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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

16th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1941.

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor D. J. O'Malley, Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., M. Daly, M. Hartney, M. J. Keyes, T.D., C. V. O'Malley, and P. F. Quinlan.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

DEPUTATION FROM ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH COUNCIL: A deputation attended from St. Michael's Parish Council and urged that:-

- (1) extra men be employed during the Christmas period on Street cleansing to relieve unemployment;
- (2) trees in danger of falling in the People's Park be cut down and distributed as fuel amongst the poor;
- and
- (3) men employed on relief works should get five days' work each week instead of four days as under the present arrangement.

The City Manager stated that he had already taken on 25 men to augment the Cleansing Staff and he would endeavour to provide as much employment as possible for Christmas.

The Committee was of opinion that very little timber was available for distribution at the People's Park but it was agreed that the City Manager and City Engineer should go into the matter.

It was decided to defer consideration of the third suggestion of the deputation, but arising hereout it was agreed to forward a recommendation to the Local Government Department that when panels of workmen are selected for relief works at least 20% should be single men.

AIR RAID SHELTERS: In connection with the provision of Air Raid Shelters the City Manager said that plans were prepared for converting 40 of the underground arches in O'Connell Street. It was also proposed to erect 15 overground shelters and to utilise the vaults of St. Michael's Church, Barrington Street, and the Castle Barracks. The total estimated cost was £9,000. Four of the arches in O'Connell Street had been converted and these had met with the approval of the Department of Defence. All the shelters when completed would provide accommodation for 3,000 people, and as the shelters would be in congested areas and it was not intended to provide them for private houses it was

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considered sufficient to provide public shelters for 3,000 persons. The rates will have to contribute 40% of the cost and this will amount to £3,600.

It was proposed by Councillor Hartney, seconded by Councillor O'Malley:-

That the provision of public shelters under the Air Raid Precautions Scheme be proceeded with but that as far as possible underground shelters be provided and for this purpose a survey of the City be made for the purpose of ascertaining what underground places could be utilised for shelters.

FOOD AND REST CENTRES: The City Manager reported that three centres have been selected as Food and Rest Centres under the A.R.P. Scheme, viz., the Christian Brothers' Schools, Sexton Street; the Municipal Technical Institute, O'Connell Avenue, and the City Home and Hospital. They will provide accommodation for 800 persons and the necessary equipment was being provided by the Department of Defence. The staff for the centres would not be recruited until the Department gave the necessary directions, but the Committee decided to recommend the Department to arrange to have the Supervisors nominated without delay so that should the need arise to use the centres, there would be someone available to take control.

PARISH COUNCILS: At the suggestion of Councillor O'Malley, it was agreed that the Mayor, City Manager and members of the City Council for each Parish should wait on the City Parish Councils to urge on them the necessity of having active Emergency Committees operating who could assist in the running of the food and rest centres and carry out many useful and essential duties in the event of an emergency arising.

GAS WORKS: In reply to Alderman Reidy, the City Manager stated that owing to the War every gas concern in the Country finds that the plant cannot be maintained at the highest point of efficiency. Just before the War, it was fortunate that important parts of the machinery were replaced. A new gas holder was erected; the boiler and four retorts were overhauled. The other retorts need attention but nothing can be done as it was not possible to get the essential materials. There was no immediate danger of a collapse taking place and any rumours to the contrary could be ignored.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, and unanimously resolved:

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. R. Quin, Henry Street, on the death of his wife.

It was proposed by Alderman Bourke and unanimously resolved:

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Miss May Palmer, Sexton Street.

CONFIRMED IN COUNCIL THIS 13th DAY OF January 1942.

O'Malley CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street on Tuesday,

13th DAY OF JANUARY, 1942,

at 9.30 p.m., immediately after the Council Meeting, the following members being present:-

- In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Councillor D.J. O'Malley, Mayor.
- Aldermen:- D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.
- Councillors:- J. Casey, P.C., M. Daly, P. Donnellan, P.C., C. V. O'Malley, and P. F. Quinlan.
- Officers present:- The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

TENDERS FOR (1) GRAZING OF CORKANREE LANDS, AND (2) CONCRETE PIPES REQUIRED FOR NEW PARK AT SHELBORNE ROAD: In accordance with the regulations adopted by the Council, 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:-

(1) GRAZING OF CORKANREE LANDS:

- 1. Mr. J. Hayes, 28, Upper Cecil Street £25: 10: 0d.

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(2) CONCRETE PIPES.

	18" Spigot and Socket Pipes per lineal yard		18" Plain Concrete Pipes per lineal yard		6" Plain Concrete Tubes per lineal yard		4" Plain Concrete Tubes per lineal yard	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1. Messrs. R. and J. O'Dwyer, Gerald Griffin Street, Limerick	12	4½	11	4½	2	5	1	9½
2. Moracrete Ltd., Dublin	15	0	13	5	2	11	2	0
3. Messrs. D. and A. O'Dwyer, Railway Stores, Limerick	12	10	11	9	2	6	1	10
4. Rathcoole Tiles Ltd., Co. Cork	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	4
5. Weatherwell Ltd., Clondalkin	15	7	—	—	—	—	—	—

Confirmed in Council this 10th day of February 1942.

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

22nd day of January, 1942,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Councillor D.J. O'Malley, Mayor.

Aldermen:- D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors:- J. Casey, P.C., M. Daly, P. Donnellan, P.C., M. Hartney, M. J. Keyes, T.D., and P. P. Quinlan.

Officers present:-The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and the Law Agent.

WIDOWS' ALMS HOUSES: The Mayor said that before the business of the meeting was proceeded with he desired to call attention to a matter of interest to the members. A short time ago a room became vacant in the Widows' Alms Houses, Nicholas Street, and before he was aware of the vacancy it was filled by Mayor's Sergeant O'Mara. The granting of tenancies of these rooms was the prerogative of the Mayor, and he was greatly surprised and annoyed to find that one of Mayoral privileges had been assumed by Mayor's Sergeant O'Mara. He asked for an explanation and received a letter from Mr. O'Mara which he could not accept as satisfactory.

The City Manager stated he knew nothing about the vacancy as the appointing of tenants was the prerogative of the Mayor. No rents were charged for these apartments.

The Committee having expressed strong disapproval of the action of the Mayor's Sergeant, the Mayor said he would discuss the matter further with the City Manager as he felt disciplinary action should be taken.

TENDERS FOR ANNUAL CLOTHING CONTRACT: Two tenders for annual supply of clothing, boots, etc. required for the Fire Brigade, Mayor's Sergeants, etc. staffs were received and referred to the Tenders Committee to deal with.

Arising hereout the City Manager undertook at the request of the Mayor, to consider the possibility of having the clothing required for the inmates of the City Home made locally.

CITY WATER SUPPLY: The City Manager submitted further correspondence which had passed between the Electricity Supply Board and himself relative to the City Water Supply, and stated that after consultation with the City Solicitor, City Engineer and Professor Purcell, and having obtained Senior Counsel's opinion, he recommended the acceptance of the following offer of the Board put forward in their letter of 17th September, 1941:-

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(a) The Board is prepared at its own expense to make a detailed examination of the main. This will involve cutting the main at intervals and cleaning

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CITY WATER SUPPLY (CTD.):

it between the intake chamber at Clonlara and Clareville. The cleaning will include the portion of the main in the bed of the River Shannon if it should prove feasible to clean this portion of the pipe in a manner similar to the cleaning of the remainder of the pipe and without making any cuts in the pipe in the bed of the river. The Board will also be prepared, at its own expense, to construct a settling tank at the intake end of the pipe line.

(b) Work on the construction of the settling tank will be commenced at an early date, and the work would be done by direct labour under the supervision of the Board's Staff.

(c) Considerable difficulty is (as you already know) being experienced in obtaining tenders for the cutting and cleaning of the main, due to present world conditions. The Board anticipates, however, that it may be possible to let a contract to enable the cleaning to be commenced within the next twelve months, although the question of obtaining the necessary materials and equipment is very uncertain.

The Board will also provide temporary standby pumping arrangements at Clareville during the cleaning of the main.

(d) In the event of its being found impossible immediately to arrange for the cleaning within the next twelve months, the Board will be willing to instal at once at the expense of the Board a second temporary standby pump, with a capacity of about 350 gallons per minute to augment the present water supply to the filters from the Clareville head race in case of emergency pending the cleaning. This second standby pump will be removed when and as soon as the cleaning is completed.

It would be clearly understood that the execution of these works by the Board will not imply any future liability upon the Board.

During the course of the discussion which ensued, Councillor Keyes contended that the original agreement provided for an 18" pipe line, but the diameter of the main was reduced by almost an inch in consequence of its being lined with concrete. The result was that instead of getting 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ million gallons of water per day, as promised, the pipe was now only delivering a little over two million gallons per day. He suggested that the specification for the original pipe line should be submitted and examined before any decision was reached.

It was proposed by Councillor Hartney, seconded by Alderman Reidy, and resolved:-

That consideration of the offer of the Electricity Supply Board as contained in their letter of 17th September, 1941, be deferred until the specification for the original pipe line is made available.

PUBLIC ABATTOIR: The City Manager reported that since last meeting he had been advised that the old brewery near Lock Quay was available as a site for the proposed Abattoir for the sum of £400. The site comprised almost two acres. The site was suitable and he suggested that an option to purchase should be negotiated.

After a short discussion it was agreed that the City Manager should obtain an option on the site and when this is secured the matter can be further discussed.

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CAREY'S ROAD COMPULSORY PURCHASE AND SLUM CLEARANCE ORDERS:

The City Manager submitted a map of the Carey's Road Slum Clearance Area which showed the area which it is proposed to deal with by way of Slum Clearance and Compulsory Purchase Orders. It was proposed to re-house the people to be removed from this area in the new houses at Prospect.

The map had been revised in accordance with the recommendation made when the matter was last before the Council.

Having carefully examined the map and discussed the matter fully, it was proposed by Councillor Keyes, seconded by Councillor Hartney, and resolved:-

That we recommend the City Council to make Slum Clearance and Compulsory Purchase Orders in respect of the Carey's Road Area as defined on the map now submitted to us.

AIR RAID SHELTERS.

The City Manager reported that during the week conferences were held in the Town Hall between Officers of the Department of Defence and the Corporation A.R.F. Staff when the question of the erection of air raid shelters was discussed. The Department of Defence recommended that surface shelters be erected as they were regarded as more suitable than underground shelters from a hygienic and public health point of view. The proposal, however, to utilise the existing arches in O'Connell Street as underground shelters was approved.

The Mayor suggested that the work of erecting the shelters be carried out by direct labour and the City Manager undertook to discuss the matter with the City Engineer and the Officers of the Department of Defence.

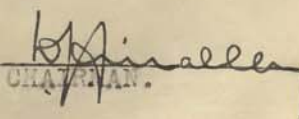
ARREARS OF RENT: In reply to Councillor Hartney, the City Manager stated that in a few exceptional cases tenants appointed to Corporation houses were required to pay off the arrears accrued by former tenants by way of increase in rent.

Some members having protested against this practice, the discussion ended.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Alderman Bourke, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. R. O'Connor, People's Bakery, Farnell Street on the death of her father.

Confirmed in Council this 16th day of February 1942.


CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street on Tuesday,

22nd DAY OF JANUARY, 1942,

at 9.15 p.m., immediately after the General Purposes Committee Meeting, the following members being present:-

In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Councillor D.J. O'Malley, Mayor.

Aldermen:- D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors:- J. Casey, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. Hartney, M. J. Keyes, T.D., and P. P. Quinlan.

Officers present:- The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and the City Solicitor.

TENDERS FOR CLOTHING, BOOTS, Etc. In accordance with the regulations adopted by the Council, 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:-

		FIRE BRIGADE.		
Superintendent D. Hogan.		Messrs. Cannock & Co.		Mr T. O'Donovan, 29 O'Connell St.
One Tunic	... Blue Irish Pilot with Braiding	... £3 7 6 and £3 10 0	per pair	£3 10 0
Pants	... Two Pairs, Blue Irish Serge	... £1 16 6 and £1 18 6	per pair	£1 15 0
Vest	... One Blue Irish Serge	... £0 17 6 and £0 18 6		£0 18 6
Boots	...	... £0 16 6 and £0 18 6		—
Cap	... One Blue Irish Cloth with leather peak and braiding	... £0 12 6		—
Firemen (Six).				
Pants	... Two Pairs each Blue Irish Pilot	... £1 16 0 and £1 18 6	per pair	£1 17 6
Caps	... One each Blue Irish Serge, leather peaks with green bands for six, and black braid for one	... £0 11 6 each		—
Mayor's Sergeant (One).				
One Suit of Uniform, with extra pants, Blue Irish Vicuna	...	... £6 17 6 and £7 7 0		£6 15 6
One Cap, same pattern as worn	...	... £0 12 6		—
Drawers, two pairs best Irish flannel	...	... £0 17 6 and £0 19 6	per pair	—
Boots, one pair of ordinary Boots	...	... £0 16 6 and £0 18 6	per pair	—
Overcoat	...	... £5 8 6 and £5 12 6		£4 17 6
Park Ranger Trehy, People's Park.				
One Uniform Suit, blue Irish Serge, with Uniform buttons	...	... £5 8 6 and £5 12 6		£5 7 6
One pair of ordinary boots	...	... £0 16 6 and £0 18 6	per pair	—
One Cap same pattern as worn	...	... £0 10 6 each		—

Confirmed in Council this 10th day of February 1942.

D. J. O'Malley
CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

10th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1942,

at 9.30 p.m. immediately after the Council Meeting, the following members being present:-

- In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor D. J. O'Malley, Mayor.
- Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.
- Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. Hartney, M. J. Keyes, T.D., C.V. O'Malley, and P. F. Quinlan.
- Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and the City Solicitor.

- TENDERS FOR (1) RECONSTRUCTION WORK AT STRAND BARRACKS:
 (2) ERECTION OF AIR RAID SHELTERS:
 (3) CHEMICAL CLOSETS AND DISINFECTANT FOR SHELTERS.

In accordance with the regulations adopted by the Council, 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:-

No. of tender	Name and Address of Person Tendering	Amount
CARETAKER'S HOUSE (Strand Barracks)—		
1.	T. Earlie and Sons, Limerick	£319 10 0
AIR RAID SHELTERS (24)—		
1.	P. Molloy and Sons, Limerick	£5,389 16 0
2.	C. Sheehan and Sons, Limerick	£8,532 0 0
3.	J. Buckley and Sons, Cork	£5,232 0 0
4.	Joseph Bogue, Limerick	£6,864 0 0
5.	McCaffrey and O'Carroll, Limerick	£5,488 0 0
6.	J. Kenny and Sons, Ltd., Limerick	£5,422 0 0
7.	M. Doyle and Son, Limerick	£7,169 17 0
8.	South of Ireland Asphalt Co., Dublin	£4,920 0 0
CHEMICAL CLOSETS—		
		Chemical Closets Disinfectant
1.	J. McMahon, Ltd., Limerick	34/- each 6/- per gall
2.	F. Spaight and Sons, Limerick	48/4 .. 5/3 ..
3.	R. and J. O'Dwyer, Limerick	46/9½, 70/- .. 4/- ..
4.	J. P. Newson and Co., Limerick	51/9, 77/9 .. 4/6 ..
5.	Baxendale and Co., Ltd., Dublin	28/- .. — ..
6.	C. P. Glorney, Ltd., Dublin	61/6 .. 4/6 ..

