informed that the Corporation's Treasurers, the Munster and Leinster Bank Ltd., had refused to grant a loan of £8,200 for the proposed playground at Garryglass Avenue. Ald. Coughlan asked if the money could be obtained from other sources. The City Manager said he would not advise this step at the present time. The rate of interest from other sources might well be prohibitive. After some discussion it was decided on the proposition of Ald. Russell that the Garryglass Scheme be referred to the City Engineer for further examination with a view to amendment that the Council be further consulted on the amendments and with the revised cost.

ITEM 7 : ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS :

Submitted abstract of accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1965. The City Accountant said that the balances against the accounts had increased from £133,726 at the end of March, 1964, to £232,464. He gave details of the increase under the different services. Noted.

ITEM 8 : SWIMMING POOLS :

It was decided to defer further consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

ITEM 9 : DRAFT BYE LAWS :

Again submitted the Draft Bye Laws entitled Limerick Appointed Stands (Street Services Vehicles) Bye Laws, 1965. The Assistant Town Clerk explained that this matter had come before the Council at a previous meeting. The Council asked that street service vehicles owners be consulted. Consultation had taken place and the following recommendations had been made by the vehicle owners : omission of the stand in Boherbuoy ; substitution of a stand in Parnell Street or Davis Street ; reduction in the number of cars allowed in Cecil Street from 14 to 12 with a proviso that provision be left for 2 cars other than taxis—to be parked outside the Hotel Cecil ; a reduction in the area in Thomas Street from its junction with Catherine Street to O'Mara's Gate only. After a brief discussion it was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by the Mayor : " That the Council accept the recommendations as submitted and advise the Commissioner of the Gardai that these recommendations constitute their representations in the matter."

ITEM 10 : HOUSING :

In reply to Ald. Russell, the City Manager said that if the Council so desired a report on housing progress it could be made to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee. The Council agreed to this.

ITEM 11 :

Submitted draft scheme for the payment of Supplementary Housing Grants under the proposed 1965 Housing Bill. The Scheme, on the motion of Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, was unanimously adopted.

ITEM 12 :

Submitted communication from the Minister for Local Government to each member of the Council regarding Road Safety Campaign to be held from the 1st to the 11th December. The Asst. Town Clerk said that the campaign was the follow-up of a similar campaign of last December and he suggested that a local committee might be organised with the Mayor as Chairman, and representatives of the Council. The suggestion was adopted. It was agreed that the Mayor would invite representatives from all local organisations to a meeting and that the Council should be represented on the Committee by the Mayor, Alderman Russell, Alderman Coughlan, Alderman Carew, and Councillor Liddy.

ITEM 13 :

Submitted report from the City Manager and Town Clerk with regard to the revision of salary scales for the Office of Chief Veterinary Officer and Veterinary Officer to the Corporation. On the motion of Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Ald. Russell, it was unanimously resolved : " That having considered report dated 5th November, 1965 from the

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City Manager and Town Clerk we approve of the application of revised salary scales set out therein to the offices of Chief Veterinary Inspector and Veterinary Inspector ; we note the cost involved and we approve of the necessary expenditure."

ITEM 14 :

Submitted report dated 5th November, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk, together with copy of report of the 1st November from the City Engineer, relating to properties which the Harbour Commissioners wished to dedicate or to transfer to the Corporation. The properties referred to were the quay walls from Russels Quay to Francis Street; the area of land adjoining the quay walls from Russells Quay to Francis Street; the swivel bridge portion of Sarsfield Bridge. After a brief discussion the Council, on the motion of Cllr. Glasgow, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, unanimously resolved : " That the Corporation accept the dedication from the Limerick Harbour Commissioners of the property referred to subject to the considerations set out in the City Manager's report."

ITEM 15 :

Submitted report of the 9th November, 1965, from the City Manager relating to pensions increases for retired officers and servants of the Corporation. It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That the Council approve of the granting of increase in pensions to retired officers and servants of the Corporation in accordance with the provisions of the Pensions (Increases) Act, 1964, the cost set out in the City Manager's report is noted, and any necessary expenditure is approved."

ITEM 16 :

Submitted report dated 4th November, 1965, regarding expenditure in excess of the estimate on the Vocational Education account. It was proposed by Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, " That having considered report dated 1st November, 1965, from the Deputy City Manager and Town Clerk, we approve of the expenditure in the sum of £660 2s. 4d. in excess of that included in the estimate of expenses for the Vocational Education account, to enable a gratuity to be paid to the representatives of a deceased employee of the Vocational Education Committee."

ITEM 17 :

It was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Ald. Russell, and unanimously resolved : " That approval be given to the expenditure of a sum not exceeding 1d. in the £ on the decoration of the city for Christmas."

ITEM :

The Corporate Seal was affixed to the following documents presented for sealing :

S.D. Advances—Mortgages : Patrick Dempsey, Clareview Estate ; Thomas Slater, Clareview Estate ; William J. Hanley, Clareview Estate ; B. T. O'Carroll, Park ; P. F. O'Dwyer, Park ; John J. Cross, Park ; Cornelius O'Connor, Ballinacurra Weston ; Thaddeus A. Mullen, Coolraine ; Michael Doyle, Coolraine ; Michael Francis O'Donoghue,

Park ; Thomas F. Boyce, Park.

Killalee Tenant Purchase Scheme—Lease and Mortgage : P. Horri[illegible], 7 Keane Street.

Rossa Avenue Tenant Purchase Scheme—Lease and Mortgage : James O'Neill.

Lelia Street Tenant Purchase Scheme—Lease and Mortgage : Mrs. Mgt. Clancy, 10 Lelia Street.

Deed of Mortgage : 10 Singland Road East, Garryowen, Patrick McNamara.

ITEM 20 : NEW WORKS :

There was no notice of new works.

ITEM 21 :

Resolution forwarded by Wicklow County Council for consideration regarding Court Houses was, on the motion of Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, marked 'read.'

ITEM 22 :

Under the heading of 'Any Other Business,' Ald. Coughlan referred to his statement at a recent planning meeting regarding Amharclann na Feile. He said he wished to makeit clear that he had never criticised Feile Luimni. He was an admirer of the Feile and a supporter of their efforts. He did, however, criticise the Committee of Amharclann na Feile. He thought that the grant which the Committee had received from the Corporation was not put to proper use and was still of this opinion. Ald. Russell said that Ald. Coughlan's comments were grossly inaccurate. The Committee who were engaged in the management of Amharclann na Feile were doing as good a job as was possible. Cllr. Glasgow said the Theatre had been closed during the past twelve months due to extensive alterations to the interior. It is now in excellent condition.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

A True Record.

TOMAS Mac DIARMADA,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

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5.	SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:	31/3/'65	30/11/'65	30/11/'64.
	Arrears of Instalments due by Borrowers	£4,820	£4,431	£6,403

6.	WATER CHARGES:	Current Year	Last Year
	Arrears due on 31st October	£4,942	£4,937
	Debited for Collection during month of November	£2,330	£2,222
	Total for Collection	£7,272	£7,159
	Collected and lodge d during month of November	£3,534	£6,124
	Balance outstanding at end of November	£3,738	£1,035

7.	REVENUE ACCOUNT:	Current Year	Last Year.
	Amount due To Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of November	£149,577	£76,438
	Paying Orders issued but not cashed at end of November	£211,449	£197,954
	TOTAL DEBIT BALANCE	£361,026	£274,392

8.	CAPITAL ACCOUNT:	Current Year	Last Year.
	Amount due to Bank as per Bank Pass Book at end of November	£155,919	£308,551.

9.	GAS ACCOUNT:	Current Year	Last Year.
	Amount due per Bank Pass Book No. 1 Revenue A/C to end of November	£154,602	£151,615
	" " " " " " No. 2 " " " " " "	77	£12,498
	" " " " " " Capital A/C " " " "	£2,847	£6,332

In pursuance of Section 16(2) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934, I have caused to be prepared by the City Accountant the foregoing statement of the financial position of the Corporation of Limerick on the last day of November with the corresponding figures for the same month and period last year.

DATE: 10th December, 1965.

T. Collery.
Deputy City Manager & Town Clerk.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

FINANCIAL POSITION ON THE LAST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1965.

MUNICIPAL FUND.

1. EXPENDITURE:

	Current Year	Last Year.
From 1st April to 31st October	£648,453	£563,853
For the month of November	£252,928	£241,729
Total Expenditure to date:	£901,381	£805,582.

2. RECEIPTS

	RATES		RENTS		ALL OTHER SOURCES		TOTAL.	
	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year	Current Year	Last Year.
From 1st April to 31st Oct.	£330,925	£289,952	£152,539	£140,585	£165,738	£146,370	£649,202	£576,907
For the month of November	37,040	32,357	25,028	19,296	20,130	21,096	82,198	72,749
Total Receipts to date:	£367,965	£322,309	£177,567	£159,881	£185,868	£167,466	£731,400	£649,656.

3. RATE COLLECTION:

		CURRENT WARRANT	CURRENT PERCENTAGE	LAST YEAR'S WARRANT	LAST YEAR'S PERCENTAGE:
		£556,463	100.00%	£483,857	100.00%
Collected to 31st October	£330,925				
Discounts	£1,745	£332,670	59.77%	£291,507	60.24%
Balance outstanding at 1st November.		£223,793	40.23%	£192,350	39.76%
Collected for month of Nov.		37,040	6.65%	£32,357	6.68%
Balance outstanding at 30th Nov.		£186,753	33.58%	£159,993	33.08%

Transferred to Rate Mortgage A/c	to 30/11/'65	£15,295	to 30/11/'64	£15,295	
Paid " " " "	to 30/11/'65	458	to 30/11/'64	446.	

4. HOUSING RENTS:

	31/3/'65	30/11/'65	30/11/'64
Arrears	£8,145	£11,975	£6,131.

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND MEMBERS OF THE LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

To be considered at the Meeting of the Council

TO BE HELD ON 14th DEC., 1965

For Four Weeks ended 27th Nov., 1965

1.—HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.

Roxboro Road Housing Scheme (254 Houses)—(J. F. Kennedy Park)
Work proceeding on the construction of 55 houses.
Site Works 90.1% complete.
Development 84.0% complete.
Superstructure 98.1% complete.
159 houses handed over. 40 houses completed and not yet handed over.
54 houses roofed and tiled.
No. of men employed, 168; 58 skilled ; 110 unskilled.

Convent Field Janesboro' Housing Scheme.
Work proceeding on the construction of 65 houses.
Superstructure 22.1% complete.
Site works 55.9% complete.
Development 4.7% complete. 25 houses to first floor level
22 houses to ground floor level. 18 houses roofed and tiled.
No. of men employed 74; 25 skilled ; 49 unskilled.

Watergate.
Work proceeding on the working drawings.

South Hill Housing Scheme (East). The Highfield.
Work proceeding on the construction of 167 houses.
Development 9.9% Superstructure 7.8%; Site Works 57.0% complete
20 houses roofed and tiled. 24 houses to first floor level.
115 houses to ground floor level.
No. of men employed 80; 27 skilled ; 53 unskilled.

South Hill Housing Scheme (West). (348 houses)
Draft layout plans with the Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil.

Housing Letting—

No. of first lettings	24
Number of houses re-let	12
*No. of houses vacant 30/11/65	21

*Includes 15 dwellings handed over at Kennedy Park on 29/11/'65.

2.—HOUSING MAINTENANCE.

Items of Repair attended to in Month of Nov., 1965.

Strand Barracks Area	215	Complaints taken	...	387
Garryowen Area ...	261	,, ,,	...	401
Prospect Area ...	228	,, ,,	...	480
Ballynanty Beg Area ...	224	,, ,,	...	293
Janesboro ...	169	,, ,,	...	282
TOTAL	1097			1843

3.—ROADS. —No. of men employed, 40. 38 unskilled. 2 skilled

4.—SANITARY SERVICE WORKS.—Nil.

5.—PARKS.

Replanted dead and broken tree.
Replanted 45 Larch 2-year-old trees at Shelter belt of Nursery in Corbally.
Planted 12 Prunus in variety in Southville Gardens Estate, which were supplied by the Residents' Association.
Planted 2,080 Spring bedding plants in Treaty Stone View Park and People's Park. All produced at Nursery in Corbally.
Three Prunus broken in Circle at Lansdowne Park.
One dead tree felled in People's Park.

VETERINARY DEPARTMENT

6.—VETERINARY INSPECTION.

INSPECTION OF PRIVATE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES STALLS, Etc.

	Inspected	Condemned Whole	Partial	Tubercular	%	Other Diseases
Cattle	347	—	—	—	—	—
Calves	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep	2051	—	—	—	—	—
Pigs	32	—	—	—	—	—
Sows	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Visited by Inspector	Weight of Food Condemned Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Private Slaughter-houses ...	104	—	—	—	—
Stalls, Shops, etc.	92	—	1	1	20
TOTAL ...	196	—	1	1	20

7.—MILK AND DAIRIES ACT : VETERINARY LABORATORY, etc.

Number of Milk Shops Inspected	3
Number of Milk Cars Inspected	3
Total Number of Tests carried out...	25
Number of Reductase Tests	—
,, ,, failures	—
,, ,, Gerber Tests	11
,, ,, failures	—
,, ,, Coliform Tests	—
,, ,, failures	—
,, ,, Plate Counts	11
,, ,, visits to approved Milk Shops	3
,, ,, Cows examined	236
,, ,, Dairy Yards Inspected	30
,, ,, Phosphotase Test	3
,, ,, Phosphotase Test of failures	—

8—ABATTOIR.

Work proceeding on the working drawings.

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9.—GAS DEPARTMENT. November, 1965.

Make of Gas for month	95062 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1964	86629 Therms
Make of Gas same month 1963	96232 Therms
Sale of Coke for month	416 Tons
Sale of Coke same month last year	346 Tons

	Crude Gallons	Refined t. c q.
Sale of Tar for month	50	169 0 0
Sale of Tar for same month last year ...	87	103 0 0

Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of month—	Revenue No. 1	£154.601 13 1
do	Revenue No. 2	£76 12 9
Debit do	Capital Ac.	£2.847 2 1

Debit Bank Balance Gas Account at end of same month last year—	Revenue No. 1	£151.615 3 3
do	Revenue No. 2	£124,98 5 4
Debit	Capital Ac.	£6,332 2 0

Number of Men employed at end of month	60
Number of Men employed at end of same month 'ast year ...	60

10. –PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Statistical Return for Period from Oct. 27th, 1965 to Nov. 24th, 1965.

BOOK STOCK—	
Total number of books in stock 27/10/65	27,385
Number of books added during above period	206
Number of books withdrawn	—
Total number of books in stock 24/11/'65	27,591

2. BOOK ISSUES—	Number	% of Total Issue
Fiction	3048	38.8%
Non-Fiction	1970	25.0%
Reference	328	4.2%
Juvenile	2516	32.0%
TOTAL ...	7862	100%
Average Daily Issue		314

3. BORROWERS—	
Tickets in use—Adult Fiction	1554
" " " Adult Non-Fiction	1367
" " " Juvenile	1473
TOTAL ...	4394

Newsroom—Average daily attendance	7
Museum—Total attendance for month	1040
6. Art Gallery—Total attendance for month	283

TOMAS MAC DIARMADA.
City Manager and Town Clerk

McKerns Printing, Limerick

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

22/11/1965.

To/

The Mayor and each member of the Limerick City Council.

In June of this year the Council was advised that an up to date assessment of the housing needs of the City in the public sector was 1,800 dwellings. The Minister for Local Government by circular M.1/65 of the 24th May, 1965, asked that steps be taken by the Corporation to provide by 1970 the number of dwellings required, and that the Corporation should also decide on a long-term programme to aim at keeping pace with growth of demand so as to ensure that there would be no new accumulation of unsatisfied housing requirements in future years. The Council asked that steps be taken to meet these objectives; the dwellings to be provided either by conventional methods or non-traditional methods or a combination of both.

The Corporation's programme may be set out as follows:

1. NEED:

No. of dwellings required:		1,800
No. of dwellings provided since assessment made 1/5/1965 to date:		
St. Johns	23	
Kennedy Park	89	112
Present Needs:		1,688.

2. PROGRAMME:

Under construction:		
Kennedy Park	115	
Convent Field	65	
Southhill East	167	347.
Plans in final stage:to be advertised:		
Watergate 1.	100	
Plans with Dept. of L.G.for approval:		
Southhill West 1 and 2	347	
In early planning stage:		
Extension to Kennedy Park.	300	
Watergate Part 11.	104.	851
		1,198.
	Say:	1,200.

3. The Corporation, in addition, in June 1965 asked the Minister for Local Government to provide by non-traditional methods approximately 800 houses on lands to be acquired at Galvone. It will

be noted that when the total of schemes in Part 2 is added to the 800 a figure of 2,000 is produced, as against needs at present of 1,688. The Corporation did not, however, in assessing its' needs in May, 1965, make any allowance for an expansion in population consequent on industrial growth and economic expansion.

The timing of the Corporation's programme by conventional methods is as set out in the attached statement.

Tomas MacDiarmada,
City Manager & Town Clerk.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Housing of the Working Classes.

Programme for years 1965/66; 1966/67; 1967/68; 1968/69.

1.

Year	Scheme	No. of houses constructed	No. under construction at 31/3/1965:
31/3/'65	Greenhill Tankfield	54	nil
	St. John's	63	23
	Kennedy Park	50	204
		167	227

2.