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Confirmed in Council this 19th day of March 1942.

CHAIRMAN.

D. J. O'Malley

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall,
Rutland Street, on Thursday,

26th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1942,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor D. J. O'Malley, Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., and M. Hartney.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and the Chief Veterinary Inspector.

PUBLIC ABATTOIR: The Mayor stated that, as arranged at the last Meeting of the Council, the members had inspected the site at Lock Quay selected for the erection of the proposed public abattoir, and were satisfied as to its suitability and location.

Alderman Bourke mentioned that he had received a letter from Mr. J. J. Johnson, Local Manager, Grand Canal Company, stating he had learned with amazement that the Corporation contemplated erecting an abattoir quite convenient to his residence Canal House. Its close proximity to his house will jeopardize the health of his wife and children. He will have to get his Solicitor to have an injunction made in the Courts to stop the progress of this "abnoxious business" besides getting the Board of Works and Messrs. Guinness and Co. to join him in opposition. The latter had a new suite of offices built in the locality some few years ago.

The Chief Veterinary Officer said he would like to dispel any impression that an abattoir would cause a nuisance. There would be no offensive smell inside or outside the building. The refuse would not go into the sewer but would be disposed of by special process. He would not recommend the site if he thought anyone would suffer in consequence.

It was agreed that the Chief Veterinary Officer and City Engineer should interview Mr. Johnson, and explain the position to him.

It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor Hartney, and resolved:-

That we recommend to Council that the City Manager be authorised to negotiate for the purchase of the site at Lock Quay selected for the erection of the proposed public abattoir.

CITY WATER SUPPLY: The City Manager stated that, as requested by Council, he communicated with Professor Purcell and asked him to supply a copy of the specification for the 18" main. Professor Purcell replied pointing out that this is a bulky document including form of Contracts,

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CITY WATER SUPPLY (CONTD.):

details of Shannon crossing etc. but he supplied the following information bearing on the size and character of the pipes which were to be constructed:-

"Briefly, the Specification provides for the laying of about 1,296 yards of 18-inch internal diameter Class "C" reinforced concrete pipes and 2,241 yards of 18-inch internal diameter Class "B" pipes with $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch spun concrete lining.

In the schedule Clause 8 you will see that for the Cast Iron pipe they use the term nominal internal diameter, and when the $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch concrete centrifugally spun lining is allowed for this pipe will have a nett diameter of 17 inches. If you will refer to the reports which I had made on a measurement of a Cast Iron concrete lined pipe which I found in the scrap heap at the Shannon Foundry it had a mean diameter of 17.16 inches, or a little more than 17- $\frac{1}{8}$ inches.

In Clause 10, which covers the Class "C" Stanton-Hume reinforced concrete pipes, the term 'internal diameter' is used and given as 18 inches, and these pipes will have an actual internal diameter of 18 inches, the concrete being 1- $\frac{5}{8}$ inches thick."

In a further letter Professor Purcell stated that "the actual lengths of concrete and cast iron pipes inserted in the Clonlara main as nearly as he could determine them were:-

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18-inch Concrete pipes	-	3,018 feet.
Cast iron concrete lined pipes	-	<u>7,659</u>
		10,677 feet.

The Specification provided for concrete pipe 3,888 feet, Cast Iron concrete lined pipe, 6,722. Total length 10,611 feet. The Cast Iron concrete lined pipe from recollection, costs about 10% more per yard than the concrete pipe and my recollection is that the additional length of Cast Iron pipe employed as compared with the concrete pipe was due to a slight change made in the alignment of the pipe line as finally laid out under the Contract.

This had the effect of putting a greater length of the pipe under higher pressure, for which the concrete was not considered suitable. Hence at a somewhat increased charge, a little greater proportion of Cast Iron pipe was used than was originally intended. Actually the difference in friction resistance of using about 12% more Cast Iron has little effect on the discharging capacity of the main. I have not calculated it out, but I do not suppose it would affect it more than 1 to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ % and from memory, I believe that the reason which I have given you above for the change is the correct one."

After a short discussion it was decided to recommend to Council that the offer of the Electricity Supply Board put forward in their letter of 17th September, 1941, (See Minute of General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 22nd January, 1942,) be accepted.

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PLAYGROUND IN ST. MARY'S PARISH. Submitted following
petition from St. Mary's Parish Council:-

"I am directed by the Parish Council of St. Mary's to inform you that the Council, aware of the opinion strongly held by the people of this Parish of the need for utilising the site of the old Tannery as a housing scheme instead of a playground, decided to present a petition containing the names and addresses of people from the area affected in favour of a housing scheme. Steps were taken to this end the names of 1,005 people collected for this petition will be found in the sheets enclosed herewith. It was found that opinion was almost unanimously in favour of a housing scheme there being but ten refusals to sign. The area affected is taken roughly as the Old Parish prior to the Island Field Scheme, the residents in that part not being affected by the proposal.

The Parish Council wishes to urge the following points in favour of the site as a housing scheme.

The site is very convenient to city workers lying within easy reach of city factories, shops and mills.

The site is very convenient for their wives lying within easy reach of shopping centres.

The site is very convenient for their children with the Gerald Griffin Schools and St. Mary's Convent Schools situated two hundred yards away.

A housing scheme would provide an opportunity to the many former residents of St. Mary's Parish who wish to reside near their relatives and friends. These citizens deserve consideration.

All of St. Mary's Parish is within a quarter mile of what is virtually open country. The site is in a healthy situation and only two hundred yards or so from the Island Bank, an ideal playground.

The site has a considerable disadvantage as a playground. It lies within seventy-five yards of the Parish Church and the noise from a playground is likely to be heard quite plainly within the Church.

The streets around the site are not on main routes and carry practically no traffic. They could, therefore, easily be declared "play streets". This position would not be adversely affected by a housing scheme.

The streets nearest to the site, Bishop St., Exchange St., Peter St., St. Francis Place, Island Road, Peter Cell, Convent Street, Athlunkard Street, are composed almost exclusively of small dwellings occupied by one family. There is, therefore, no question of congestion, more especially as the neighbourhood is surrounded on all sides by considerable open spaces. A glance at the enclosed sketch of the area will prove this point. In the immediate vicinity of the site St. Mary's Convent with its schools provides a very considerable open space. The open space of St. Francis Abbey lies on the opposite side one hundred yards from the site. The spacious grounds of St. Mary's Cathedral are within two hundred yards of the site and again on the opposite side St. Mary's Parish Church with open fields behind it stands within a hundred yards.

It is felt that these statements cannot be refuted.

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PLAYGROUND IN ST. MARY'S PARISH (CONTD.):

The members of the Parish Council will be glad of your good offices in this matter and trust that you will have the petition forwarded to the proper quarter.

J. O'Farrell,

Sec. St. Mary's Parish Council."

The City Manager pointed out that a grant had been allocated from the Employment Schemes Vote for the provision of the playground and about £700 had been spent, until work was suspended. No change could be made at this stage without the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The City Engineer stated that owing to the density of the area he was doubtful if the site was suitable for housing. If it was used for that purpose about twelve houses could be erected.

It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor Donnellan, and resolved:-

That the petition from the St. Mary's Parish Council be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his consideration.

CLOSING OF NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD: Submitted letter, dated 16th February, from the Limerick Cycling Board requesting that the North Circular Road be closed to traffic from 3 o'clock p.m. to 5 o'clock p.m. on St. Patrick's Day to enable the holding of a Munster Inter-County Cycle Race.

On the motion of His Worship, the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Reidy, the application was granted.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Alderman Bourke, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. M. P. Coliver, Chairman, National Housing Board, on the death of his son; to Mr. Thomas Andrew on the death of his father, and to Mrs. R. F. Ryan, Glentworth Hotel, on the death of her husband.

It was proposed by Councillor Hartney, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the family of the late Mr. Barney Mellows.

It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. Denis Hayes, on the death of his daughter Mrs. Doyle.

Confirmed in Council this 19th day of March 1942.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday, 10th day of March, 1942, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful Councillor D.J. O'Malley, Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., and A. E. Goodwin.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., and M. J. Keyes, T.D.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

TENDERS FOR ANNUAL SUPPLIES.

In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council, 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:-

ANNUAL SUPPLIES:

Broken Stones, Chippings, Sand & Lime:

<u>No. of Tender</u>	<u>Name of Person or Firm who Tendered</u>	<u>Price</u>
1.	South of Ireland Asphalt Co. Ltd.	12/6d (Stones) 14/-d (Chipping)

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Timber, Sewer Pipes, etc:

2.	James McMahan, Ltd.	Various.
3.	O'Dwyer and Co.	do.

Ironmongery, Castings, etc:

4.	James McMahan, Ltd.	Various.
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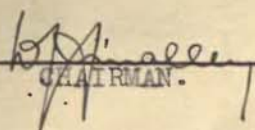
Horseshoeing and Wheels:

5.	Lancelot Gleeson	6/6d and 2/6d
6.	Patrick Griffin	Various
7.	Patrick Mulcahy, Mungret	do.

Harness and Repairs:

8.	J. Madden and Sons	do.
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CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday, 19th day of March, 1942, at 9 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor D. J. O'Malley Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., M. Daly, P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Hartney, C. V. O'Malley and P.F. Quinlan.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

TENDERS FOR ANNUAL SUPPLIES.

In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council, 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:-

No. of Tender	Name of Person or Firm who tendered	Price	Per Gallon
		In bulk	In pint and half-pint Sealed Bottles
Free Milk Supply:-			
Highest Grade Milk-			
1-	Mrs. M. M. Hastings, Friarstown, House, Co. Limerick	...	Nil 2s. 0d.
Standard Milk-			
2-	Mrs. Ellen Butler, Clyduff, Lisnagry, Co. Limerick	...	1s. 9d. 2s. 0d.
3-	James P. Frost, Summerhill, Cratloe, Co. Limerick	...	Nil 1s. 11d.
4-	Thomas O'Regan, Anhid, Croom, Co. Limerick	...	1s. 9d. 2s. 0d.
5-	J. J. Ryan, Raheen, Lisnagry	...	1s. 6d. Nil
Free Milk Distribution-			
6-	Mary Donnellan, 84 Clare Street	...	2d. 1½d.
7-	Francis McMahon, 40 Nicholas Street	...	Nil 1½d.
8-	Margaret Griffin, 33 Denmark Street	...	2d. 1½d.
9-	Bridget O'Connell, St. Joseph St.	...	Nil 2d.
10-	Mrs. Margaret Barrett, 3 Carey's Road	...	Nil 1½d.
11-	L. McKeon, 1 John Street	...	2d. 1½d.
12-	L. McKeon, 28 St. Ita Street	...	2d. 1½d.
13-	M. Murphy, 8 New Road, Thomondgate	...	Nil 1½d.
Pasteurised Milk-			
14-	Henry Nurmoyle, 1 George's Quay	...	In bulk per Gall. 1s. 4d. 1s. 6d.
Whole New Milk-			
15-	Patrick Bugler, Plassy	...	1s. 4d. Nil
16-	J. J. Ryan, Lisnagry	...	1s. 4d. Nil
School Meals (Milk)-			
		...	Price 2s. 1d. per gall.
1-	Rev. D. O'Donovan, Copswood Coll.	...	2s. 1d. do
2-	Mrs. E. Butler, Clyduff	...	2s. 1d. do
3-	Thomas O'Regan, Anhid Dairy	...	2s. 1d. do
4-	Patrick McNamara, Derryfadda, Clonlara	...	2s. 1d. do
5-	J. P. Frost, Summerhill, Cratloe	...	2s. 1d. do
School Meals (Buns)-			
6-	T. Collins, Parnell St.	...	1s. per doz. for 4oz. buns and 1½d. per doz. for 3oz. buns.
School Medical Service (Spectacles)-			
7-	Mr. M. J. Hartman, Patrick Street	...	9s. each.
8-	Mr. J. H. Irwin, Patrick Street	...	9s. each.
9-	Messrs. G. Prescott and Sons, Dublin	...	7s. to 8s. 9d.

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PARTICULARS OF TENDERS RECEIVED FOR THE HALF-YEARLY SUPPLIES REQUIRED FOR THE CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL FOR THE SIX MONTHS COMMENCING 1st APRIL, 1942.

Number of Tender	Name of Person or Firm who Tendered	Articles Tendered for	Price
No. 1—	Thomas Nix, Stonepark, Meelick	Fresh Milk	12d. per gallon.
No. 2—	John O'Connor, 7, Wickham Street, Limerick	Beef and Mutton	11d. per lb. each.
No. 3—	C. S. Barry, 2, Thomas Street, Limerick	Beef and Mutton	9d. and 12d. per lb. respectively
No. 4—	M. Fitzgibbon, 9, Catherine Street, Limerick	Best Fresh Hen Eggs	2s. 4d. per doz.
No. 5—	Michael Williams, Kildimo, Co. Limerick	Various	Various
No. 6—	Dennis O'Connor, 77, Catherine Street, Limerick	Various	Various
No. 7—	John Clancy, Lower Park, Limerick	Various	Various
No. 8—	James Barry, 29, William Street, Limerick	XX Stout (to bottle)	5s. 9d. per doz.
No. 9—	Cornelius Casey, Michael Street, Limerick	Minerals	2s. 9d. per doz.
No. 10—	Mrs. Julia Cusack, Grimsby Fish Stores, Limerick	Fish	Various
No. 11—	Messrs Alex. Furlonger and Co., Ltd., Dublin	Bacon and Rashers	12s. per cwt. and 1s. 11d. per lb. respectively
No. 12—	John J. Casey, 5, Roche's Street, Limerick	Several	Various
No. 13—	Thomas Cross, New Road, Singland, Limerick	Cabbage	1s. 6d. per stone
No. 14—	Michael J. Hartman, 2, Patrick Street, Limerick	Spectacles	Flat Rate of 9s. per pair (Cooker's 4s. extra)
No. 15—	James Finnegan, 17, Fitzgerald's Place, Limerick	Stocktaking	Fixed remuneration of £15.
No. 16—	John Griffin and Sons, 20, Le. Gerald Griffin St., Limerick	Coffins, etc.	Various
No. 17—	C. Thompson and Sons, 43, Roche's St., Limerick	do.	do
No. 18—	Andrew McNamara, 15, Davis St., Limerick	Shossing of Horse and Donkey	6s. and 4s. per set respectively
No. 19—	St. Vincent's Industrial School, Limerick	Dripping	7d. per lb.
No. 20—	James Ryan, 41, Quarry Rd., Thomondgate, Limerick	Offal	13s. 6d. per barrel

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B. Spinkley
 CHAIRMAN, Council Archives

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall,
Rutland Street, on Wednesday,

24th DAY OF JUNE, 1942,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m. the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor D. J.
O'Malley, Mayor.

Alderman J. McQuane and Councillor J. Casey, P.C.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the
Assistant Town Clerk, and the City
Engineer.