Year	Scheme	No. under construction at 1/4/1965.	Commenced 1/4/1965 31/3/1966	Position at 23/11/1965 Completed since 1/4/1965	Position at 23/11/1965 under const.	Estimated No. completed at 31/3/1966.	No. under Construction at 31/3/1966.
1965 1966	St. John's	23		23	Nil	23 Completed	---
	Kennedy Park	204		89	115	204 (115 to be completed).	---
	Southill East	-	167	-	167	45 to be completed.	122.
	Convent Field	-	65	-	65	25 to be completed	40
	Watergate 1.	-	100	-	-	Nil.	100
TOTALS :		227	332	112	347	297	262

3.

Year	Scheme	No. under construction at 1/4/1966	To be commenced in 1966/67.	Present Position.	Estimated No. completed at 31/3/1967.	No. under Construction at 31/3/1967.
1966 1967	Convent Field	40		Work proceeding.	40	Nil.
	Southill East	122		Work proceeding.	122	Nil.

3.

Year	Scheme	No. under construction at 1/4/1966	To be commenced in 1966/67.	Present position	Estimated No. completed at 31/3/1967.	No. under construction at 31/3/1967
1966/1967	Watergate Part 1.	100		Final drawings being finalised preliminary to advertising for tenders.	100	Nil.
	Southill West 1.		204	Scheme with Dept. of L.G. for approval.		204
	T O T . L S :	262	204		262	204

4.

Year	Scheme	No. under construction at 1/4/1967.	To be commenced 1967/68	Present position	No. to be completed by 31/3/'68.	Under construction at 31/3/68.
1967/1968	Southill West 1	204			204	
	Southill West 11.		143			143
	Watergate 11.		104	Land acquired		104
	Vizes Fields		15	Land not acquired C.P.O. Necessary.	15	
	T O T . L S :	204	262		219	247

5.

Year						
1968/1969	Southill West 11	143			143	
	Watergate 11.	104			104	
	Kennedy Park Extension		300	Land acquired		300
	T O T . L S:	247	300		247	300

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CITY OF LIMERICK VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

66, O'Connell Street,

Limerick.

29th November, 1965.

T.F. McDermott, Esq.,
City Manager,
Árus na Cathrach,
Luimneach.

Annual Financial Scheme - 1966/'67

A Chara,

At the Annual Meeting of the City of Limerick Vocational Education Committee held on the 24th November, 1965, the Financial Scheme as prepared by the Chief Executive Officer in respect of the year 1966/'67 was examined in detail. On the proposition of Mr. P. Powell, seconded by Mr. P. Molloy the Scheme was unanimously adopted and it was resolved to request the approval of the Corporation and the sanction of the Minister for a contribution of £21,300 in respect of the General Scheme and a contribution of £1,801 in respect of the Compulsory Courses (Part V of the Vocational Education Act, 1930.)

At the Estimates Sub-Committee meeting held immediately after the Annual Meeting, presided over by an Comh. P. Mac Giolla Losgaidh, the Scheme, as approved at the Annual Meeting, was again examined and on the propcsition of Cllr. J. P. Liddy seconded by an Comh P. Mac Giolla Losgaidh it was unanimously adopted.

As the demand in respect of the Financial Year 1966/'67 is in excess of 1d. over that for 1965/'66, I am forwarding copies of the estimates for the consideration of the Rating Authority and I am directed by my Committee to request approval for the increased demand and the submission by the Council of the requisite resolution to the Minister before the 31st December, 1965.

Should you require any further details of the Scheme I shall be happy to furnish this information on request.

Mise, le meas,

J. G. O'Donnell,
Priomh Oifigeach Feidmiuchain

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CITY OF LIMERICK VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL SCHEME 1966/'67

TABLE I (Expenses)

1965/'66 £		1966/'67 £
	Estimate of monies required to meet expenses of the Committee for the Financial Year commencing 1st April, 1966.	
	????? ?????	
27,641	Balance on 1st April (Dr.)	
	CURRENT EXPENSES:	
12,000	Administration	12,665
91,480	Instruction	110,575
41,701	Maintenance of Schools and Classes	54,569
850	Scholarships and Prizes	860
160	Travelling Expenses of Teachers	250
2,550	Miscellaneous	2,600
176,382		181,519

TABLE II (Receipts)

Estimate of the Receipts of the Committee for the Financial Year commencing on 1st day of April, 1966.

????? ?????

	Balance in favour on 1st April			1,006
	CURRENT RECEIPTS:			
	Grants from the Department:			
15,308	Basic	... ...	15,308	
63,920	Additional	... .	74,396	
6,984	Part V	... ...	7,204	
50,000	Special Grant			96,908
136,212				
	Grants from Local Authority:			
18,599	Annual	... ...	21,300	
1,746	Part V	... ...	1,301	
20,345				23,101
12,000	Tuition Fees			15,000
70	Sale of Class Materials			70
40	Subscriptions and Donations			40
-	Bank Interest			-
700	County Vocational Ed. Committee and Athenaeum Hall			700
169,367				136,825

Estimated overdraft at 31/3/1967 - £44,694

CITY OF LIMERICK VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL SCHEME 1966/'67

EXPENSES

1965/'66		1966/'67
£		£
	ADMINISTRATION:	
7,588	(a) Salaries of C.E.O., Office Staff and Attendance Officer	7,835
	(b) Other Expenditures:	
140	Travelling and Maintenance expenses of C.E.O.	150
20	Audit Fee	20
1,650	Office expenses (Printing, postage, stationery, Advertising).	1,560
40	Expense of Delegates	40
12	Subscriptions	30
2,000	National Health & other Insurances	2,400
520	Legal Costs and Court Costs	600
30	Travelling expenses of Members	30
12,000		12,665
	INSTRUCTION:	
71,320	Whole-time Teachers	87,570
20,000	Part-time Teachers	22,905
160	Travelling of Teachers	100
91,480		110,575
	MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS AND CLASSES	
9,831	(a) Caretakers and Cleaning Staff - Wages	10,272
2,000	(b) Additional Equipment and Apparatus	1,500
	(c) Other Expenditure:	
200	Books and Stationery	350
1,100	Equipment and Apparatus (Renewals and Repairs)	1,000
3,200	Class materials	3,200
300	Rent and Rates	300
7,000	Cleaning, Heating and Lighting	7,000
12,690	Loans - Interest, etc.	17,217
4,000	Repairs to Buildings	12,500
400	Examination Expenses	400
70	Garden Requisites	70
300	Labour for School Gardens	300
50	Cartage	100
360	Rent of Radio and Radar Equipment	360
41,701		54,569
	SCHOLARSHIP AND PRIZES	
850	Gaeltacht Scholarships E.S.B. Scholarships Technician and Other Courses	860
160	Travel and Maintenance of Teachers (Sect.56)	250
	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE:	
2,500	Bank Interest	2,500
50	Lectures	100
2,550		2,600

CITY OF LIMERICK VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL SCHEME 1966/'67

Valuation	-	£216,107 14. 0.
1d. in £	-	£900 9. 0.
3d. in £	-	£2,701 7. 0.

Local Contributions:

	1962/'63	1963/'64	1964/'65	1965/'66	1966/'67
General Scheme	14.09d. = £11,055	16.8d. = £13,459	19d. = £15,980	21.3d. = £18,599	23.65 = £21,300
Part V.	1.83d. = £1,439	1.97d. = £1,597	1.99 = £1,677	2d. = £1,746	2d. . = £1,801
	15.92d. = £12,494	18.77d. = £15,056	20.99d. = £17,657	23.3d. = £20,345	25.65 = £23,101

Department's Grants:

1962/'63	1963/'64	1964/'65	1965/'66	1966/'67
£51,109	£62,820	Ordinary £72,752 Special £24,000 £96,752	Ordinary 86,212 Special 50,000 £136,212	£96,908

CITY OF LIMERICK VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL SCHEME 1966/'67

GENERAL COMMENTS

BALANCE AS AT 31st MARCH, 1966.

The estimated credit balance on Ordinary Account as at 31st March, 1966 is £1,005. Capital expenditure up to 1st Novemb r, 1965, amounts to £95,594. It is estimated that a further sum of £17,232 will be spent on equipment and furniture by the 31st March, 1966, giving a total of £112,826 paid from Ordinary Account for Capital purposes. The loan of £25,000 for the School of Electrical Engineering has now been received. While the balance, therefore, on Ordinary Account at 31st March, 1966, will stand at £1,006, the actual accounts will show an estimated overdraft of £86,820, pending recoupment of Capital expenditure to Ordinary Account.

In the Financial Year 1966/'67 this overdraft will increase by a further estimated £10,000 when the Final Account for Mulgrave Street is submitted.

EXTRA COST OF SCHEME FOR 1966/'67

The cost of the Scheme for 1966/'67 is estimated at £181,519 showing an increase of £32,778 over 1965/'66.

Comments on increases under the various headings:-

(a) Administration (+ £665)

Normal incremental increases and salary increase to Attendance Officer.