TRAIN SERVICES: The Mayor said he had been requested by
representative citizens to call this Meeting with the
object of making representations to the Great Southern
Railway Co. for the improvement of the existing train
services to Limerick. At the present time it takes three
days to make the journey to and from Dublin and according
to the new Time Table which is to come into operation on
Monday next the position would be worsened. A train
would leave Limerick at 3 p.m. reaching Dublin some time
that night and as the down train departs at 8 a.m. people
with business to transact in Dublin could not do it under
three days. Limerick had been badly treated in the matter
of rail transport especially in view of the fact that it
was the intention to run two trains daily to Cork. If a
train could leave Limerick in the early morning and one
leave Dublin some time in the afternoon it would go a long
way to solve the difficulty. The matter had been discussed
by the Chamber of Commerce who had suggested a special
train for Limerick via Nenagh.

Councillor Casey said that in the efforts to re-arrange
the train service Limerick had come off very badly and as
the present Time Table stood it was near impossible for a
busy man to get to Dublin. He proposed that representations
be made to the Great Southern Railway Co. to run an early
morning train from Limerick to Dublin and a down train
in the afternoon, and that His Worship, the Mayor, be
requested to take up the matter at once by telephone with
Mr. Reynolds, General Manager, Great Southern Railway
Company.

Alderman McQuane seconded the Resolution which was passed.

It was also agreed that His Worship, the Mayor, should make
representations regarding the train service between Limerick
and Kilkee. At the present time people travelling to
County Clare seaside resorts with young children had an
unenviable journey. They had to leave Limerick in the
early morning and at Ennis there is a delay of between
four and five hours.

Confirmed in Council this 21st day of July 1942.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

11th DAY OF AUGUST, 1942,

at 9 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor D. J. O'Malley, Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. McQuane, P.C., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Hartney, J. C. Hickey, and M. J. Keyes, T.D.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

TENDERS FOR (1) HARDWARE, ETC., FOR PROSPECT NO. 2 HOUSING SCHEME.

(2) NEW RETORTS, AND REPAIRS TO EXISTING RETORTS AT GAS WORKS.

In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council, 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:-

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(1)—TENDERS FOR HARDWARE, Etc., FOR PROSPECT No. 2 HOUSING SCHEME.

	Leonard & Co.	Newsom & Co.	McFerran and Guilford, Ltd.	C. P. Glorney, Ltd.	Jas. McMahon Ltd.	Thos Bassett Ltd.
Ranges	£7 15 0	£7 9 5 (Down to date)	£8 15 0	£8 1 6	£6 17 0 (Pierce Victor) £7 0 0 (Down to date)	£6 15 0 (Down to date)
Mantel Registers	£1 7 9	£1 6 0	£1 7 6	£1 6 6	£1 2 9	£1 3 9
Sinks	£2 10 0	£2 9 3	£2 7 2 (Plug, Washer, &c. 5/9 extra)	£2 7 10 (Plug, Washer, &c.)	£2 7 3 (Plug, Washer, &c.)	£1 14 6
Cylinder Latches	£2 1 6 (per doz)	£0 8 0 each			6/9 each	5/- each
6" Steel cased rim Locks	£2 1 6 (per doz)				3/- each	2/6d each
W.C. Suites	£3 19 0	£3 12 6	£3 16 0	£4 15 0	£3 4 0 (but 2 1/2 gal cistern only)	£3 12 6
Letter Plates	£1 4 0 (per doz)	£1 4 0 (per doz)			18/- per doz	18/- per doz
Steel case rim Latches	£1 12 0 (per doz)	3s. each			1/10d each	1/9d. each

(2)—TENDERS FOR NEW RETORTS & REPAIRS TO EXISTING RETORTS AT GAS WORKS.

Messrs. West's Gas Improvement Co., Ltd. Manchester.

(a) For erection of two additional Retorts as a direct extension to existing setting—£6,482.

(b) For reconstruction of six existing Retorts—£6,140.

Confirmed in Council this 8th May of September 1942.

Michael J. Kepp
CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

24th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1942,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present, viz:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman D. J. O'Malley, Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P. Donnellan, P.C., M. Hartney, J. C. Hickey, M. W. McGuire, J. McQuane, C. V. O'Malley, and D. Reddan.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, and Mr. J. Doyle, Town Clerk's Office.

REPORT OF MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OFFICER OF HEALTH ON TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS: The City Manager submitted a report from the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health asked for at last Meeting of the Council regarding the availability of hospital beds for T.B. patients from Limerick City, and in which Dr. McPolin set out the working and organisation of the T.B. Scheme in Limerick City. The City Manager stated that he had received a letter from Dr. McPolin, who was unwell, regretting inability to attend Meeting. It was decided to adjourn consideration of the Report to a Special Meeting to be convened for Thursday, 1st October, 1942, to which Dr. McPolin and Dr. Moran would be summoned.

TENDERS FOR HALF-YEARLY SUPPLIES TO CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL: Tenders for half-yearly supplies required for the City Home and Hospital were received and referred to Tenders Committee to deal with.

CLEANSING OF STREETS: Complaints having been made by members of the Council regarding manner in which parts of the City were being cleaned it was decided to adjourn further discussion to Meeting to be held on Thursday, 1st October, 1942, when the City Manager would submit a report on Cleansing Department.

DIPHTHERIA: In reply to a complaint by Councillor Hartney that there was delay in disinfecting a house from which a diphtheria patient had been removed, the City Manager said that he understood it was not absolutely necessary to disinfect a house after diphtheria - it was only done as a precautionary measure. He would, however, enquire into Councillor Hartney's complaint. Members having expressed the view that the present Clinic for immunisation against diphtheria, situate at St. John's Hospital, was not central enough, the City Manager said he would go into the matter and see if it would be possible to establish a second Clinic at the City Home and Hospital.

CORBALLY EMBANKMENT: In reply to Alderman Reidy the City Manager stated that he had received a telephone message from the Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health, that day to the effect that a definite decision would be reached in this matter within the next few days.

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RELIEF SCHEMES: The City Manager reported that plans had been forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health but that sanction had not yet been received. Recently the Department had asked for alterations in Specifications to provide for the carrying out of the works without using cement.

CITY AND COUNTY OFFICES: The City Manager reported that he had received a communication from the County Manager stating that he proposed purchasing $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres of lands at Strand House for £3,000 to be used as a site for the proposed public buildings. As he wished to purchase the site without delay the County Manager was now anxious to know if the Corporation was still willing to co-operate in the Scheme. After a discussion it was decided to adjourn further consideration to next Meeting when the City Manager said he would have the plans of the proposed scheme. The Mayor intimated that he would invite the architect, Mr. P. J. Sheahan, M.R.I.A.I., to this meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS: The following matters were referred to the City Manager for attention:-

1. Complaint as to poor quality of City Gas Supply.
2. Bus stops at Quarry Road and St. Munchin's Temperance Hall.
3. Queues at Omnibus Office - attention was called to the hardship on intending passengers having to stand considerable time in queues.
4. Condition of sink-pipes at Janesboro' Housing Scheme.
5. Insanitary condition of Air Raid shelters.
6. Condition of gully traps at North Strand and Ennis Road.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Councillor Hartney, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the family of the late Mr. Walter Brazier.

It was proposed by Councillor Casey, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the family of the late Mr. Heath.

It was proposed by Councillor Cusack and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the families of two children drowned at Arthur's Quay.

Confirmed in Council this 10th day of November 1942.


CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

24th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1942.

at 8.30 o'clock p.m., immediately after meeting of General Purposes Committee, the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman D. J. O'Malley, Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. Hartney, P.C., M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, J. McQuane, P.C., and C. V. O'Malley.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, and Mr. J. Doyle, Town Clerk's Department.

TENDERS FOR HALF-YEARLY SUPPLIES FOR CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL:

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

No.	Name	Articles Tendered for	Price
1	Thomas Cross, Singland	Cabbage	1s. per stone
2	Thomas Nix, Meelick	Fresh Milk	2d. per qt.
3	James Barry, 29, William Street	XX Stout & Popper	7s. per doz. and 6s. 6d. per lb. respectively
4	Alex. Fudlakar and Co., Ltd., Dublin	Bacon and Rashers	1s. 3d. per lb. and 2s. 10d. per lb. respectively
5	John O'Connor 7, Wickham Street	Beef and Mutton	13d. and 20d. per lb. respectively
6	Michael Fitzgibbon, 9 Catherine Street	Several	Various
7	Cornelius Casey, Michael Street	Minerals	3s. per doz.
8	J. J. Casey, 5, Roche's Street	Several	Various
9	John Clancy, Lower Park	Several	Various
10	Julia Cusack, 15, Bedford Row	Fish	Various
11	John and Patrick Byrnes, Sexton Street	Minerals & XX Stout	3s. 6d. and 5s. 6d. per doz. respectively
1	James Finnane, 17, Fitzgerald Place	Stocktaking	Fixed remuneration of £15
1	Nicholas Maher, Fontane, O'Callaghan's Mill	Blocks (Beech & Oak)	10" @ 42s. per 100' 12" @ 18" @ 48s. per ton
2a	J. Hayes, 3, St. John's Avenue	Blocks (Oak)	10" @ 47s. 6d. per ton
2b	J. Hayes, 3, St. John's Avenue	Blocks (Beech)	10" @ 50s. per ton

Confirmed in Council this 10th day of November 1942.

Signature
SECRETARY.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Special Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

1st DAY OF OCTOBER, 1942.

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present, viz:-

In the Chair:

The Right Worshipful, Alderman D. J. O'Malley, Mayor.

Aldermen:

J. Carew and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors:

P. Cusack, P. Donnellan, P.C., M. Hartney, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, J. McQuane, D. Reddan and G. E. Russell.

Officers present:

The City Manager and Town Clerk, J. Doyle, Town Clerk's Department, the City Engineer, Medical Superintendent Officer of Health and City Engineer.

CITY AND COUNTY OFFICERS: Communication received from the Limerick County Manager stating that he proposed purchasing 3 1/2 acres of the lands at Strand House for a Public Building Scheme at a cost of £3,000 and requesting to be informed if the Corporation was still willing to co-operate in the Scheme, was re-submitted by the City Manager, consideration having been adjourned at the last meeting of the Committee.

After a long discussion, it was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor Keyes, and Unanimously resolved:-

That the Corporation join with the Limerick County Council in the purchase of the site; the details of the proportion of cost etc. to be borne by the Corporation to be left in the hands of the City Manager.

Mr. P. J. Sheahan, M.R.I.A.I., Architect, who attended on the invitation of His Worship, the Mayor, then submitted an elevation of the proposed buildings, and explained the Lay-out for the benefit of the members.

REPORT OF MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OFFICER OF HEALTH ON TREATMENT OF T.B. PATIENTS:

Report, submitted at last meeting when it was decided to adjourn consideration of same to a Special Meeting of the Council, to which Dr. McPolin and Dr. Moran, would be summoned, was again under consideration.

Dr. McPolin attended and explained very fully the working and organisation of the T.B. Scheme in Limerick City, with which he stated he was fully satisfied. The need, however, for the provision of after-care for T.B. patients was stressed by many of the members. The City Manager undertook to discuss this phase of T.B. treatment with the Local Government Department when next in Dublin, when he will enquire if a State grant would be made available to an After-Care Committee if set up locally and report back to Council. The City Manager was also requested to enquire if milk, eggs, butter, etc. could be supplied to patients on return from Sanatoria.

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CLEANSING STAFF: A deputation from the Cleansing Staff was received by the Committee. Mr. O'Grady, President of the Corporation Cleansing Staff Society, addressed the Meeting and referred to report of proceedings of last Meeting of Council, appearing in the Press, regarding the Cleansing Staff; according to which the number of men employed on the Cleansing Staff was given as 58, they were also informed he said that the Manager was contemplating having Streets cleaned by Contract and that the Superintendent of the Cleansing Department had authority to dismiss any employee.

When the deputation had withdrawn, the Manager made a statement in which he said that there were 55 men altogether employed on Cleansing Staff including sweepers, drivers, etc. and pointed out that the Superintendent had not been given power of dismissal, but suspension, pending an Inquiry by the City Manager.

It was decided, after further discussion, which took place in private, that the matter of Cleansing be left in the hands of the City Manager.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION AT PROSPECT HOUSING SCHEME:

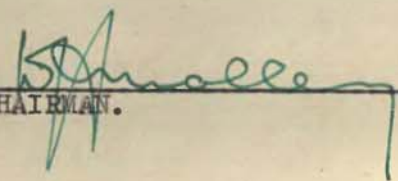
Councillor Russell enquired as to the delay in having the Prospect houses wired. After a short discussion it was decided to adjourn further consideration to next meeting when the City Manager stated he would submit a report.

CAREY'S ROAD SLUM CLEARANCE: Councillor Hartney suggested that a survey be made in this Area before houses were demolished with a view to the preservation of the better class houses for those people living in worse houses in the City. The City Manager agreed to give the suggestion his consideration.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Councillor Keyes, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Councillor McQuane on the death of Mrs. Hartigan.

Confirmed in Council this 10th day of November 1942.


CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

27th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1942,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman D. J. O'Malley, Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C. M. J. Hartney, M. W. McGuire, J. McQuane, P.C., D. Reddan and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

PROSPECT HOUSING SCHEME:

Electric Wiring of Houses: Councillor Russell again raised the question of the contract for the electrical wiring of the 316 houses in course of erection at Prospect, and stated that, through the courtesy of the City Manager, he had an opportunity of reading the file of correspondence dealing with the matter. He submitted that the delay in the acceptance of the lowest tender was inexcusable. This delay had resulted in an increase in the original price tendered of £250, and in addition further expenses would be incurred in raising the flooring boards of 216 houses, the construction of which had reached an advanced stage. The contractor would not sign his contract until he had an assurance that the Corporation would accept liability for the cost of raising the flooring boards.

The City Manager said that there was some delay in placing the contract as he had under consideration an attractive offer from the Gas Concern to instal gas. As the Corporation were manufacturers of gas it was only reasonable that he would endeavour to get extra customers. However, in view of the uncertainty of the gas position and the difficulty in obtaining the requisite supply of piping he eventually decided to have the houses wired for electricity. The City Surveyor pointed out that delay was occasioned also by reason of the fact that efforts had to be made to secure electrical supplies for the contractor. This was the subject of a lengthy correspondence between his Department, the Department of Supplies and the Electricity Supply Board.

The matter having been fully discussed, the Mayor said that they were very grateful to Councillor Russell for the way he had pursued this question. It had been shown that there was inordinate delay in dealing with this contract for which the Department of Local Government and Public Health was not responsible. The ventilation of this matter should result in the avoidance of delays in the future.

ART GALLERY: The City Manager submitted a preliminary plan of the proposed extension to the City Library to provide for an Art Gallery. He explained that some time ago the Council approved a proposal to proceed with the erection of the Gallery. It would be necessary to borrow a loan for the carrying out of the work. F

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It was proposed by Councillor McQuane, seconded by Councillor Donnellan, and resolved:-

That we approve of the plan for the provision of an Art Gallery at the City Library and we recommend the City Manager to make the necessary arrangements for the erection of the building as soon as possible. We further recommend that the preliminary plan prepared by the City Engineer be submitted to the Limerick Municipal Art Gallery Committee for their approval.