(b) Instruction (+ £19,095).

Salary increases, status increases to graded teachers, extra teaching staff, normal salary increments.

(c) Maintenance of Schools and Classes (+ £12,868)

Main increases - Repayment of Loans - £4,327; Repairs to Buildings - £8,500.
Equipment has been reduced by £600.

(d) Scholarships (+ £10)

(e) Summer Courses (+ £90)

Increase in attendance at Department's and other Special Courses.

(f) Miscellaneous (+ £50)

Increase in Lectures allocation for visiting lecturers in Management Studies.

Interest on and repayment of Loans

The existing position is as follows:-

£140,000 (Schools of Commerce, Art & Music)	-	£9,614
£17,000 (St. Anne's Vocational School)	-	£1,069
£3,000 (" " " ")	-	£188
£10,000 (Special General Loan)	-	£796
Annual repayment County Infirmary	-	£1,000
New £25,000 Loan, School of Elect. Eng.	-	£1,750
Anticipated Loan of £40,000	-	£2,800
Total	-	£17,217

CONTRIBUTIONS, SINCE 1930, FROM LOCAL AUTHORITY

In the years 1964/'65 and 1965/'66 the Department of Education contributed £232,964 to the Committee's funds. Limerick Corporation over the same period contributed £38,002. While it is fully appreciated that the rating impact in Limerick is a heavy one it is only fair to point out that the local contribution over the years since 1930 is one of the lowest, if not the lowest, in the entire country. The heavy impact of £17,217 - repayments of loans, 4/5ths of which is borne by the Department - illustrates the pertinence of the above comments.

It would be unrealistic and misleading to hope, in the years ahead, for any reduction in the local demand. The demand must, in fact, if the Corporation and the citizens require higher technical education, increase considerably with the proposed new developments.

DEMAND FOR 1966/'67

The demand, if approved, for 1966/'67 will be £21,300 for the General Scheme and £1,801 for the Compulsory Courses. This represents 25.65d. on the rates and is the maximum demand allowed by legislation. If this demand is approved by the Committee and the local authority, the estimated overdraft as at 31st March, 1967 will be £44,694 on Ordinary Account.

Tuition fees have been increased for the present Session. While fees for some of the Courses are related to present day costs. the majority of the Course fees are too low. The estimated receipts from fees is £15,000 against an expenditure of £181,519.

It is, perhaps, regrettable that increased revenue should be sought from this source but provision does exist, in the case of undue hardships, to remit or reduce the amount of the fee.

PROCEDURE WITH RATING AUTHORITY

As the demand for the General Scheme represents an increase of over 1d. in excess of 1965/'66 it will be necessary to submit a copy of the Financial Scheme to the Local Authority requesting that the City Council approve of the increase and that a resolution of approval be forwarded to the Minister before 31st December, 1965.

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CITY OF LIMERICK VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Estimated cost of the operation of Compulsory Courses under Part V of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, for the Financial Year commencing 1st April, 1966.

1965/66 £		1966/'67 £
	1. ADMINISTRATION	
162	5% Salaries of C.E.O. and Clerical Staff	220
764	Attendance Officer (Salary)	767
15	Attendance Officer (Allowances)	15
60	Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage etc.	60
50	National Health, Unemployment, etc. Insurances	70
30	Other Insurances	30
-	Bank Interest	-
1,081		1,262
	2. INSTRUCTION	
4,743	Whole-time Teachers' Salaries	4,655
951	Part-time Teachers' Remuneration	990
352	Religious Instruction	375
6,046		6,020
	3. MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS AND CLASSES	
648	Caretakers' and Cleaners' Wages	648
400	Class Materials	460
230	Cleaning Materials, Heating, Lighting, etc.	260
100	Equipment and Apparatus, (Renewals and Repairs)	100
-	Rent and Rates	-
200	Repairs to Buildings	230
5	Carriage and Cartage	5
1,583		1,703
20	4. Travelling, etc., Expenses, Teachers, Sect. 56.	20

SUMMARY

1,081	1. Administration	1,262
6,046	2. Instruction	6,020
1,583	3. Maintenance of Schools and Classes	1,703
20	4. Travelling etc. Expenses, Teachers, Sect. 56	20
-	5.. Painting and Decorating	-
8,730		9,005

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

10th December, 1965.

City and County Management Act, 1955, Section 11.

The approval of the Council is sought to the incurring of additional expenditure on the Vocational Education Account of a sum not exceeding £500 to enable allowance under the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1956, to be paid to Mr. J. C. Hersey, retired officer of the Vocational Education Committee, and to his wife.

Provision for the payment of a gratuity to Mr. Hersey will be made in the Estimate of Expenses for the coming year.

T. Collery.
Deputy City Manager.

To/

Each member of the Limerick City Council.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

9th December, 1965.

Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.

As the Council is aware the St. Anne's Co-operative Guild Ltd. is erecting 10 (ten) houses for elderly persons at Bishop Street, Limerick.

The Minister for Local Government has approved of the payment of a grant up to a maximum of £300 per house under Section VI of the above Act. The Section provides that where a grant is made by the Minister the housing authority may make a grant of a similar amount, on such terms and conditions as the authority think fit to impose. The Corporation propose to make a grant of an amount equivalent to the grant made by the Minister to the St. Anne's Co-operative Guild Ltd., and to pay the grant by instalments pro rata to the payment of the State grant.

A payment of £840 has already been made by the State and approval is sought to the expenditure of a similar sum by the Corporation to enable a grant of an equivalent amount to be made by the Corporation.

T. Collery,
Deputy City Manager.

To/

Each member of the Limerick City Council.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

10th December, 1965.

To/ The Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the City Council.

Re: Remuneration of Coroner.

The approval of the Limerick City Council is sought to a proposal to submit for the approval of the Minister for Justice the following revision of salary for the office of City Coroner.

	Existing Salary:	£174 per annum.
Proposed	As from the 1st February, 1964:	£195 " "
Proposed	As from the 1st April, 1965:	£227 " "
	Cost up to the end of March, 1965:	£24.
	Cost for the current financial year:	£53.

It is desired to inform the Council that the late Mr. D. J. O'Malley, Solicitor, City Coroner, had by letter dated 17th November, 1965 tendered his resignation from the office with effect from the 31st December, 1965.

T. P. MacDiarmada,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

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SHANNONSIDE

Mid-Western Regional Tourism Organisation

INTERIM REPORT

FOR PUBLICATION, DECEMBER 3rd, 1965

This Interim Report covers the nine month period since the Regional Tourism Manager took up duty. While it is accurate in detail it does not show the complete picture of the work done in that period. For example, it must needs pass quickly over the time and effort spent in setting up and maintaining the expanded Information Service. It gives details of the major projects which have been worked on but it does not show the extent of the day to day work in which the Company has engaged. The very volume and variety of this work are in themselves indications of the extent to which Shannonside has become accepted as the Tourism Authority of the region. Local Associations now bring their problems to us and we are pleased to have been able to assist so many of them. Private individuals who wish to invest capital in tourism are coming to us also for our advice. We hope to see some spectacular results arising from this important aspect of our work, but as we are dealing with commercial projects we are not in a position to divulge details of this work as it progresses. It is interesting to record also that most of the Local Authorities channel enquiries connected with tourism straight through to the Regional Office. The Directors feel that all of this indicates a satisfactory measure of success in our first year in the important twin tasks of establishing ourselves and of generating a greater interest in tourism within the region. For much of the year,as we consolidated our position, we did not seek publicity. We now feel that we have some worthwhile results to show and that the public should be informed.

INFORMATION

The Company undertook the extension of the Information Service as a priority. New Seasonal Offices were opened at Ennis, Kilkee, Lahinch, Li doonvarna, Nenagh and Newcastle West. These offices were open from May 22nd to October 31st and they all offered a Room Reservation Service from June to the end of the period,and the Newcastle West and Ennis offices are remaining open during the winter for servicing written enquiries and other work. In addition, a caravan was used as a Mobile Office and

travelled to special events and Festivals in the region during the season. The above offices, together with the permanent office at Limerick, handled a total of 61,868 enquiries in season and booked a total of 12,153 bednights. 43.5% of these bednights were booked in hotels, 28.6% in Guest House and 27.9% in Supplementary Accommodation. A breakdown of the nationalities of the users of the Service indicates that 59% were British, 7% Northern Ireland, 19.9% North American, 4.3% European, 10.6% others. Fourteen members of staff were recruited as Seasonal Holiday Advisers and of these four have been retained as members of the regular staff. A training programme has been drawn up for the retained staff, which includes a course on the inspection of accommodation, and one on Public Speaking. The staff will be used in the winter on such projects as, inspection and listing of accommodation, both Supplementary and Student, the Tidy Towns Competition and the Inventory of Tourist Resources.

In addition to the Information Service, the Company joined with the Limerick Junior Chamber of Commerce in publishing a "Welcome to Limerick" and "Welcome to Shannonside" information booklet. Two issues were produced weekly of 2,000 each and the booklet was available to tourists for a twelve week period from July to early October.

Large scale maps with points of tourist interest illustrated on them in colour have been prepared for the region, for Limerick city, and for the towns of Ennis, Nenagh and Thurles. Difficulty was experienced in obtaining stands of suitable design, but this problem has now been overcome, and the maps will be erected in good time for the 1966 season.

THOOR BALLYLEE

This one-time home of William Butler Yeats has been restored by Bord Failte Eireann and was opened during the 1965 season, as a national monument to Yeats and tourist attraction. Arrangements for the opening were carried out jointly by Bord Failte and by the Mid-Western and Western Regional Tourism Organisations. The Regional Tourism Organisations arranged the staffing of the castle during the summer season, and something in the region of 4,000 visited the castle between June 20th and October 15th. The castle has now been handed over by the Yeats family to Trustees on whose behalf the castle is being operated by a Joint Committee of Directors of each of the RTOs and by the Regional Tourism Managers. It has been decided to appoint a Curator who will have overall responsibility for the development of Thoor Ballylee as both a monument to Yeats

and as a tourist attraction. The Shannonside Organisation has arranged to have the Tourifon Guide system available to visitors during the 1966 season. We feel that the whole area of South Galway and North Clare is one of great literary interest and that in this there lies untold potential for tourism. We intend to work with the Western Regional Tourism Organisation to make the fullest possible use of this potential and to popularise this whole area which includes the Burren.

THE BURREN

This unique area is one of the greatest tourist assets within the Mid-Western region. The Regional Company and the Shannon Free Airport Development Company, in conjunction with Bord Failte Eireann are planning to produce an authoritative guide to the Burren. The publication would include articles on the various aspects of interest in the Burren by leading authorities in such fields as botany, geology, archaeology and folklore. The book will be a first-class production, with many full colour plates.

TOURISM SURVEY

The Company has commissioned a Tourism Survey and Development Plan of the Lower Shannon area, i.e. the Shannon Estuary, the work to be carried out by Nathaniel Lichfield and Associates. It is felt that the Survey and Plan will provide a basis for future tourism development in this somewhat under-developed area. The idea of a Tourism Survey was sponsored by the RTO and financial assistance has been successfully sought from the Clare County Council, the Limerick County Council, Limerick Corporation, the Shannon Free Airport Development Company, and Bord Failte Eireann. The report will be presented to the Regional Company and it is our intention to make positive use of it. We hope to have our Inventory of Resources complete by 1967 and we will then be in a position to present a detailed Tourism Plan for the region. The conclusions and recommendations of the Estuary Survey will be incorporated in this. As the Organisation charged with Tourism Development within the region, we are even now consulted both by commercial interests and Local Authorities. We are therefore in a unique position and will use this to endeavour to ensure that the various development works shown to be necessary will be undertaken by the public and private sectors where appropriate. Our success in obtaining financial support by the Local Authorities for the Survey encourages us in hoping for their co-operation in the implementation of its recommendations.

INVENTORY OF RESOURCES

It has been felt for some time that an inventory of resources must be taken in order to assist with both long and short term tourism planning. This task is being undertaken by the Regional Companies, and the initial listing of resources is now taking place. The listing is, however, only part of the task. It is felt that this Survey will throw some light on factors which are limiting the development of tourism within the region. As a simple example, we will list the boats which are available on the lakes, but we will also know whether or not they are available to tourists or whether they are only available on certain days. All this information will be used in future planning and it will also be of great interest to the Information Office staff. It is also felt that the Regional Companies could co-operate with the Planning Authorities within the regions so that the inventory of resources could become, in effect, akin to an amenity survey. The practical implications of this suggestion are now being investigated and discussed by the Regional Managers and representatives of An Foras Forbatha and the Planning Authorities. Our interest in this field has again brought us into contact with the Local Authorities and their officials and opens up new opportunities for fruitful co-operation.

ANGLING

In 1964 the RTO joined with the Shannon Free Airport Development Company and Bord Failte Eireann in having a Survey of the Angling potential of the region carried out by British fishing experts. Their report was very favourable and pointed to several areas which could be developed as angling centres. As a result, the Regional Tourism Organisation and the Shannon Free Airport Development Company have embarked on a programme to help establish selected centres. The Regional Tourism Company has made grants towards development work and the two bodies have made joint grants towards promotion. The programme has proceeded very satisfactorily and it is hoped to have three centres - two for coarse angling and one for sea fishing - established for the 1966 season. The centres are: Castleconnell, Co. Limerick, Tulla, Co. Clare, and the Lisdoonvarna/Fanore area of Co. Clare.

SUPPLEMENTARY ACCOMODATION

In the Spring of 1965 applications were invited from householders prepared to provide accomodation for visitors. The response was quite satisfactory and three Supplementary Accomodation

Officers were employed to inspect the premises. Following the inspections, a list of houses which were considered suitable was drawn up. This list contained a total of 48 houses and the accommodation was available to tourists at the height of the peak season. It helped considerably in easing the accommodation problem at this very busy period. It also helped by opening up more remote areas where there had not been accommodation hitherto. The process will be repeated during the winter of 1965. Houses considered suitable will be inspected by Bord Failte Eireann Supplementary Accommodation Officers with a view to inclusion on the Supplementary Accommodation List 1967.

STUDENT TRAVEL

In 1964 the Company was responsible for a group of French students coming to Limerick. This year, the experiment was continued when two groups of French students visited Limerick. Limerick is now an established centre for student travel. Suitable accommodation for students is now being sought in the larger towns of the region for 1966, as this type of tourism is ripe for rapid expansion.

FESTIVALS

The Regional Companies are anxious to assist the organisers of the more important local Festivals, particularly those which provide entertainment for tourists. With this in mind talks have taken place between the Regional Manager and the organisers of the Spanish Point Holiday Festival and the Limerick Festival of Sport. It has been agreed that the Regional Company will provide secretarial and office assistance and will give financial assistance also, provided certain conditions are met by the organising committees. The talks have taken place in an atmosphere of harmony and we are pleased to have already made successful representations to national bodies on behalf of both committees.

HORSE-DRAWN CARAVANS

This is becoming one of the most popular and fashionable ways of spending a holiday. The Company has been responsible to a great degree in inducing a leading operator in this field to establish a centre in the North Tipperary area for 1966. The project has reached the final stages of planning and full details will be announced in the near future.

TOURISM IN LIMERICK CITY

The Company is anxious to establish Limerick City as a tourist centre. At the moment far too many tourists who visit Limerick tend to use it as a one-night stop on their way to the more popular tourist areas of the south and west. This ancient city has in its history and in its waterway at least two assets which could be used to attract tourists. Accordingly, the Regional Company has presented to the Corporation a plan for a Recreation Centre which would make the fullest use of Limerick's waterways. As a result, two areas, one adjoining the Shannon and another adjoining the canal have been reserved by the Corporation for Recreational use. The difficulties of financing the projects have, however, held up any further developments. Similarly, the Regional Company has sought the assistance of Limerick Corporation in the development of King John's Castle. Commendable interest has been shown in this project both by elected representatives and by the Corporation officials, and a Conference of the various parties interested, including the Office of Public Works and the Shannon Free Airport Development Company, has been called for December.

We also recognise that caravan traffic is here to stay. We were instrumental in having a large party of caravanners stay in Limerick city during August 1965. We greatly appreciated the co-operation received from the Corporation in this venture. It was indeed a success and leads us to suggest that either the Corporation or private enterprise should think seriously about providing a caravan site in Limerick. Any such project would receive our support.

We are also planning to seek Conference business for the Limerick/Shannon/Ennis complex. The support of business, the hotel and catering industries, and the Local Authorities, will be sought.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR TOURISTS.

The Company feels that a G.A.A. Museum should be established in Thurles - the birth-place of the Association. The idea has been well received in Thurles and some local bodies have expressed interest. Although this project is as yet in its infancy a promise of support has been received from Bord Failte.

Discussions have taken place with local representatives of Comhaltas Ceolteoiri Eireann concerning the provision of entertainment for tourists. We believe that tourists should be provided with Irish entertainment of the highest possible standard, and we feel that Comhaltas Ceolteoiri Eireann is the organisation

which could provide this service. The Regional Company sponsored a trial performance by the Ennis group of Comhaltas Ceolteoiri which was attended by Directors of the Regional Company and by representatives of the Press and of the Hotel industry. Other trial performances have been arranged for the winter months and it is also hoped to have a seminar on Production during February.

Local drama groups have also been approached and asked to submit plans for a series of plays during the tourist season. In particular the Limerick Theatre Groups have been asked to do a summer season during 1966 and agreement has been reached on the assistance which would be provided by the Regional Tourism Organisation. It is hoped to extend this idea to other towns in the region where other drama groups are available.