PROSPECT HOUSING SCHEME: The City Manager reported that the two tenders received for the erection of twenty additional houses at Prospect had been examined. The prices quoted were as follows:-

Name of Contractor	Concrete in Situ		Extra for Block Constr.		Extra for roofing felt.		Ded. for lath & plaster pts.		Total for concrete in situ, lath & plaster pts. without felt.	
	£	s. d	£	s. d	£	s. d	£	s. d	£	s. d
Messrs. Lanigan Bros. Carr St. Limerick.	10,257	9: 8	336	9: 4	84	0: 0	144	15: 0	10,112	14: 8
J. J. Murphy & Sons, Mount Kennett, Limerick.	10,796	10: 10	252	19: 0	76	16: 0	193	0: 0	10,603	10: 10

He had decided, on the recommendation of the City Engineer, to accept the tender of Messrs. Lanigan Bros. for the construction of the houses with concrete in situ, lath and plaster ceilings, and partitions, but omitting roofing felt. This would give a total figure of £10,112: 14: 8 or £505: 12: 9 per house. The tenders have been forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health and he was awaiting the Minister's sanction to the acceptance of Messrs. Lanigan Bros. tender. Noted.

GAS UNDERTAKING: The City Manager submitted letter, dated 15th October, 1942, Ref: L.22485/2/42, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the application of the Corporation for a loan of £13,000 to provide two new retorts and repair six existing retorts at the Gas Works and also for approval to an overdraft which at present stands at £11,559 and stating that the Minister wishes to call attention to the fact that the financial position of the Gas Department seems to have deteriorated rapidly particularly since February last. Having regard to this fact, and that a considerable loss must be envisaged until such time as a normal supply of gas coal can be made available, it would appear that before any further heavy Capital expenditure can be contemplated the whole position of the Gas Works must be carefully considered and some means devised to prevent a further worsening of the position - by a contribution from the rates, if no other means for remedying the position are practicable. The Mayor said that this was a matter for the careful consideration of the City Manager. The Council had approved of the loan and the raising of the overdraft and he felt sure the City Manager would be able to satisfy the Minister as to the need for same.

Continuing the Mayor said that following the discussion that took place at the last Meeting of the Council relative to the gas undertaking the special Committee

GAS UNDERTAKING (CONTD.)

appointed had visited the Works and their report would be submitted at that Meeting. He considered it advisable, however, to discuss the report in private in the absence of the press. Before doing so, however, he desired to make one or two observations. A statement was made at the last public Meeting of the Council to the effect that better gas was made by an employee of the undertaking when the Gas Engineer was absent from the works. The Committee who went to the Gas Works went carefully into that question. Personally he was satisfied that there was no justification for that statement good or bad, and he thought it only fair to the Gas Engineer to say so. There was one other thing he would like to comment on. At the Committee Meeting of the Council held subsequent to the Public Meeting when the Gas Concern was the subject of discussion, it was unanimously agreed that what was said and transpired would be kept secret and confidential. He was sorry to say that a member of the Council saw fit to discuss what had happened with an employee of the Gas Works. It was very regrettable that this member broke confidence.

Councillor McQuane said that at the public meeting it was also stated that the employees were not giving full co-operation to the Gas Engineer. In reply to a direct question put by the Mayor to the Gas Engineer when the Committee visited the Gas Works he stated that he was getting full co-operation from the staff.

The discussion was then continued in private, in the absence of the press. The Committee heard the report of the sub-Committee consisting of His Worship, the Mayor, Councillors McGuire and McQuane who visited the Gas Works. They also considered a statement made by the City Manager. After a full discussion it was agreed that the sub-Committee had done all they were asked to do and that it would not be in the interest of the Gas undertaking to pursue the matter further. Any further action to be taken was not a reserved function but rested with the City Manager as it dealt with the control and supervision of the staff of the Gas Undertaking, the Mayor expressing the opinion that it was unwise for the Council to interfere with the City Manager's functions in relation to staff matters.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Alderman Bourke, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. J. Halpin, Clontarf Place, on the death of ~~his~~ ^{his wife} ~~wife~~ ^{husband}, to Mrs. P. Sadlier, Catherine Street, on the death of her husband, to Mrs. P. Gleeson, O'Connell Avenue, on the death of her husband, Mrs. Bouchier, 28 Wickham Street, on the death of her husband, to ex-Councillor Barrett on the death of his mother, and Mr. J. Purcell, 38 Roxboro' Road, on the death of his wife.

It was proposed by Councillor Casey, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mrs. Christy.

Confirmed in Council this 10th day of November 1942.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

26th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1942.

at 7.30 o'clock p.m. the following members being present:-

In the Chair: Councillor J. McQuane, P.C.

Councillors: P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C.,
M. W. McGuire, D. Reddan, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The Deputy City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

HOUSING AND LABOURERS ACT, 1937: The Deputy City Manager stated that at the last Meeting of the Council the City Manager undertook to obtain a report on the provisions of the Housing and Labourers Act, 1937. As a result the following report had been prepared:-

"Under this code (re Housing Acts, 1932 to 1941) Government grants to assist the erection of houses in urban areas by private owners have ceased. In a rural area a private person may obtain a grant not exceeding £45 for the erection of a new house to be completed before the 1st April, 1943, and a farmer or agricultural labourer erecting a house for his own occupation in a rural area may obtain grants up to £70, if completed before the 1st April, 1943. A Public Utility Society erecting a house in an urban area to be completed before the 1st April, 1943, and of a floor space not less than 500 feet nor more than 800 square feet, may obtain a grant not exceeding £100 if the urban authority makes a grant of £50. It is a condition that such house shall be let on a monthly or lesser tenancy to a person of the working classes at a rent to be approved by the Minister. A Public Utility Society erecting a house in a rural area to be completed before the 1st April, 1943, may obtain a grant not exceeding £80 if such house is erected for the occupation of an agricultural labourer. A farmer re-constructing a house in his own occupation to be completed before the 1st April, 1943, may obtain a grant up to £40. Under Section 5 of the Act of 1937, where notice is served by a Local Authority on the owner to improve a dwellinghouse under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1931, grants may be made to the owner for compliance with such notice both by the Minister and the Local Authority of quarter of the cost, or the sum of £40, whichever is the lesser sum, and such grants may be made on a condition providing a maximum rent to be charged for the improved house. Where the Minister makes a grant to a person or Public Utility Society for the erection of a house he may call for an undertaking as to the rate of wages to be paid or the conditions of labour to be observed in such erection.

J. J. DUNDON, CITY SOLICITOR."

The Deputy City Manager explained that correspondence had passed between the Department of Local Government and Public Health and the Manager regarding 64 houses found in the Housing Survey of 1938 to be unfit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit at reasonable expense. Noted.

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TENDERS FOR SUPPLY OF TURF TO CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL:
Two tenders for supply of turf for the City Home and Hospital were received and referred to the Tenders Committee to deal with.

ENNIS ROAD SEWER: In reply to Councillor Russell the City Engineer explained that the construction of a sewer at present in progress at the Ennis Road was being carried out by the Limerick County Council. The Corporation had no control over this work.

KILLEELY CEMETERY: Councillor Cusack called attention to the condition of the Killeely Cemetery, and the matter was referred to the City Engineer for report.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Councillor McQuane, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. J. J. Berkery, wife of the City Manager, on the death of her brother - Mr. Smyth of Clonmel.

Confirmed in Council this 15th day of Dec 1942.

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Dan Bourke

CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

26th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1942,

at 8 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: Councillor J. McQuane, P.C.

Councillors: P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C.,
M. W. McGuire, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The Deputy City Manager and Town Clerk,
the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF 500 TONS OF TURF TO THE CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL.

In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council 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:-

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| 1. | Mr. John Hackett
55 O'Connell Street, Limerick. | 50s. per ton
(delivered). |
| 2. | Mr. Frank Casey,
Quilty, Co. Clare | 44s. 6d. per ton
(delivered). |

Confirmed in Council this 15th day of Dec 1942.

Dan Bourke.

CHAIRMAN.

SWIMMING BATHS COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on

Thursday, 5th day of November, 1942

at 4 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: Councillor J. Casey, P.C.

Councillors: M. W. McGuire, G. E. Russell, and D. Reddan.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and the Assistant Town Clerk.

An apology for unavoidable absence was received from His Worship, the Mayor.

The City Manager explained that at a recent meeting of the City Council a deputation attended from the Limerick Amateur Swimming Association who again urged that adequate indoor and outdoor Swimming facilities be provided in the City. It was realised, of that during the present emergency very little could be done in the way of erecting an indoor swimming baths but plans could be prepared and site selected so that the work could be put in hands when conditions became normal again.

The Council decided to appoint this Committee to go into the whole question of swimming facilities in the City.

Continuing the City Manager said that in 1941 enquiries were made as to the possibility of acquiring a site of the old Theatre Royal, Henry Street, for the erection of an indoor swimming baths. Certain progress was made and the City Engineer prepared a preliminary plan and estimate which had been submitted to the Local Government Department. In view, however, of the impossibility of securing the necessary plant and certain materials for such a project during the present emergency the matter was not pursued.

The Corporation had acquired lands from Mr. Barry at Corbally which it was proposed to use as a public park and for the construction of outdoor swimming baths:

Councillor McGuire in a written report made the following suggestions:-

1. The improvement of existing swimming facilities at Corbally, which, I suggest should take the form of erecting spring boards; ladies and gentlemen's dressing rooms; and deepening the tail race at Corbally Mill for a space of say 36 ft. square to a depth varying from 12 ft. under the spring boards to say 4 ft. at the opposite end. A sluice should be erected on the tail race if there is not one already there, which could be opened periodically in order to allow fresh water into the pool.

2. The second part of this plan should take the form of an indoor swimming baths, with the water kept to a temperature where people could bathe the whole year round. This plant should also include ordinary hot baths, Turkish baths, and other modern devices.

While submitting the entire plan as one scheme, I suggest that the first portion should, and could be got under way without delay.

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The City Engineer submitted the preliminary plans which he had prepared for the indoor baths at Henry Street and the outdoor baths at Corbally.

The Committee examined the plans, and discussed the details with the City Manager and City Engineer.

It was agreed -

1. that the City Engineer should consider the possibility of utilising part of the People's Park, Pery Square, for the erection of indoor swimming baths, and report thereon,
2. that the plans prepared for the outdoor baths at Corbally were too elaborate and costly and that the City Engineer should submit modified proposals, and
3. that when the City Engineer's reports are ready a further meeting of the Committee be held to which the Limerick Amateur Swimming Association be invited to send representatives.

Confirmed in Council this 18 day of February 1943.



CHAIRMAN.

SWIMMING BATHS COMMITTEE

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on

THURSDAY, 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1943.

at 3 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: Councillor M. W. McGuire.

Councillors: D. Reddan and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

Mr. M. B. O'Malley, Solicitor, also attended as representative of the Limerick Amateur Swimming Association.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Submitted following report from the City Engineer:-

"With reference to suggestions made at the last meeting of the Swimming Baths Sub-Committee, I enclose herewith site plan showing the proposed location of the entire swimming baths at the People's Park. You will note from this that there is ample room for the building in what is known as the back meadow and beyond the fact that this is at present used for football practice, and also that the idea might not be popular with the residents of Pery Square, I see no solid objection to the proposal. It is, of course, an added advantage that the cost of purchasing an outside site will be eliminated.

With regard to the suggestions made for improvement at the Head Race in Corbally, I find that to provide a Diving Pit here would necessitate certain amount of under water blasting, which may entail difficulties in respect of the purchase of explosives. It has been suggested, however, that in this matter the L.D.F. may agree to co-operate with us to the extent of making this blasting an exercise of theirs. If this were possible, this difficulty may be overcome. I consider that a diving pit 30 ft. long by 20 ft. wide by approximately 3 ft. deep (giving a total depth of approximately 9 ft.) would be sufficient for the use of a three meter diving board. The proposal would also necessitate the erection of a footbridge, on which would be placed the diving apparatus. In my opinion this work would cost approximately £900.

C. Stenson, City Engineer."

Having discussed the report and heard the views of Mr. O'Malley the Committee put forward alternative proposals regarding the work to be carried out at Corbally for the consideration of the City Manager and City Engineer. The City Manager stated he had in mind an expenditure of not more than £100 as he did not consider it advisable to commit the Corporation to large scale expenditure on a facility which at most would only be available for three months of the year. The view was expressed that if the site of the diving platform was moved nearer to Athlunkard Bridge where there is a greater depth of water the necessity may not arise for under water blasting. The necessity would arise, however, for the construction of a jetty joining the diving

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platform with the river's edge, and also touching or turning boards to meet the requirements of the Swimming Association. Suitable dressing accommodation for ladies and gentlemen must also be provided.

It was agreed that the City Engineer should examine ~~that~~ the Committee's suggestion and submit a report at the next meeting which is fixed for 25th February, 1943, it being arranged that the members of the Committee will visit Corbally on that date.

Confirmed this 1st day of April 1943,

J. M. Casey.
CHAIRMAN.

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SWIMMING BATHS COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the
Town Hall, Rutland Street on Thursday,

25th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1943,

at 3 o'clock p.m.

In the Chair: Councillor M. W. McGuire.

Also present: Councillor G.E. Russell, and Mr.
M. B. O'Malley, Solr. representing
the Limerick Amateur Swimming
Association.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the
Asst. Town Clerk and the City Engineer.

The City Engineer reported that he had examined the suggestions made at the last Meeting for the improvement of the swimming facilities at Corbally. He had tested the depth of water at various points and found that there was not sufficient depth at any point where a diving platform could be erected. Consequently, considerable expenditure would have to be incurred if proper swimming facilities were to be provided.

As arranged at last Meeting the Committee proceeded to Corbally to carry out their investigations on the spot.

It was agreed that it would not be wise to spend a lot of money at Corbally owing to the shallowness of the water, as it would be difficult and expensive to provide proper swimming amenities.

A suggestion was made that the old Waterworks filter beds at Raebogue could be converted into a swimming pool and it was agreed that the City Engineer should examine the possibilities and report to the next meeting.

Dated this 1st day of April 1943.

J. M. Casey
CHAIRMAN.

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SWIMMING BATHS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on

THURSDAY, 18th DAY OF MARCH, 1943,

at 3.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

Councillors:- M. W. McGuire and G. E. Russell.

Officers present:- The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

As arranged at the last Meeting, the City Engineer submitted proposals for utilizing the disused filter beds at the old Rhebogue Waterworks as an outdoor Swimming Baths. The Committee discussed the proposals with the City Manager and City Engineer and examined the plan prepared by the City Engineer.

A letter was read from Mr. M. B. O'Malley, Solicitor, of the Limerick Amateur Swimming Association apologising for his absence from the Meeting owing to illness and stating that he inspected the filter beds at Rhebogue and thinks there are great possibilities there. Diving boards would, of course, have to be erected and the house fixed for dressing rooms.

The Committee after full discussion made certain suggestions and it was decided that the City Engineer should embody these suggestions in revised proposals which are to be submitted at the next Meeting of the Committee which was fixed for Thursday, 1st April, 1943, at 3.30 p.m.

Confirmed this 1st day of April 1943.

J. M. Casey.
CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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 A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

18th DAY OF MARCH, 1943.

at 9 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Alderman D.J. O'Malley, Mayor.

Aldermen:- D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors:- J. Casey, P.C., P. J. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., J. C. Hickey, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, J. McQuane, P.C. C.V. O'Malley, and G.E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health and the City Librarian.