CONCLUSION

Much of 1965 has been taken up with laying the foundation for the future success of the whole concept of Regional Tourism Organisations. To a great extent this success will depend on the level of funds available locally. This year a canvass of the Local Authorities was carried out which resulted in an increase of £1,115 in the contribution by the Local Authorities to the Organisation.

A Membership drive is at present being held and it is hoped that the increased awareness of the importance of tourism to the economy will lead to a more realistic investment by the community in tourism.

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CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

City Manager's Office,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

10th December, 196[illegible]

To/ The Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the City Council.

Re: Filling of Arthur's Quay.
New Works.

The approval of the City Council is sought to works consisting of the laying of 6" covering of gravel over the filled area of Arthur's Quay and other incidental work in the lay-out of the area as a car park. The work is estimated to cost £400. The City Council is asked to approve of the necessary expenditure.

The cost of the filling up to the end of November, which is being charged to the Watergate Housing Scheme as part of the work on the clearing of the site, is £6,700 approximately.

T. P. MacDiarmada,

City Manager and Town Clerk.

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Limerick City Council

A meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the County Courthouse by kind permission of the County Registrar on Tuesday, 14th December, 1965.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called at 7.30 o'clock p.m. when the following members answered :

In the Chair : Right Worshipful Cllr. F. Leddin, Mayor.

Aldermen : J. Carew, S. Coughlan, T.D., and G. E. Russell.

Councillors : P. Kiely, P. Kelly, J. Kirby, V. Feeney, J. P. Liddy, T. Lawlor.

Apology for unavoidable absence was received from Cllr. P. O'Sullivan.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk ; Assistant Town Clerk ; City Engineer ; Architect ; City Accountant ; Gas Engineer, and Housing Officer.

Deputation from Ballysimon Road area :

On the proposal of Alderman Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, a deputation from the residents of the Ballysimon Road area was heard. A spokesman for the deputation complained about the condition of the Ballysimon Road as a result of the reconstruction work which was being carried out under contract by the Corporation. The speaker also referred to the bus servicesin the area which had been curtailed as a result of the road work, and asked that the Corporation should take immediate steps to have improvements made to the condition of the roadway and also with regard to an improvement to bus services. The Mayor said he had seen the road, conditions were very bad. The Corporation should move quickly to improve matters as the present situation was a great inconvenience to the residents. Ald. Coughlan said that prams could not be brought along this roadway at all at the present time. Neither could the bus use the roadway. The time to start a roadwork was the summer, and it was regretted that the Corporation allowed this work to commence at this time of year. He would be satisfied if an assurance could be given that the conditions would be improved within a matter of weeks.

Cllr. Kiely said very few men were employed on this work. The Corporation should impress on the Contractor the urgency in having this work completed. Cllr. Lawlor said from his observations the contractor was not treating the matter as one of urgency. Ald. Russell said he had seen this road and he could only describe it as a disgraceful job. It was a grave reflection on the Corporation to have to put up with this type of work.

The City Engineer said that the condition which contributed to the cause of many of the complaints was the very bad weather. The road had to be regraded and this work had been completed but it would be necessary to wait for fine weather until the surface could be laid. The surface would be laid by machine and work would be completed quickly. There was nothing unorthodox in the methods adopted by the Contractors. Ald. Coughlan said that no provision appeared to be made for a bus turning area. The City Engineer said that no representations

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had been received from C.I.E. in this matter and no provision therefore was made. The position would be the same as heretofore.

Re Chairman :

The Mayor informed the Council that he was obliged to leave the meeting as he had another function to attend. He asked for nominations to the Chair. It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and resolved that Ald. Russell take the Chair. The Mayor then vacated the Chair and Ald. Russell took the Chair.

ITEM 1 :

Proposed by Cllr. Lawlor, seconded by Ald. Carew, and unanimously resolved : " That the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on the 9th, 23rd and 29th November, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated be and the same are hereby confirmed."

Wallers Well Water Scheme :

Arising out of the minutes a report was submitted from the City Engineer stating that the water supply in this area had been examined. The Corporation proposed to lay two 2" pipes on either side of the roadway to which the residents could then connect. The cost of the work would be £600. It was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, " That the Corporation undertake the work as specified by the City Engineer, the necessary expenditure involved being approved."

ITEM 2 :

Proposed by Ald. Carew, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That the minutes of the meeting of the Tenders Committee held on the 29th November, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted."

ITEM 3 :

Proposed by Ald. Carew, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 2nd November and 7th December, 1965, of which printed copies were circulated be and the same are hereby confirmed and adopted and referred for consideration to the next meeting of the Planning Committee."

ITEM 4—CORRESPONDENCE :

Cheap Fuel Scheme :

Submitted communication from the Department of Social Welfare stating that the Cheap Fuel Scheme for the year 1965/'66 had been approved. Ald. Coughlan said he wished to have recorded his protest at the action of the Corporation increasing the subscription for the Cheap Fuel from 1/6d. to 2/0d.

Quarries :

Submitted communication dated 22nd November, 1965, from the Department of Local Government stating that the Minister had decided to make a contribution of 50% towards the cost of the works carried out to the quarries at Mayorstone and Rosbrien. Noted.

Relief Schemes :

Submitted communication dated 6th December, 1965, from the Department of Local Government giving notice of the approval by the

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Minister of five of the schemes submitted by the Corporation to be carried out by the aid of grants under the Emergency and Employment Schemes Vote. The works included road at Garryowen, parts 1 & 2, wall and path at Rosbrien, levelling of green and erection of path at Garryowen and entrance to Bourke Avenue ; total £9,400. The Council was informed that work had started on the schemes.

Arthur's Quay :

Submitted communication dated 16th November, 1965, from the Department of Local Government stating that further consideration would be given to the request for grant in respect of works at Arthur's Quay on receipt of the road development plan being prepared by the City Engineer. Noted.

Arising out of the foregoing Ald. Coughlan asked if any provision was being made for a slip in the reclamation of an area of land at Arthur's Quay. The City Engineer said that in his opinion the current would be too strong to allow a slip on the retaining wall. Cllr. Feeney supported the case to have a slip provided in this area. The City Manager said that the interests who were anxious to have a slip in the area might be advised to write to the Corporation and define their interests and the type of sild they had in mind.

Speed Limits and Parking :

Submitted communication dated 5th November, 1965, from the Department of Local Government stating that the Minister intended to make regulations which would replace and revise the present Speed Limit Regulations. Noted.

Submitted communication dated 22nd November, 1965, from the Chief Superintendent of the Gardai directing that, until the reclamation of Arthur's Quay at present in progress, was completed, parking be prohibited on the Quayside of Honan's Quay. The Council was informed that this direction came into operation from the 1st December, 1965, when the necessary 'No Parking' signs had been erected. Noted.

Ballinaclough/Ballinacurra Embankments :

Submitted communication dated 7th October and the 19th November, 1965, from the Office of Public Works stating that the above scheme was completed on the 9th September, 1965, and that in accordance with the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945, a certificate was being prepared naming that date as the completion date, and the Corporation and the Limerick County Council as the Bodies by whom the expense of the maintenance after the date of completion was to borne. The expense of maintenance would be apportioned between the County Council and the Corporation in the approximate proportion of two-thirds to the County Council and one-third to the Corporation. Noted.

ITEM 5 :

Departmental Reports and Financial Statement for November, 1965, were submitted. Noted.

ITEM 6—HOUSING :

Submitted report dated 22nd November, 1965, on the Corporation's Housing Programme for the current financial year and for the financial years up to 1968/'69 (copy of the report and the schedule attached thereto

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is included in the official minute). Arising out of consideration of the report the following matters were discussed :

Watergate :

In reply to Ald. Carew, the Architect said the Corporation still hoped to be able to advertise Watergate Housing Scheme in February, 1966.

Fairgreen :

In reply to Ald. Coughlan it was stated that the Corporation was still waiting to hear from the Limerick County Council with regard to the purchase of lands at Fairgreen.

System Building :

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided to ask the Minister for Local Government to state the present position regarding the Council's request to have a number of houses provided by the Minister in Limerick.

Houses for Aged and Single Persons :

Ald. Coughlan said the proportion of houses being provided for aged and single persons was not sufficient. The provision of more small houses would enable the Corporation to clear out under occupied houses and ease the housing situation generally.

The City Manager said that a fair proportion of small houses were being provided in every new scheme designed by the Corporation. The schemes were designed to conform with normal population distribution. Vizes Fields was an area which was suitable for houses for old persons and would be reserved for this purpose by the Corporation. The Chairman suggested that if this scheme was brought forward in the programme it might meet the wishes of the Council with regard to the provisions of this type of house. The Council agreed to this suggestion. The Manager said this matter would be kept in mind.