TENDERS FOR ANNUAL SUPPLIES; In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council, 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:-

No. of Tender	Name of Person or Firm who tendered	Price	
		Price In bulk	Per Gallon In pint and half-pint Sealed Bottles
Free Milk Supply:-			
Highest Grade Milk-			
1-	Mrs. M. M. Hastings, Friarstown House, Co. Limerick	Nil	2s. 2d.
Standard Milk-			
2-	Mrs. Ellen Butler, Clyduff, Lisnagry, Co. Limerick	Nil	2s. 4d.
3-	Thomas O'Regan, Anhid, Croom Co. Limerick	Nil	2s. 4d.
Free Milk Distribution-			
4-	Mary Donnellan, 84 Clare Street	1½d.	1½d.
5-	Francis McMahon, 40 Nicholas Street	1½d.	1½d.
6-	Margaret Griffin, 33 Denmark Street	1½d.	1½d.
7-	Elizabeth Bethell, New Road, T'gate	2½d.	2½d.
8-	Stephen Coughlan, Castle Street	1½d.	2d.
9-	Bridget O'Connell, St. Joseph Street	Nil	2d.
10-	Mrs. Margaret Barrett, 3 Carey's Road	Nil	1½d.
11-	L. McKeon, 1 John Street	2d.	2d.
12-	L. McKeon, 28 St. Ita Street	2d.	2d.
13-	M. Murphy, 8 New Road, Thomondgate	1½d.	1½d.
Whole New Milk-			
14-	J. P. Frost, Cratloe	1s. 8d.	1s. 11d.
School Meals (Milk)-			
1-	Rev. D. O'Connor, Copewood College	2s. 1d.	per gall.
2-	Mrs. E. Butler, Clyduff	2s. 4d.	do.
3-	Thomas O'Regan, Anhid Dairy	2s. 4d.	do.
4-	Martin, McNamara, Derryfadda, Clonlara	2s. 1d.	do.
School Meals (Buns)-			
5-	T. Collins, Parnell St.—1s. 2d. per doz. for 4oz. buns and 1s. per doz. for 3oz. buns.		
School Medical Service (Spectacles)-			
6-	Mr. M. J. Hartman, Patrick Street—10s. each.		

PARTICULARS OF TENDERS RECEIVED FOR THE HALF-YEARLY SUPPLIES REQUIRED FOR THE CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL FOR THE SIX MONTHS COMMENCING 1st APRIL, 1943.

Number of Tender	Name of Person or Firm who tendered	Articles Tendered for	Price
No. 1	Thomas Nix, Stonepark, Moelick	... Fresh Milk	1s. 1d. per gallon.
No. 2	John O'Connor, 7 Wickham Street, Limerick	... Beef and Mutton	1s. 3d. and 1s. 9d. per lb. resp.
No. 3	C. S. Barry, 2 Thomas Street, Limerick	... Beef	1s. 3d. per lb.
No. 4	Dermot Joyce, Thomondgate	... Beef and Mutton	1s. 2d. and 1s. 8d. per lb. resp.
No. 5	Joseph Barry, Harristowne Street	... Beef and Mutton	1s. 1d. and 1s. 7d. per lb. resp.
No. 6	Michael Sheehan, Roche's Street	... Beef	11d. per lb.
No. 7	Dennis O'Connor, 77 Catherine Street, Limerick	... Fresh Hen Eggs	21s. per 100.
No. 8	John Clancy, Lower Park, Limerick	... Several	Various.
No. 9	Mrs. Julia Cusack, Grimsby Fish Store, Limerick	... Fish	Various.
No. 10	Dawdall, O'Mahoney and Co., Ltd., Cork	... Creamery Butter	£11 4s. 0d. per cwt.
No. 11	Michael J. Hartman, 2 Patrick Street, Limerick	... Spectacles	Flat Rate of 10s. per pair, not including Time or Crooke's Licensees
No. 12	James Finucane, 17 Fitzgerald's Place, Limerick	Stocktaking	Fixed remuneration of £15.
No. 13	John Griffin and Sons, 20 Lt. Gerald Griffin St., Limerick	Coffins, etc.	Various
No. 14	C. Thompson and Sons, 43 Roche's Street, Limerick	do.	do.
No. 15	Andrew McNamara, 15 Davis Street, Limerick	Shoeing of Horse and Donkey	6s. and 4s. per set respectively.
No. 16	St. Vincent's Industrial School, Limerick	Dripping	8d. per lb.
No. 17	James Ryan, 41 Quarry Rd., Thomondgate, Limerick	Offal	13s. 6d. per barrel.
No. 18	Michael Aherne, Quarry Road, Thomondgate, Limerick	Offal	16s. 6d. per barrel.
No. 19	Fitzgerald and Co., Ltd., William Street, Limerick	Dripping	6d. per lb.
No. 20	Dennis Murnane, High Rd., Thomondgate, Limerick	Offal and Dripping	16s. per barrel and 7d. per lb.

Confirmed in Council this 13th day of April 1943.

CHAIRMAN.

Item	Goods	F. Spaight and Sons, Ltd.	D. Leonard and Co.	R. and J. O'Dwyer	Morgan McMahon and Co. Ltd.	C. P. Ghorney, Ltd.	James McMahon and Co., Ltd.	Crestestone Ltd.	Crestestone Ltd.	J. P. Newsom and Co.	J. Duggan and Sons
1	Ranges	£8 12s. 8d. "D to D"	£10 3s. 0d.	£7 9s. 6d. "D to D"	—	£8 10s. 0d. (Liffey)	£7 18 10 "D to D"	—	—	£7 16s. 9d. "D to D"	Clear Glass—£11 15s. per case. Obscure Glass—£10 per case.
2	Grates	27s. 9d.	£1 8s. 9d.	23s. 7d.	—	27s. 6d.	£1 5s. 0d.	—	—	£1 5s. 0d.	
3	Turf Grates	—	£1 3d. (S. Forrest)	17s. 6d. (S. Forrest)	—	17s. 6d. (S. Forrest)	£1 2s. 6d.	—	—	15s. 6d. (S. Forrest)	
4	Sinks	£2 10s. 6d.	17s. 6d. 6s.	—	—	£2 19s. 4d.	2 17s. 6d.	—	—	£2 18s. 6d.	
5	W. C. Snites	—	£4 7s. 6d.	—	—	£4 2s. 6d.	£3 13s. 6d. B.S.	—	—	£4 1s. 9d.	
6	Rim Locks	30s. 0d. per doz.	24s. (no furniture)	23s. 6d. per doz.	—	—	30s. per doz.	—	—	28s. (no furniture)	
7	Rim Latches	37s. 6d. per doz.	18s. (no furniture)	28s. 3d. per doz.	—	—	28s. per doz.	—	—	19s. (no furniture)	
8	Night Latches	63s. per doz.	78s. per doz.	46s. 3d. or 72s.	—	—	63s. per doz.	—	—	102s. per doz.	
9	Postal Knockers	6s. 3d. per 6' length	6s. 6d. per 6' length	5s. 7 1/2d. per 6' length	6s. 9d. per 6' length	6s. 1d. per 6' length	5/10 1/4d. per 6' length	—	—	28s. 6d. per doz.	
10	Eaves Gutters	3s. 5d. each	4s. 1d. each	3s. 5 1/2d. each	4s. each	2s. 8d. each	3s. 8d. each	—	—	3s. 9d. per 6' length	
11	Toe Pieces	2s. 4d. each	2s. 4d. each	2s. 0 1/4d. each	3s. each	2s. 10d. each	2s. 2d. each	—	—	3s. each (6" offset)	
12	R. W. P.	2s. 9d. each	2s. 8d. each	2s. 4 1/2d. each	8s. per 6' length	7s. 6d. per 6' length	2s. 6d. each	—	—	2s. 1d. each	
13	Right Angle Pieces	8s. per 6' length	7s. 9d. per 6' length	—	120s. gross	7s. 12s. gross	7s. 3d. per 6' length	—	—	2s. 5d. each	
14	R. W. P.	—	192s. Gross	—	—	120s. gross	15s. per doz.	—	—	7s. 1d. per 6' length	
15	Facia Brackets	—	9s. doz.	—	120s. gross	120s. gross	195s. per gross	—	—	2" W. Nails 198s. cwt	
16	Gutter Bolts	—	60s. per gross	—	—	—	22s. per doz.	—	—	2 1/2" Brads 30s.	
17	Clip Hooks	—	—	—	—	—	3s. 6d. per doz.	—	—	1 1/2" Ovals 200s.	
18	Window Locks	—	—	—	—	—	66s. per cwt.	—	—	Round W. Nails 195s.	
19	Sash Lifts	—	—	—	—	—	66s. per cwt.	—	—	3" do.	
20	3" do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
21	4" do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
22	5lb. Sheet Lead	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
23	1" V. G. Stop	103s. 6d. per doz.	150s. per doz.	—	—	—	72s. per doz.	—	—	120s. per doz.	
24	3" do.	107s. 10d. per doz.	102s. per doz.	—	—	—	112s. per doz.	—	—	102s. per doz.	
25	Solder	4s. 2d. each	4s. 6d. per lb.	—	—	—	4s. 6d. per lb.	—	—	4s. per lb.	
26	4" S. Pipes	5s. each	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
27	6" do.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
28	6" Brads Traps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
29	4" Traps and Grids	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
30	Flue Linings	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
31	Roof Tiles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
32	Ridge Tiles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
33	Flooring Brads	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
34	Clips	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

Glazed Crestestone Sinks without Fittings 27s. each

Handwritten initials 'JA'

42/8 per sq 15" x 9"

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday

11th day of MAY, 1943

at 9 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful Ald. D.J. O'Malley, Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: P. Donnellan, P.C., M. Hartney, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, J. McQuane, P.C., C. V. O'Malley, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, Mr. J. Doyle, Town Clerk's Department, and the City Engineer.

TENDERS FOR HARDWARE, SANITARY GOODS, ETC.,
FOR HOUSING SCHEMES, 1943.

In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council, 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 actions:-

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Aldermen D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, T.D., P.C.

Councillors P. Donnellan, P.C., M. Hartney, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, J. McQuane, P.C., C. V. O'Malley, and G. E. Russell.

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In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council, 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 actions:-

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CHAIRMAN

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TOWN PLANNING (WHOLE-HOUSE) COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, on Tuesday,

18th DAY OF MAY, 1943

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair:- Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors:- J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., J. C. Hickey, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, C. V. O'Malley and G. E. Russell.

Officers present:-The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk and the City Engineer.

The City Manager explained that this Committee was appointed by Council at Meeting held on 9th February, 1943 to consider the report prepared in 1938 by Mr. Manning Robertson, F.R.I.B.A., M.R.I.A.I., Town Planning Consultant, in 1938, copies of which had been circulated amongst the members. Mr. Robertson in a letter which he submitted to the Meeting had recommended the formation of such a Committee, to whom, on his next visit, he would explain the proposals set out in his report, after the members had an opportunity of reading his report, and studying the maps referred to therein. Continuing, the Manager said that the Town Planning Report could be divided under three principal headings, viz. the establishment of a city centre, the construction of arterial highways and the planning of the old Irishtown. It was estimated that it would take about twenty years to carry out the development recommended in the report.

Councillor O'Malley said that the report provides for the development of a modern city intelligently planned. They would have to visualize their city as they would like to see it after a certain period of time. If the Corporation could come to general agreement on this plan, then all schemes that cut across the report could not be entertained, and the Corporation would be for the first time in a position to commence constructive development on a broad basis. He suggested the appointment of a small sub-Committee who would make it their special business to consider this report in detail, receive suggestions and make their recommendations to Council. Council could then meet Mr. Manning Robertson and discuss the matter further with him.

After a discussion, it was decided on the motion of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Keyes, that the report be considered in detail by this Whole-house Committee. It was also agreed that the City Engineer should have six copies of the map referred to in the report available for the information and guidance of the members.

In a general discussion which ensued, Councillor McGuire said that as regards the recommendation in the report concerning an aerodrome for the City, no time should be lost in taking up consideration of this important matter. He also suggested that a very useful purpose would be served if copies of the report were circulated to the schools. It would be a study in civics for students if they were conducted through the City, and shown with the aid of maps the lay-out of Limerick of the future.

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In reply to the Chairman, the City Manager stated that the responsibility for the operation of the Town Planning Scheme, if and when it is adopted, would be a managerial function. He also mentioned that in other towns there were branches of the Civics Institute, whose business it was to confer with the local authority on matters like Town Planning. Councillor O'Malley stated that it would be a great thing if a branch of the Institute was formed in Limerick. An attempt to do so some time ago did not succeed, but he had reason to believe that probably within the next year there will be a branch formed in the City.

Councillor Cusack called attention to the condition of the entrance to the Killeely Housing Scheme and the City Engineer undertook to submit an estimate of the cost of carrying out the necessary repairs.

It was decided to hold the next Meeting of the Committee on Tuesday, 25th May, 1943 at 7.30 o'clock p.m. and at that meeting to consider in detail the recommendations contained in Pages 1 to 15 of the Town Planning Report.

Confirmed this 25th day of May 1943.

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B. J. O'Malley
CHAIRMAN.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

25th DAY OF MAY, 1943,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Alderman D. J. O'Malley, Mayor.

Aldermen:- J. Carew, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors:- P. Donnellan, P.C., J. C. Hickey, C.V. O'Malley, D. Reddan and G.E. Russell.

Officers present:-The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Solicitor, and the City Engineer.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th of May, 1943, were submitted and read, and on the motion of Councillor Hickey, seconded by Alderman Reidy, were confirmed as a true record.

Submitted the following letter from Councillor M. W. McGuire:-

"Will you kindly convey my regrets to the Town Planning Committee for my inability to attend to-night's meeting. I read Mr. Manning Robertson's report from pages one to fifteen, which has been set out for the discussion to-night. The manner in which Mr. Robertson suggests that the city centre at Sarsfield Street should be developed meets with my entire approval, subject of course, to the consideration which must be given to the occupants and owners of the property which it is proposed to remove in order to widen this area. I also approve of the bringing of the roadway through Pennywell to St. John's Cathedral. I would like the members of the Town Planning Committee to give their consideration to the sending of this roadway from St. John's Cathedral, via St. Michael's Church to Denmark Street or thereabout, where it would come close up to the city centre.

Perhaps too much prominence has been given to the importance of a railway station in view of future transport developments.

I would also like to have consideration given to the situating of the City Hall opposite Pery Square, in Boherbuoy or in that block between Upper Mallow Street and Davis Street. My reasons for advancing this suggestion are, first, I am informed that the ground has already been made here to carry such an edifice, and the County Council would develop the site at Strand House. This would develop two sites instead of one.

I would like to see the water fronts at Charlotte Quay George's Quay and Lock Quay, or any of the water fronts in this city that would lend themselves for this purpose being used as public parks".

TOWN PLANNING REPORT: The Mayor said that, as arranged at the last Meeting, the Committee would now take up consideration of Pages one to fifteen of the Down Planning Report prepared by Mr. Manning Robertson, F.R.I.B.A., N.R.I.A.I.

The Committee went through the Report, page by page, and the following observations were made:-

Alderman Reidy referred to the remarks in Page 5, calling attention to the problem of how best to open out and use

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Old Irishtown, with its net-work of lanes and ruins, and to house the majority of the people in healthy conditions outside, and said that a survey should be made with a view to clearing old and partly demolished houses. There were many derelict sites in the Irishtown and also in St. Mary's Parish, which, if cleared, could be used for Housing Schemes. He did not agree with the suggestion that the majority of people should be housed outside the City centre. The further the people were sent out, the more costly transport became and furthermore they suffered the inconvenience of being a good distance from Churches, Schools, Hospitals, etc. In his view, provision had been made in the report for too many playgrounds in the centre of the city.

The City Engineer said that the big difficulty about clearance was the finding of alternative accommodation for the people to be cleared. There cannot be density of population in the Centre of the City. Mr. Robertson would meet the Committee at a future date when he would explain in detail the proposals set out in his report.

The Mayor said that he could not see any great advantage in providing a new approach to the City from Dublin via Pennywell. The existing approach via Clare Street could be improved, and gives easier access to the centre of the City.

Councillor Russell stated that Town Planning offered an opportunity to deal with post-war unemployment. That was a very serious problem and the Limerick County Manager had prepared big schemes for the provision of employment when the emergency had passed. The Corporation should be ~~active~~ ^{active} in the same direction. There was one noticeable omission in the Town Planning Report in as much as no provision was made to connect up the port with the railway system.

At this stage several members protested that they were unable to follow the report in the absence of a large scale map showing the proposed alterations in the lay-out of the City, and the provision for playgrounds, housing schemes, civic centre, etc.

After a discussion, it was agreed that the City Engineer should have a large scale map prepared by the aid of which he would give a lecture to the members on the proposals set out in the Town Planning Report. The members could take notes and at the conclusion of the lecture could discuss with the City Engineer any points on which they required further information.

It was, therefore, decided that the Mayor would arrange with the City Manager for the summoning of the next Meeting when the large scale is ready.

Confirmed this 22 day of November 1943.

James McDuane
CHAIRMAN.

A Special Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Monday,

31st DAY OF MAY, 1943,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman D. J. O'Malley, Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Hartney, J. C. Hickey, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, J. McQuane, P.C., and C. V. O'Malley.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and the City Solicitor.

CAREY'S ROAD CLEARANCE AREA: The Mayor explained that he had called this Meeting specially to consider the following urgent matters:-

- (1) The position regarding the houses to be demolished in the Carey's Road area in view of Emergency Powers (No. 277) Order, 1943, which was made on the 26th May, 1943, by which Order the Council may decide not to proceed with the demolition of the houses in that area.
- (2) The reasons why tenders for demolition of houses in the Carey's Road area were not advertised for in the Press.
- (3) The reasons why a tender (or tenders) for demolition of houses was accepted without reference to the Council.
- (4) To consider generally the rents of the new houses at Prospect.

Continuing the Mayor said that he was anxious to get the views of the members as to whether they would consider it advisable to avail of the provisions of the Emergency Powers (No. 277) Order, 1943, and allow the houses in the Carey's Road Clearance Scheme to remain standing. There were houses in other parts of the City a great deal worse than many of those in Carey's Road and apparently under the Order the Corporation had power to suspend demolition and transfer tenants from other and more dangerous dwellings.

The City Solicitor stated that in the Carey's Road Scheme the Corporation had got a Compulsory Purchase Order and a Clearance Order. The idea of that was that the Corporation desired to acquire ground with a view to rehousing in the area. It was estimated that with the new Prospect Scheme and the rebuilding of Carey's Road it would be possible to rehouse all the families living in the clearance Area and some from other areas also. Since, however, it was not found possible to erect sufficient houses at Prospect for this purpose it was decided to leave the frontage of Carey's Road standing, and to proceed with rebuilding at the rear.

CAREY'S ROAD CLEARANCE AREA (CONTD.):

The Corporation had also decided to bring people from dangerous Bwellings in other parts of the City and put them into the Carey's Road houses temporarily. From the legal aspect, however, this could not be done because the Corporation had got the Carey's Road houses condemned as unfit for human habitation and Part II of the Housing of the Working Classes Acts made it obligatory to clear the site. If the Corporation removed people from worse houses they could only be put in as caretakers and neither rent nor rates could be collected from them.

Continuing the City Solicitor said that he had not yet got a copy of the Emergency Powers (No. 277) Order, 1943. He had telephoned the Local Government Department for details of the Order and from what he could gather it would enable a Local Authority to expend money in making bad houses fit for habitation until such time as new ones could be built.

During the discussion which ensued several members referred to the serious housing situation in the City. Numbers of people were living in very bad houses and it would relieve the situation to some extent if the houses in Carey's Road were allowed to stand.

The City Engineer pointed out that if it was proposed to commence rebuilding at Carey's Road the site would have to be cleared as far as possible. When the rebuilding was completed all the people now in the area would be rehoused and fifty-one families from other areas as well. 296 houses were scheduled for immediate demolition. In all 450 houses were included in the Order, and he hoped to have the area rebuilt on within eighteen months. If the Corporation now decided to leave the houses standing the rebuilding scheme would have to be dropped.

The City Manager pointed out that the question of the demolition of houses was a Managerial function. When a copy of the Emergency Powers (No. 277) Order, 1943, was available he would go into the matter fully with the City Engineer and the City Solicitor and find out what number of houses could be allowed to remain standing without interfering unduly with the proposed rebuilding scheme. He undertook to have a report on the whole matter ready for the next meeting of the Council to be held on 8th June, 1943.

The Committee decided, therefore, to adjourn further consideration of the matter to the next Meeting of the Council and in the meantime asked the City Manager to suspend all demolition operations at Carey's Road.

The Mayor said that on Friday last he was approached by a demolition contractor who told him that the contract for the demolition of the houses in the Carey's Road Area had been given out. He (the Mayor) was aware that there had been no meeting of the Tenders Committee and that no advertisement had appeared in the public press inviting tenders for this work. He got in touch with the City Manager who informed him that a tender had been accepted. He regarded this as a very serious matter as no opportunity had been given to persons to tender who had demolished hundreds of houses in the city already. The only people invited to tender were the recognised building contractors. The demolition contractor who had approached him told him that he called to the Town Hall last week and asked for one of the tender forms sent out to the other contractors but was told that he was too late to tender.

CAREY'S ROAD CLEARANCE AREA (CONTD.):

The City Manager explained that the position in Carey's Road was that the Corporation owned all the property and they had to give credit to each person owning a site for the value of the materials in the houses. He felt that no contractor could guarantee to hold all the material. It was decided, therefore, to ask all the recognised building contractors in the City to take on a portion of the work. However, only two tenders were received and one was accepted at £1,654 with a credit of £394: 10: 0. This was for roughly 120 houses and the cost per house for demolition would work out at £11. per house.

The Mayor said that he was aware that houses were demolished for estate agents in the city at the rate of £2. per house, and in one of the recently cleared areas a number of houses were demolished for nothing for the materials. In his opinion the tender had not been accepted validly by the City Manager.

In reply to the Mayor the City Engineer stated that the accepted tender was sent in by Mr. J. J. Murphy, Building Contractor.

Answering the Mayor the City Solicitor said that in his view tenders should have been invited by public advertisement to comply with the provisions of the Public Health Acts, as the contract was for a sum exceeding £100. The Corporation must, of course, get a contractor who would indemnify them against claims for accidents. He did not think it would be possible to get a contractor who would give the full indemnity required to do the work for £2. per house.

After further discussion it was proposed by Councillor McGuire, seconded by Alderman Reidy, and resolved:-

That the work of demolition being carried out at Carey's Road by Mr. J. J. Murphy, Building Contractor, be stopped forthwith, as his tender was accepted illegally.

The Mayor said he had also listed on the Agenda the question of the rents of the new houses at Prospect but as the City Manager had to go to another Meeting he asked, and it was agreed, that this matter be left over for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

Confirmed in Council this 13 day of July 1943.

James J. Duane
CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE

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A meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on

TUESDAY, 14TH DAY OF JUNE, 1943

at 4 o'clock, p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair- The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. McQuane, P.C.,
Mayor.

Aldermen- D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Carew.

Councillors- P. Cusack, P.C., M.W. McGuire, D. Reddan, and
G.E. Russell.

Officers present- The City Manager and Town Clerk, and the
City Engineer.

**TENDERS FOR (1) DEMOLITION OF HOUSES IN CAREY'S ROAD
AREA: (2) SUPPLY OF BREAD FOR SCHOOL MEALS.**

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:-

No. of Tender	Name and Address of Person Tendering	Amount
DEMOLITION OF HOUSES IN CAREY'S ROAD.		
1.	Messrs. John Buckley and Sons, Ltd., Cork ...	£1,467 0 0
	Less credit for materials	246 9 9
	for demolition of 216 houses and 11 sheds.	£1,220 10 3
2.	Mr. Michael Vaughan, Thomondgate, Limerick ...	£1,944 7 6
	Less credit for materials	236 15 0
	for demolition of 216 houses and 11 sheds.	£1,707 12 6
3.	Messrs. J. Welpy and Sons, O'Connell St., Limk. ...	£239 for demolition of 33 houses.
	Messrs. Nash, Flavin, Dowling, Gleeson, Doyle, Hayes, Rea, Sheehan, James Clancy, Benson, Hartigan, and Patrick Clancy, offered to demolish houses which they formerly owned free of cost for the value of the materials.	
SUPPLIES OF BREAD UNDER SCHOOL MEALS SCHEME—		
1.	Imperial Bakery Co., Ltd., Sarsfield Street ...	4 oz. portion of buttered bread 1/3d. per doz. portions
	3 oz. " " " "	1/2d. per doz. portions

CONFIRMED IN COUNCIL THIS 10 DAY OF August 1943

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J. McQuane
CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

20th DAY OF JULY, 1943.

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., M. Hartney, J. C. Hickey, D. Reddan, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Solicitor, City Engineer, and Mr. M. F. Donnellan, Public Health Department.

Apologies for unavoidable absence from the meeting were received from Alderman Bourke, T.D., and Councillors Keyes, T.D., McGuire and O'Malley.

HOUSING: The Mayor explained that this meeting had been summoned in accordance with the decision come to at the last meeting of the City Council to hold weekly meetings of the General Purposes Committee to discuss Housing, but before the business of the meeting commenced the City Manager wished to make a statement.

The City Manager said - "Before the meeting commences I desire to say that the suggestion of holding weekly meetings to deal with housing would appear to be a reflection on the capability of the City Manager to deal with the position. I do not think this is fair or just to the City Manager for the following reasons:-

1. The City Manager is more anxious than anyone in Limerick to have the appalling slums of the City removed, and at no time has he relaxed in his efforts to arrive at this conclusion.
2. Notwithstanding the fact that a world war has been raging for the past four years, and that materials for building are practically unprocurable, there have been built in that period over 700 houses, which compares more than favourably with any other City in Ireland, and involved exceptionally difficult arrangements to complete the schemes.
3. The Engineer's Department have been and are at present working at full speed, preparing surveys, plans, specifications, and estimates of cost on the following schemes - Palmerstown 32 houses; Clancy's Strand, 8 houses; Carey's Road, 38 houses; Killalee, 19 houses; Watergate, 60 houses; and Janesboro', 18 houses. Total 246 houses. An extra Engineering staff has been retained to hurry up the proposals.
4. I have made arrangements to purchase sufficient of the materials in short supply, wherever they can be procured to enable me to continue the clearing of the slums, and to erect the houses set out in the above schemes.

At no time has there been any slowing up of work on the housing schemes and when the public are aware that during the war we have built more houses for the clearance of slums than were ever built in Limerick I think it will be admitted that the implication contained in the suggestion to hold weekly meetings to speed up the housing problem is unfair and unjust."

Alderman Reidy said that, as the member who proposed that weekly meetings be held, he had no intention when doing so of reflecting in any way on the City Manager. On many occasions he had paid tribute to the work the City Manager had done in respect of housing. It must be admitted, however, that there was an acute need for houses, and the Council was unanimous in deciding to hold weekly meetings for the purpose of trying to get new schemes in progress.

The Mayor, and other members, also stated that the decision to hold weekly meetings was not to be taken as reflecting on the City Manager and his staff. The Council were only anxious to co-operate with him in solving the acute housing problem in Limerick.

In reply to Councillor Reddan, the City Manager stated that he had been promised materials in short supply for the erection of about 100 houses. It had not been found possible, however, to procure Nails. When tenders are being invited for the next housing scheme it is hoped that the successful contractor may be in a position to procure the quantity of nails required.

Councillor Russell stated that there were a number of vacant houses in the city of the tenement type, and he suggested that they be taken over by the Corporation and converted into flats. He referred particularly to a house in O'Connell Street which had been vacant for a number of years. He also referred to the fact that some of the tenants leaving the Carey's Road houses are damaging them and others are looking for compensation for improvements which they carried out from the incoming tenants selected by the Corporation. He enquired if the City Manager would be prepared to replace electric light and other fittings so removed, and suggested that it might be advisable to pay the old tenants compensation for any improvements effected and thus prevent removal and damage. These matters were referred to the City Manager for report to next Meeting.

Councillor Reddan enquired as to the liability of tenants still occupying their old houses in Carey's Road for payment of rents to their old landlords, and also as to the liability of landlords for payment of rates on such houses, and the City Manager stated he would look into the matter with the City Solicitor and report thereon at next meeting.

Councillor Hartney stated that some of the tenants left in the Carey's Road area were without water and light, and at his request the City Engineer undertook to go into this matter immediately.

A general discussion took place regarding single people, or people living alone, who have not been granted new houses at Prospect, and the City Manager stated that when the 20 additional houses in course of erection at Prospect are completed he will give careful consideration to the recommendation made to him at the last Meeting of the City Council that such persons be allotted new houses.

In reply to Councillor Russell, the City Manager stated that he had taken a definite decision not to give a new house at Prospect to any tenant in Carey's Road who deliberately damaged his house or until such damage was made good.

Alderman Reidy suggested that the cleared site at Crosby Row should be acquired by the Corporation for housing, and also referred to a site at St. Francis Abbey where about 60 houses could be built. The City Manager stated that he would have these sites examined by the City Engineer, but he could not say if it would be possible to utilize them in the near future owing to the difficulty, during the present emergency, of procuring building materials.

In reply to Alderman Reidy, the City Manager stated that there was no avoidable delay in dealing with applications for allowances under the Blind Welfare Scheme. He had received a list from the Limerick Branch of the National Council for the Welfare of the Blind but was awaiting further particulars to be furnished by the Hon. Secretary before dealing with it.

Confirmed in ^{bania} Council this 27 day of July 1943.

James M. Duane
CHAIRMAN.

Ratified in bania this 10. day of August 1943.

J. M. Duane
Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, on Tuesday,

27th DAY OF JULY, 1943,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:

- In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Councillor
J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor
- Aldermen:- D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.
- Councillors:- J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C.,
P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Keyes, T.D.,
D. Reddan and G. E. Russell.

Officers present:- The City Manager and Town Clerk, The Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20th July, 1943, were read and confirmed as a true record on the motion of Alderman Reidy, seconded by Alderman Bourke.

ELECTRIC WIRING OF PROSPECT HOUSES.

Submitted the following letter dated 26th July, 1943, from the District Engineer, Electricity Supply Board, Limerick:

"In reply to yours of 24th instant, I desire to inform you that there is no undue delay in connecting the Prospect Houses with the electric light mains.