ITEM 7 :

The following motion was moved by Ald. Russell, seconded by Ald. Carew: "We the members of the City Council request the Manager to vary his recent Order increasing the rents of certain Corporation houses so that only half the increase is payable on the date of the said Order and the balance when the houses have been put in a proper state of repair." In moving the motion Ald. Russell said the Manager had made an Order which it appeared the Council were powerless to revoke. He referred to the discussion which members of the Council had with the Manager, during the course of which the City Manager said he might vary his Order to read two-thirds of the increase now and one-third on the 1st April, 1966. He thought the motion was a more equitable solution and asked that it be supported. Ald. Carew said the motion appeared to him to offer the fairest solution to a difficult problem. If the City Manager accepted the motion he would have met a difficult situation very fairly. Cllr. Feeney said he understood the tenants were prepared to fall in line with the proposal put forward in the motion. He asked the City Manager to accept.

The City Manager said that he could not agree on the second part of the motion. It was too ambiguous, unless some other wording could be found this particular wording would give rise to disputes between the Manager and the Council and the tenants on interpretation. There

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also seemed to be some misunderstanding about the meaning of the word repair. Repair in his mind did not include improvements such as a bathroom. This was an item which would have to be considered separately entirely from the question at present under consideration by the Council. He asked the Council to say if what they had in mind was the houses as they were should be put into a reasonable state of repair.

Ald. Russell said he accepted this view and was prepared to amend his motion accordingly. Ald. Coughlan referred to the difficulty which might arise on the interpretation of what was meant by reasonable or necessary repairs.

The Chairman said he thought this matter could be overcome by having certificates from the City Engineer. All houses repaired would go on the increased rent, those not repaired would have 50% added only at such time as repairs were carried out. In addition, he suggested that the 30th September, 1966, might be an appropriate date. After some further discussion, Ald. Russell said he was prepared to amend the latter part of his motion by the substitution of words: ' and the balance when the houses had been put in reasonable repair, or on the 30th September, 1966.' The motion was put to the meeting and passed unanimously. The City Manager said he found it difficult to refuse the request of the Council. He could not, however, accept the motion in full. He proposed to fix the 1st July, 1966, as the date for the addition of the second half of the increase, or the date on which the rate is added to the rent pursuant to the provisions of the Rates on Small Dwellings Act, 1928, whichever date was the later. The Chairman paid tribute to the tenants for their restraint in this matter which had been under discussion for many weeks. He also thanked the City Manager for his willingness to consult with the Council to assist in reaching what he hoped would be an acceptable compromise.

ITEM 8 :

Proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12 1(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934 to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum of £54,000 for the Bullfield Housing Scheme."

Proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12 1(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934 to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum of £63,000 on the Tankfield/Greenhill Housing Scheme."

Proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12 1(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934 to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum of £27,000 on the St. John's Housing Scheme."

Proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12 1(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934 to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum of £2,800 Garryowen 1 - 3."

Proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12 1(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934 to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum of £4,400 on the Galvone Sewer."

Proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously

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resolved : "That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12 1(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934 to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum of £2,200 on the Rosbrien Sewer."

Proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12 1(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934 to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum of £4,000 on the Bullfield Sewer."

Proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12 1(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934 to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum of £1,000 on the Greenhill/Tankfield Sewer."

Proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12 1(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934 to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum of £3,500 on the St. John's Sewer."

Proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and unanimously resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 12 1(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934 to the borrowing by way of loan of a sum of £11,000 on Lanigan's Bank."

Proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 4 of the Local Government No. 2 Act, 1960, to the borrowing by way of overdraft of a sum not exceeding £300,000 on the Municipal Fund (Revenue) Account for the period ending 31st March, 1966."

Proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 4 of the Local Government No. 2 Act, 1960, to the borrowing by way of temporary overdraft of sums not exceeding the following on the Capital Account :

Quarter ending 31st March, 1966 :

Housing	£5,000
Sanitary	£10,500
Lanigan's Bank	£11,000."

Proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Kiely, and resolved : " That authority be and the same is hereby granted under Section 4 of the Local Government No. 2 Act, 1960, to the borrowing by way of overdraft of sums not exceeding :

Gas Revenue No. 1 Account	£161,500
Gas Revenue No. 2 Account	£7,500
Gas Capital Account (Plant)	£17,500
Gas Capital Account (Main Laying) ...	£15,000."

ITEM 9 :

Submitted the annual scheme of the Vocational Education Committee for the year 1966/'67 together with the C.E.O.s report thereon. Copy of the Scheme and the report had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting and the Council had also been furnished with copy of report from the City Accountant referring to the Scheme and stating it was clear from the estimate that there would be deficit of approximately £44,000 on the accounts of the Committee for the year 1966/'67. It was proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That having considered the report of the Chief Executive Officer for the City of Limerick Vocational Education Committee dated 29th November, 1965, and the enclosures od the Financial Scheme for 1966/'67, we note that the local contributinon is in excess of the con-

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tribution for the year 1965/'66 by the sum of £2,756, which represents an increase of 3d. in the £ on the rateable valuation of the County Borough of Limerick. We approve of such excess and direct that copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister for Education."

ITEM 10 :

Proposed by Cllr. Liddy, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That the approval of the Council be given to the incurring of additional expenditure on the Vocational Education Account of a sum not exceeding £500 to enable an allowance under the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1956, be paid to Mr. J. C. Hersey, a retired officer of the Vocational Education Committee and to his wife."

ITEM 11 :

Proposed by Ald. Carew, seconded by Ald. Coughlan, and unanimously resolved : " That having considered report dated 9th December, 1965, from the City Manager and Town Clerk we approve of the Corporation making a grant of an amount equivalent to the grant made by the Minister to the St. Anne's Co-operative Guild in respect of each house provided by the Guild for elderly persons at Bishop Street, Limerick. We further approve of the payment of £840 by the Corporation to correspond with a similar payment made by the Minister on foot of the grant, and authorise any necessary additional expenditure involved."

ITEM 12 :

Remuneration for the Office of Coroner : It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter.

ITEM 13 :

Report on Valuation for Rating Purposes : It was decided to defer consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

ITEM 14 :

Report of Shannonside (Mid-Western Regional Tourism Organisation) : It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

ITEM 15 :

Proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor, and unanimously resolved : " That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents presented for sealing :

S.D. Transfer—Release and Memorial : P. Ryan, 6, Southville Gardens.

S.D. Transfer—Assignment : Redmond to Sheehan, Premises—48, Greystones 1.

S.D. Transfer : P. Coen, 4, Coolraine, Ennis Road, Assignment, to National Rusks.

S.D. Advances—Memorial of Re-conveyance : Premises—Shelbourne Road, William M. Wallace.

S.D. Advances—Memorial of Indenture of Release : Jeremiah Hogan, South Ville Gardens.

Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931 : Demolition Notices : 33, Halls Range ; 1, Myles Street ; 55, Old Clare Street ; 50, Wolfe

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Tone Street ; 28, Brennans Row ; 21, Parker's Range ; 28, Trousdell's Range ; 25, Trousdell's Range ; 19, Mid. Row, Vizes Field ; 5, Mid. Row, Vizes Field.

Closing Orders : 7, Newenham Street ; 36, William Street ; 27, Brennan's Row ; 3, Francis Street (2 rooms, 2nd floor) ; 3, Francis Street (2 rooms, 1st floor) ; 3, Francis Street (2 rooms, top floor).

Killalee Tenant Purchase Scheme—Lease : James O'Gorman 16, Keane Street.

Janesboro' Tenant Purchase Scheme—Lease/Mortgage : James Yelverton, 36, McDonagh Avenue ; Patrick Carter, 1, McDonagh, Avenue ; Eugene Shortt, 11, McDonagh Avenue ; Mrs. Mary Byrne, 21, McDonagh Avenue ; Laurence Logan, 32, McDonagh Avenue ; John J. Burke, 16, McDonagh Avenue ; Edward Lee, 6, Daly Avenue ; J. P. Kavanagh, 8, Daly Avenue ; Thomas Kearns, 2, Clarke Avenue.

Tenant Purchase Schemes : Michael Hickey, 67, O'Dwyer Villas ; John O'Brien, 28, Downey Street ; Mrs. H. Sciascia, 13, Lelia Street ; Mrs. Johanna Kelly, 29, Rossa Avenue.

Furnisheire Ltd.—Lease and Counterpart.

ITEM 16 :

Proposed by Ald. Carew, seconded by Cllr. Lawlor : " That having considered report dated 10th December, 1965, from the City Manager we approve of the carrying out of works to complete an area of the car park at Arthur's Quay at an estimated cost of £400. We approve of the expenditure involved."

Submitted communication dated 2nd December, 1965, from the City Engineer with regard to road fronting the shops in the Prospect Extension Housing Scheme. The City Engineer proposed to widen this road to 20 ft. that is an addition of 5 ft. and the cost of the work would be £380, the work to be included in the 1966/'67 Relief Schemes. The Council accepted this recommendation.