There is a general scarcity of servicing materials so it was arranged that the same materials used be brought from the old dwelling to the new one at Prospect. Most of the tenants did not wish to relinquish the light in their old dwellings until the last moment so that some delay must occur before the servicing be completed at Prospect.

As over 300 houses have to be serviced it is only natural that some will have to wait longer than others, but you can rest assured that I am doing everything possible to expedite the work." Noted.

CAREY'S ROAD AREA PURCHASE ORDER .

Submitted following report dated 24th July, 1943, from the City solicitor:

"In reply to your letter of the 24th instant, my opinion is that liability for rates in respect of houses declared unfit for human habitation terminates on 23rd January, 1943, the date when this Order came into operation and that the occupying tenants liability for rent terminated on the same date for if they declined to pay further rent I don't see how the Landlords could recover possession.

With regard to fittings which the occupying tenants are legally entitled to remove as put in by themselves in cases where the Corporation arrange to reoccupy the premises in the existing emergency my view is that it would be a practical and economic step for the Corporation to purchase any such fittings from the outgoing tenants and the expense involved would be justified under the Emergency Order."

In reply to Alderman Reidy, the City Manager stated that in view of the City Solicitor's opinion, he would consider the question of making refunds to Landlords who had paid rates on houses in the Carey's Road area in respect of any period subsequent to the 23rd January, 1943. Answering Councillor Keyes, he said that it was originally proposed to charge a rent of 3/- per week for houses reoccupied in the Carey's Road Area but on the advice of the City Solicitor, it had been decided to let these houses under a Caretaker's Agreement; consequently, the collection of the rent of 3/- per week had been stopped and the amounts already collected would be refunded.

Continuing, the City Manager said that he would adopt the suggestion of the City Solicitor and arrange to purchase fittings from the outgoing tenants of the Carey's Road houses where it was proposed to reoccupy such houses. He could not however undertake to replace fittings where same had been removed by the outgoing tenants. Where such fittings included electric light installation, it may be possible to provide gas for the incoming tenants.

FLATS.

In connection with the suggestion made at the last meeting that unoccupied houses in the City should be taken over by the Corporation and used as temporary housing accommodation, the following report, dated 24th July, 1943, was read from the City Solicitor:-

"In reply to your letter of the 24th instant, the Corporation could frame a Scheme in this matter subject to confirmation by the Minister under the Housing Acts. Whether such an operation could be justified economically is another matter, and there is also the important consideration that the idea of establishing such tenements in the situations indicated might not be a progressive step having regard to the amenities of surrounding property. It would certainly be a matter for the City Engineer to consider in detail whether a dwelling house of the type suggested in O'Connell Street, regard being had to its age, present condition of repair, and the fact that the site would be subject to a relatively high ground rent, could be acquired at any reasonable cost, and converted into self-contained flats. My own view would be that the report would be a very definite negative."

It was decided that the City Engineer should have an inspection carried out of the vacant houses in the City and submit a full report thereon at a future meeting.

Submitted following report dated 27th July, 1943
from the City Manager:-

"I give you hereunder my proposals for present and post-war Housing Programmes. The following schemes will be attempted during the Emergency, and the present position of each scheme is given below:

CLANCY STRAND - 8 Houses:

Compulsory Purchase Order for acquisition of land served. Plans, Specification, and Bills of Quantities being prepared - will be ready in one week.

PALMERSTOWN - 32 Houses:

Compulsory Purchase Order for acquisition of site will be served in the course of a week. Plans, Specification, and Bills of Quantities with Local Government Department.

CAREY'S ROAD - 38 Houses:

Land acquired. Plans, Specification and Bills of Quantities being prepared - will be ready for submission to Local Government Department in four weeks.

JANESBORO' - 18 Houses.

Land in process of acquisition. Plans, Specification and Bills of Quantities will be ready in about 8 weeks.

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KILLALEE - 90 Houses.

Land in process of acquisition. Plans, Specification and Bills of Quantities will be ready in about 10 weeks.

Owing to holidays, the periods mentioned above may be somewhat longer.

This will provide 186 houses and the undermentioned schemes will follow when possible:-

Carey's Road	90	Houses
Watergate Area	80	"
Killalee No. 3	50	"
Abbey	60	"
Janesboro' No. 3	100	"
Janesboro' No. 4	300	"
Prospect No. 3	300	"
Killeely No. 2	300	"
Total	1,280	"

With regard to the most of the schemes in this category, it will be necessary to acquire the land. Every effort will be made to expedite the building of the schemes in the first category and Engineers will be retained to have the plans, specification, and Bills of Quantities prepared for the other Schemes."

In reply to Alderman Bourke, the City Manager stated that he had not included Lady's Lane as a

potential building area, as the Town Planning Consultant had suggested in his report that this area should be reserved for industrial development. He stated, however, that he was not opposed to utilising the area for the erection of flats but as steel could not be procured during the present emergency, consideration of the proposal to erect flats would have to be deferred.

FUTURE MEETINGS.

The Mayor stated that the two special meetings of the General Purposes Committee which had been held had helped to clarify the position regarding the housing schemes and the members were now in possession of all the information which it was possible for the City Manager to give them. He did not think therefore that there was sufficient business to transact to justify the holding of weekly meetings and he suggested that Housing matters could be discussed at the usual monthly meetings of the Council and the General Purposes Committee. In this way Housing would come under review twice monthly. After a short discussion the Committee agreed to adopt the Mayor's suggestion and to discontinue the holding of weekly meetings.

DUMPING OF REFUSE.

Councillor Reddan complained that Corporation Employees were dumping refuse adjacent to the Janesboro' and Prospect Housing Schemes. The City Engineer stated that he was not aware that this was being done and he promised to investigate the matter immediately.

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Alderman Bourke stated that he had received complaints regarding the Corkanree dump where he was informed the carcasses of animals were left overground. The City Manager said that strict instructions had been given that all carcasses were to be buried and he would have Alderman Bourke's complaint investigated.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At the request of Alderman Reidy, the City Engineer undertook to investigate complaints regarding damage caused by horses trespassing on the lands, recently acquired by the Corporation at Corbally.

In reply to Councillor Cusack, the City Engineer stated that the debris left after the demolition of the houses in the Crosby Row Slum Clearance Area would be used to fill a disused quarry adjacent to the Killeely Housing Scheme so as to make a Children's Playground.

In reply to Councillor Reddan, the City Manager said that he hoped for an improvement in the Gas supply in the very near future. The work of cleaning mains and repairing the retorts was in progress. As only four out of ten retorts were working he could not arrange for an increase in the hours of supply.

At the request of Councillor Keyes, the City Engineer undertook to investigate a complaint regarding damage by

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cattle in laneway off Catherine Street, and the possibility of erecting a gate to prevent such damage.

CONDOLENCE.

It was proposed by Alderman Bourke, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. P. Cassidy, Ballinacurra, on the death of his son and to Mr. D. O'Connell on the death of his father.

Confirmed in Council this 10 day of August 1943.

J. M. Duane
CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

10th DAY OF AUGUST, 1943,

at 9.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen:- D. Bourke, T.D., and D. J. O'Malley.

Councillors:- J. Casey, P.C., F. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. W. McGuire, C.V. O'Malley, M. Hartney, and G.E. Russell.

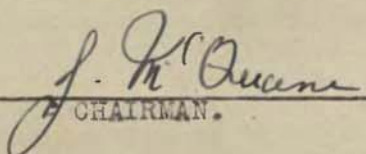
Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, and the Assistant Town Clerk.

TENDERS FOR SUPPLY OF BREAD FOR SCHOOL MEALS: In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council, 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:-

SUPPLIES OF BREAD UNDER SCHOOL MEALS SCHEME

<u>No. of Tender.</u>	<u>Name and Address of Person Tendering</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	Imperial Bakery Co., Ltd., Sarsfield St. 3 oz. portion of buttered bread	1/3d. per doz. portions.
2.	Mrs. M. O'Connor, Farnell Street. 3 oz. portion of buttered bread	1/1d. per doz. portions.

Confirmed in Council this 14 day of September 1943.


CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Special Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1943,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor
J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C.,
P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Hartney,
M. J. Keyes, T.D., C. V. O'Malley,
D. Reddan, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the
Assistant Town Clerk, the City
Solicitor, and the City Engineer.

THREATENED STRIKE: The Mayor explained that he had called this special Meeting to consider the position created by notices served on the City Manager by the Corporation employees, and the Gas workers, to the effect that, in the event of their request for an emergency bonus of 7/- per week from the 1st February, 1943, not being granted, they would cease work on Monday, 13th September, 1943. He had discussed the matter fully with the City Manager who informed him that he was not prepared to accede to the men's request. He asked the City Manager to explain the position to the meeting.

The City Manager stated that the Corporation employees approached him in April, 1940, for an increase of 10/- per week to meet the increased cost of living due to emergency conditions. After protracted negotiations he decided to grant an increase of 4/- per week. They applied again in 1941 for a further increase which he refused to grant. Early in 1943, he had a similar application. The Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he would be prepared to sanction a maximum bonus of 7/- per week for employees to meet the increased cost of living. Having given the matter careful consideration he recommended, and the Minister sanctioned, payment of a bonus of 4/- per week to male employees from 1st February, 1943. In fixing these amounts he had to take into consideration the fact that the employees had already got an increase of 4/- per week. He had made enquiries and ascertained that increases granted to employees in other cities since the outbreak of the war as compared with Limerick were as follows:-

<u>DUBLIN</u>	<u>CORK</u>	<u>WATERFORD</u>	<u>LIMERICK</u>
7/-	7/6d.	6/11d.	8/-

The rates of wages for Limerick Corporation employees including the bonus granted in February, 1943, were:-

Motor Drivers	£3: 18: 0	per week of 47 hours.
Carters	3: 8: 0	Do.
Sweepers	3: 6: 0	Do.
Repairs and Sewers	3: 6: 0	Do.
Waterworks, Pipelayers	3: 8: 0	Do.
Do. Labourers	3: 6: 0	Do.

With regard to the Gas workers, they got an increase of 4/- per week to meet the increased cost of living from 1st April, 1940. He had also agreed to allow a 1/- per week extra for every six points increase in the cost of living index figure. This arrangement went on until November, 1941, with the result that the Gas workers had got increases amounting to 7/- per week. The "Stand-Still" Order came into effect and no further increase could be granted, but under the arrangement with the Corporation employees already referred to, the gas workers were granted a further 4/- per week from 1st February, 1943.

The City Manager said the following were the rates of wages payable to the different categories of Gas workers of Limerick, including the 4/- allowed in February, 1943:-

1st Stokers	£5: 8: 8	for 56 hour week.
2nd Do.	4:15: 4	Do.
Boilermen	5: 8: 8	Do.
Coal-wheelers	3:12: 6	for 47 hour week.
Yardmen	3:12: 6	Do.
Labourers	3:10: 0	Do.
Service layers	3:16: 6	Do.

The cost of living index figure at November, 1940 was 192; present figure was 275; an increase of 83 points. If the arrangement whereby the Gas workers were to get a 1/- per week increase for every six points advance in the cost of living figure had continued they would have got increases of 13/- per week, whereas in fact they have been granted 11/- per week.

Both the Corporation employees and the Gas workers refused to accept the bonus of 4/- per week granted from 1st February, 1943. The City Manager said several deputations waited on him including one from the Limerick Trades and Labour Council but he refused to make any change. He had a duty to the ratepayers, and he felt he had acted justly and generously to the employees.

Councillor Keyes thanked the Mayor for calling the meeting and giving the members an opportunity of discussing with the City Manager the serious position that had arisen as the result of the serving of strike notices. He made a strong appeal to the City Manager to give sympathetic consideration to the men's application. The Corporation employees contended that the 4/- per week granted in 1940 was an increase in wages and not a bonus, and that they were now entitled to the 7/- per week bonus which the Minister had stated he was prepared to sanction. At the outbreak of the war the cost of living index figure was 173, and if the arrangement with the Gas workers had been based on that figure they would have been entitled to a bonus at the present time of 17/- per week. The City was fortunate that there had been no strike of employees for a very long time. A strike would cause serious dislocation and every effort should be made to avert it. He appealed to the City Manager to make some gesture to the men that would allow harmonious relations to continue.

During the discussion which ensued whilst the members admitted that the City Manager had been very fair to the staffs, nevertheless they all appealed to him to try to avert the chaos and inconvenience which a cessation of work would involve.

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The Mayor stated that he had been in close touch with the City Manager in connection with the matter, and had been kept fully advised of all the developments. The City Manager had never spared himself to preserve industrial peace in the City. He, therefore, appealed on his own behalf, as Mayor, and joined with the Committee in their appeal to the City Manager to try to reach an amicable settlement with the Corporation employees and Gas workers.

The City Manager stated that he had gone to the limit and regretted he could not accede to the wishes of the members.

Alderman Reidy suggested that a conference should be held to try and bring about a reasonable settlement, and the City Manager was asked if he would attend same. He replied that he had no objection to attend a conference and it was, therefore, agreed that a conference of the employees representatives, the City Manager and three members (Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C., Councillor M. J. Keyes, T.D., and Councillor M. Hartney) of the Council to be presided over by His Worship, the Mayor, be held on Friday, 10th September, 1943, at 7.30 p.m.

PROSPECT HOUSING SCHEME: Councillor Hartney called attention to damage to property and annoyance to tenants caused by horses trespassing on Prospect Housing Scheme. He said that a good deal of trouble was caused by reason of the fact that there was no fencing in the back yards of the houses.

He also complained that horses were trespassing in the passage leading from Prospect to O'Connell Avenue. This passageway was in very bad condition.

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The City Engineer explained that as it was impossible, due to the present emergency, to get wire the back yards of the houses at Prospect could not be fenced off. He undertook, however, to investigate the complaints made by Councillor Hartney.

Confirmed in Council this 12 day of October 1943.

J. M. Quane
CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1943,

at 9.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew and J¹/₂ Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Hartney, M. W. McGuire, C. V. O'Malley, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, and the Assistant Town Clerk.

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES FOR (1) CLEANSING & REPAIRS ETC. DEPARTMENTS (2) CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL (3) A.R.P. INSURANCE AND (4) MASTIC ASPHALT SURFACING: In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council, 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:-

SUPPLIES FOR CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL.

<u>No. of Tender</u>	<u>Name and Address of person tendering.</u>	<u>Articles tendered for.</u>	<u>Price</u>
1.	Denis O'Connor, 77 Catherine St., Limerick.	Fresh Hen Eggs	£1: 15: 0 per gt. Hnd or 3/6d. dozen.
2.	Michael Fitzgibbon 3 Catherine St., Limerick.	Several	Various
3.	John Clancy, Lower Park, Limerick.	Several	Various
4.	James Barry, 29 William St., Limerick.	Several	Various
5.	Joseph Barry, 3 Lr. Hartstonge St. Limk.	Beef and Mutton	1/1½d. & 2/2d. lb. respective
6.	Dowdall O'Mahoney & Co.Ltd. Union Quay, Cork.	Creamery Butter.	£11: 4: 0 cwt. (Boxes included).
7.	Cornelius Casey, Michael's Street, Limerick.	Minerals (Large size)	3/9d. doz.
8.	Charles S. Barry, 2 Thomas St., Limerick.	Beef and Mutton.	1/1d. & 2/2d. lb. resp.
9.	Kantoker Co-Op. Dairy Soc. Ltd., Charleville.	Several	Various

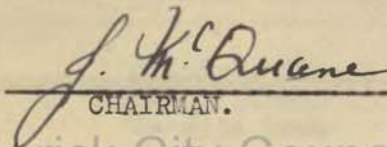
No of Tender.	Name and Address of person tendering.	Articles tendered for.	Price.
10.	Thomas Nix, Stonepark, Meelick, nr. Limerick.	Fresh New Milk	2/4d. Gallon.
11.	Michael Sheahan, 47 Roches St. Limerick.	Beef	1/- per Lb.
12.	James Finucane, 17 Fitzgerald Place, Limerick.	Stocktaking.	Fixed remuneration of £15.