Planning and Development Act, proposed extension to Oil Depot at the Docks :

Ald. Coughlan referred to the decision of the Corporation to refuse permission to an oil company for an extension to their Depot at the Docks, Limerick. He said that the Council had not been informed of this decision. If permission was not allowed the Co, might well leave Limerick. In addition, the extension to the premises could mean extra revenue to the Limerick Harbour Board. Cllr. Feeney said the threat of removing this Company from Limerick was a serious matter. Cllr. Kelly agreed that the Harbour Board were gravely concerned at the action of the Corporation. He understood the Company had given an undertaking to comply with all regulations. After a further brief discussion it was proposed by Ald. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Feeney, and resolved : " That we the members of the Limerick City Council are perturbed to learn that the Corporation has refused to grant a permission to a Petrol Company to extend their premises at the Docks, Limerick. We understand the matter is on appeal to the Minister at the present time and ask the Minister to allow the appeal."

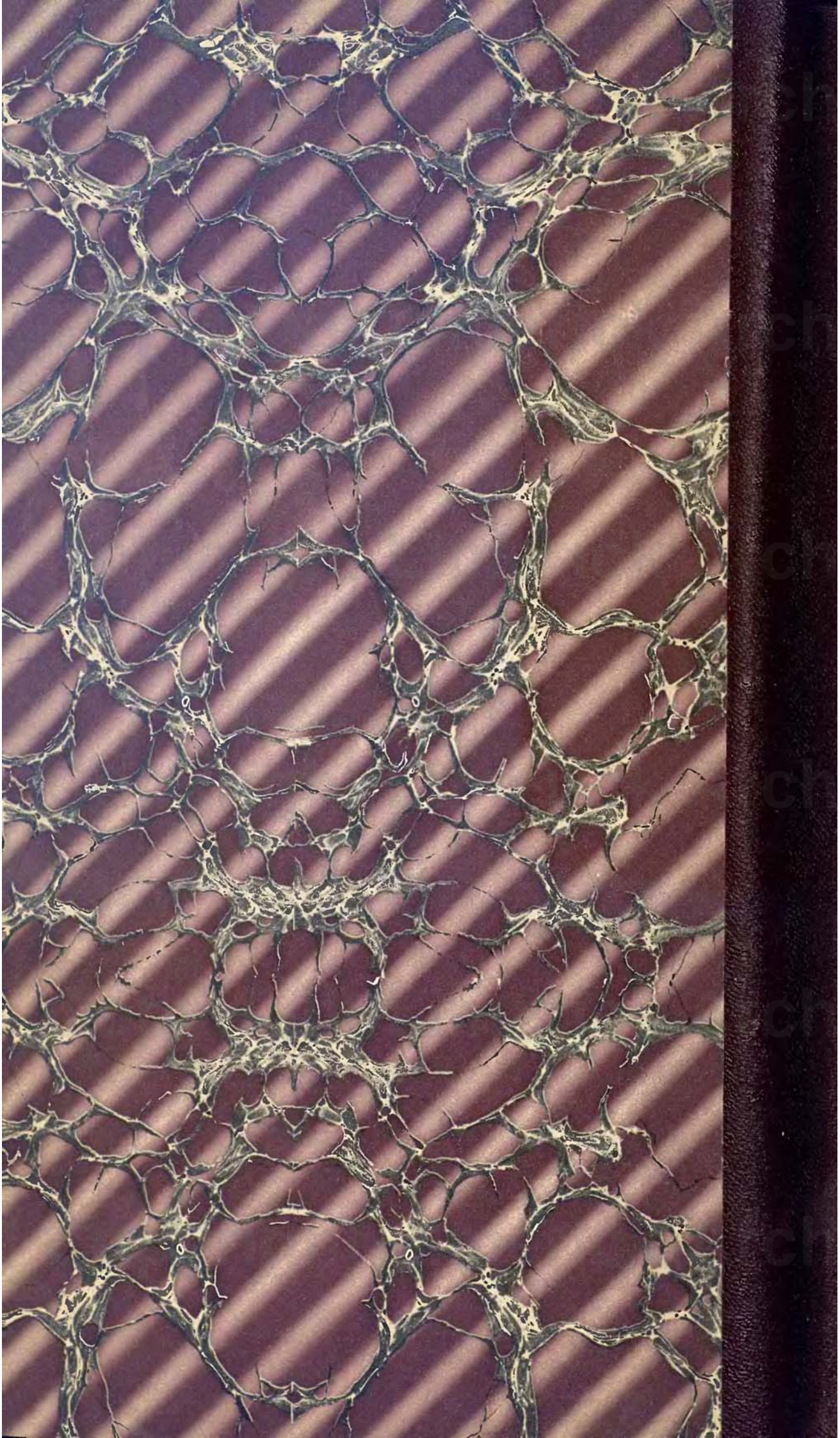
Proposed by Cllr. Lawlor and unanimously resolved : " That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. Cusack of Fairgreen, Ballysimon Road, on the death of her sister, Bridget Clancy."

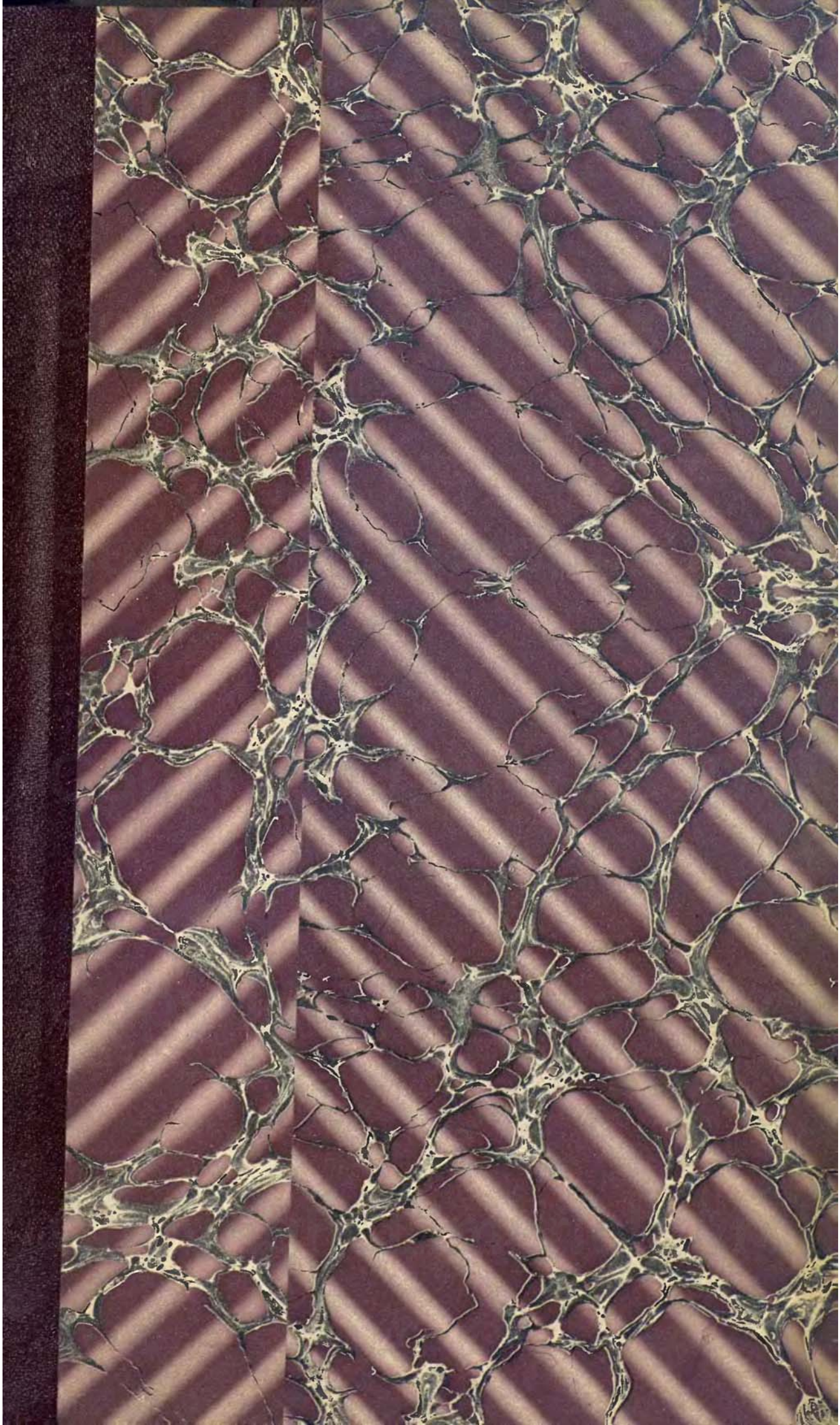
A True Record.

TOMAS MAC DIARMADA,
City Manager & Town Clerk

Confirmed in Council this
11th Jan. 1966

J. P. Lindsay
Chairman





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