SUPPLIES FOR CLEANSING & REPAIRS ETC.
DEPARTMENTS.

No. of Tender.	Name and Address of person tendering.	Articles tendered for.	Price.
1.	James Smith, Breska Clarina, Co. Limerick.	Cats	2/6d. per St.
2.	Michael Aherne, 43 Quarry Rd. Limerick.	Hay Horse	£4: 5: 0 Ton £50 £42:10 (Mare).
3.	M. Hourigan, Oatfield, Sixmilebridge.	Horse	£43: 0: 0
4.	Stephen Clancy, College Park.	Horse	£45: 0: 0
5.	P. J. Madden, 11 Cathedral Place.	Horse	£55: 0: 0
6.	Patk. Hickey, Coonagh House.	Hay	£4: 0: 0 Ton.
7.	Thos. Sexton, Thomond Tce.	Hay	£4:12: 6 Ton
8.	Bat. Laffan, Killonan	Hay	£4: 0: 0 Ton
9.	Richard Shinnors, 10 Cecil Street.	Turf	£2:15: 0 Ton
10.	Peter Hall, 20 Sarsfield Ave.	Turf	£2:15: 6 Ton
11.	P. O'Callaghan, O'Callaghan's Mills.	Turf	£2:14: 0 Ton
12.	P. Hickey & Sons, Lock Quay.	Turf	£2:10: 0 Ton
13.	Frank Dunne, 5 Emmett Place.	Turf.	£2:12: 6 Ton.

No. of Tender.	Name and Address of person Tendering.	Articles tendered <u>66 for.</u>	Price.
14.	Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., (on behalf of "Irish National").	A.R.P. Insurance.	£6: 17: 0 per annum.
15.	Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co.	Do.	£23:17: 9 per annum.
16.	South of Ireland Asphalt Co. Ltd., Cork.	Mastic Asphalt Surfacing.	£366: 10: 0

Confirmed in Council this 12th day of October 1943.


CHAIRMAN.

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

30th SEPTEMBER, 1943,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

- In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor.
- Aldermen:- D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, D. J. O'Malley, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.
- Councillors:- J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., M. Hartney, and J. Keyes, T.D., and D. Reddan.
- Officers present: The Deputy City Manager (Mr. J. J. Dundon, City Solicitor) the Assistant Town Clerk, and the Acting City Engineer.

HOUSING: Submitted following report dated 30th September, 1943, from Mr. T. Casserly, B.E., Housing Engineer:-

"Re: Progress of Proposed Housing Schemes.

In connection with the Schemes, in hands, presently, viz:

- Clancy's Strand
- Palmerstown
- Carey's Road
- Killalee
- Janesboro'

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lay-out plans have been prepared for all those and in the case of Palmerstown and Clancy's Strand, Specifications, Bills of Quantities, and the other necessary documents have been got out. Clancy's Strand Scheme is presently with the Department of Local Government and Public Health awaiting sanction and the Palmerstown Scheme has been submitted on two occasions.

The Department have recommended certain alterations with a view to reducing the density per acre on those schemes and in consequence of the delay occasioned in forwarding schemes in detail, awaiting the Department's report and the re-casting of plans and revision of Bills of Quantities and Specifications, I have written to the Department's Engineering Inspector requesting that he would come to Limerick at an early date when I could discuss the various schemes with him from every aspect before final submission.

This procedure I think should considerably speed up sanction and eliminate a lot of unnecessary work. In the meantime work on Watergate, Janesboro' No. 4 and Prospect No. 3 Schemes is proceeding."

The Deputy City Manager made the following statement:-

CLANCY'S STRAND: The Compulsory Purchase Order was forwarded for confirmation by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. As, however, objections were received by the Minister from certain owners, it will be necessary to hold a Local Inquiry to hear the objections before the order can be confirmed. This Inquiry had been fixed for Tuesday, 12th October, 1943. It follows, therefore, that until the Order is confirmed, with or without

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GLANCY'S STRAND (Ctd.)

amendment, the Corporation cannot invite tenders for the erection of houses, as any amendment in the terms of the Order might alter the lay-out and number of houses to be erected.

PENNYWELL (KILLALEE): The Compulsory Purchase Order, Maps, Notices, etc. have been prepared, but as it is proposed to erect about eleven houses outside the Borough Boundary, it is necessary to get the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the Limerick County Council under Section 7 of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act, 1908, before the Order can be made. Application has been made to the Minister and the County Council for their consent. The reasons for going outside the Borough Boundary are (1) to round off the Scheme satisfactorily, and (2) to provide for the more economical development of the site.

PALMERSTOWN: The Compulsory Purchase Order and Maps have been drafted but cannot be put in final form until the lay-out plan is finally approved, and the exact area of land to be acquired determined. It is hoped that when the Engineering Inspector comes to Limerick to hold the Sworn Inquiry re Glancy's Strand this lay-out and the lay-outs of the other Schemes referred to in Mr. Casserly's report will be finally fixed".

Alderman Reidy said it was regrettable that some of the Housing Schemes could not be proceeded with as there was a very urgent need for houses. People were living under appalling conditions and any delay was to be regretted. He felt that more frequent meetings should be held to urge on housing development.

Alderman O'Malley asked that the map in connection with the proposed Compulsory Purchase Order for the Pennywell (Killalee) Housing Scheme be submitted at the next Council meeting as in his opinion the order, as drafted, would inflict a hardship on the owners of the property.

Replying to Councillor Cusack, the Deputy City Manager said that having regard to the lay-out plan for the Glancy's Strand Housing Scheme, he was of opinion that there would be sufficient space at the back of the houses for the erection of sheds suitable to accommodate fishermen's gear.

Referring to the Pennywell (Killalee) Housing Scheme, the Deputy City Manager said that application had been made for the consent of the Limerick County Council to the erection of about eleven houses outside the Borough Boundary. It would appear, however, from a Press report of the Meeting of the County Council, at which the application was received and adjourned that the members looked on it as the "thin end of the wedge" for a Borough Boundary extension. They need not have any fears that this was so, and they should remember that the Corporation will have to pay rates on the houses to the County Council. He asked the members present, therefore, to use their influence with the County Council to secure their consent to the Corporation's proposal.

DERELICT SITES: Alderman O'Malley suggested that active steps be taken to acquire all derelict sites in the City, including sites which had been cleared under Slum Clearance Orders made by the Corporation. These sites could be used for housing or leased to persons for the erection of shops or houses.

Alderman Bourke said that he had been appealing for years to have something done with the Lady's Lane Area. It was in a very bad and dangerous condition, and if it could not

DERELICT SITES (CONTD.):

be used for housing in the immediate future, it should be levelled off and steam-rolled.

It was decided that the City Engineer should have a map prepared showing all the derelict sites in the City including sites cleared under Slum Clearance Orders, and submit same at a future meeting, together with a report as to the suitability of such sites for housing.

HANNAN'S BOW: At the request of Councillor Reddan, the Acting City Engineer undertook to investigate the circumstances under which the entrance to Hannan's Bow, John Street, continued to be hoarded up.

TRESPASS ON CORPORATION PROPERTY:

Councillor Hartney called attention to the trespass by horses, cattle, and other animals on the Corporation's property at Prospect and Janesboro' as the result of which damage was being done to the property of the tenants.

Alderman O'Malley said that the Corporation's lands at Corbally were being treated as a commonage. They should be fenced off and let for grazing.

The Deputy City Manager stated that horses and cattle trespassing on Corporation property should be impounded, and the owners prosecuted. If the tenants came forward to prove the damage caused, he was sure the practice would soon stop.

It was proposed by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Reidy, and resolved:†

That we recommend the City Manager to make arrangements to have horses, cattle, and other animals, trespassing on Corporation property impounded and the owners prosecuted.

It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Alderman O'Malley, and resolved:-

That we recommend the City Manager to have the Corporation's lands at Corbally fenced off and advertised for grazing.

WIDOWS' ALMS HOUSES: At the request of Councillor Cusack, it was decided to call the attention of the City Manager to the condition of the Widows' Alms Houses, Nicholas Street, which required to be lime-washed and cleaned up. The yard in front of the houses was also in need of attention.

JANESBORO' HOUSING SCHEME: Councillor Casey stated that the tenants of the Janesboro' Housing Scheme were prevented from crossing the railway line, and consequently the people working at the Docks and in the upper part of the City had to make a long detour to get to their work. He suggested that the footbridge used in O'Connell Street during the Motor Races some years ago be erected over the railway line as a temporary measure until the Corporation are in a position to proceed with the erection of a permanent structure. It was decided that the Acting City Engineer should discuss this suggestion with the officials of the Railway Company.

PROSPECT HOUSING SCHEME: The Mayor and Alderman Bourke called attention to complaints made by tenants of the new houses at Prospect that repairs were not carried out. The Acting City Engineer explained that the maintenance of these houses was still the responsibility of the Contractors. They found difficulty, however, in getting one of the Contractors to carry out repairs and the City Manager had decided that in his case the Corporation would do the repairs themselves at his expense.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: Alderman Reidy requested that Public lamps be erected at Sir Harry's Mall (between Conway's Corner and O'Dwyer Bridge) and outside the old Corporation Depot at Carr Street. The Mayor stated that an additional lamp was required for the new passageway from Ennis Road to Farran-shone, and Councillor Reddan said that an additional lamp was required at Mount Pleasant Avenue.

HOME ASSISTANCE: Councillor Hartney said that he desired to draw attention to the administration of Home Assistance. He had brought to the notice of the City Manager the case of a widow with nine children who had a total income of 37/6d. per week. The City Manager had declined to grant her application for Home Assistance and in a letter sent to him (Councillor Hartney) from the City Home and Hospital, the case was made out that the woman had an income of £2: 15: 6 per week, it being stated in the letter that her son was in receipt of unemployment benefit of 15/- per week. So far as he was aware, the son was not receiving this money, but even if he were the widow could not be expected to maintain herself and her nine children on £2: 15: 0 per week, out of which she has to pay 7/- for rent. It was to be regretted that the Council had no voice in the administration of Home Assistance and there was widespread dissatisfaction amongst the poor.

The Mayor stated that the distribution of Home Assistance did not appear to be satisfactory, and some cases of hardship had also been brought to his notice.

Alderman Reidy stated that some time ago he suggested that a Visiting Committee be appointed for the City Home and Hospital, but the Council were told that they were not legally entitled to appoint such a Committee. He noticed from the public press that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had under consideration the question of amending the Managerial Acts. Pending the passing of such amending legislation he felt that the Council should seek power to appoint the Visiting Committee. He, therefore, proposed, Councillor Hartney, seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to make an Order authorising the Limerick City Council to appoint a Visiting Committee for the City Home and Hospital and which would co-operate with the City Manager in the administration of Home Assistance.

DROWNING FATALITY AT ARTHUR'S QUAY: Alderman Reidy proposed and it was unanimously agreed:-

That the sympathy of the Council be tendered to the parents of the child who was drowned recently at Arthur's Quay.

Alderman Reidy said that this was the fourth drowning tragedy at Arthur's Quay in recent years and something should be done to protect the lives of children frequenting the Quays. The Deputy City Manager pointed out that the Quays

DROWNING FATALITY AT ARTHUR'S QUAY (CONTD):

Were under the control of the Limerick Harbour Board and at his suggestion it was decided on the motion of Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor Cusack, to make representations to the Harbour Board in connection with the matter.

GAS UNDERTAKING: A discussion took place regarding a Resolution passed at the Meeting of the City Council held on 14th September, 1943, calling on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to hold a Sworn Inquiry into the Gas Works, during which the Deputy City Manager stated that the City Manager was seeking Counsel's opinion as to whether the Council had power to pass such a resolution. It could be presumed, therefore, that the City Manager had not yet forwarded the Resolution to the Minister. The City Manager took into consideration that the subject matter under discussion was not a reserved function as it dealt with the staff. He (Deputy City Manager) expressed the opinion at the Council Meeting referred to, in his capacity as City Solicitor, that the Council were entitled to pass the resolution seeking this Inquiry in view of the general debate on the Gas Works that took place and he had not changed his opinion.

Alderman O'Malley, Councillor Hartney and other members protested against the action of the City Manager in not forwarding the resolution to the Minister, and after further discussion, Alderman O'Malley proposed that the resolution be sent immediately to the Minister, but withdraw his motion when the Deputy City Manager pointed out that it could be only passed as a recommendation to the City Manager.

It was proposed by Councillor Hartney, seconded by Councillor Reddan, and unanimously resolved:-

That the Mayor forward a copy of the Resolution passed at the Meeting of the Council on the 14th September, 1943, calling for a Sworn Inquiry into the Gas Works, to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

EMERGENCY BONUS: Alderman Reidy stated that some employees of the Corporation, including Caretakers of Reservoirs, had not got the Emergency Bonus, and the matter was referred to the City Manager for further consideration.

UNIVERSITY CLASSES: At the suggestion of Alderman Reidy, it was decided to ask the City of Limerick Vocational Education Committee to consider the possibility of starting classes to teach University subjects and making arrangements with the Universities to enable pupils attending such classes to obtain extern degrees.

EMPLOYMENT OF PARK RANGERS: Councillor Hartney said he understood that it was the practice to dispense with the services of one of the Park Rangers on the 1st October each year. He suggested that the man's services should be retained all the year round, and the matter was referred to the City Manager.

Confirmed in Council this 12th day of October 1943.

J. M. Quane
CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

2nd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1943.

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen:- J. Carew, D. J. O'Malley, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors:- J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., J. C. Hickey, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, C. V. O'Malley, D. Reddan, and G.E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Solicitor and the City Engineer.

FIRE OUTBREAK: Submitted communications, dated 2nd November, 1943, addressed by Messrs. Dan O'Connor, Ltd., Upper William Street, to His Worship, the Mayor, and to the City Manager thanking them for their sympathy and practical offers of help on the occasion of the recent disastrous fire, and stating that as they have been able to secure alternative storage accommodation they are carrying on business as usual. They availed of the opportunity of recording their appreciation of the courageous efforts of the City Fire Brigade and the Auxiliary Fire Services to combat the fire. The fact that the fire was confined solely to their premises was a tribute to the efficiency and whole-hearted efforts of all those who came to their assistance.

The Mayor said that, on behalf of the Council and the Citizens, he desired to extend sympathy, and at the same time congratulations to Messrs. O'Connor Ltd., and to their Managing Director, Councillor Russell. His sympathy was for the extensive damage caused by the fire, and his congratulations were offered for the fine spirit shown by the Firm in carrying on business as usual and in consequence causing no displacement of labour. Those of them associated with the Trades Union movement highly appreciated that gesture.

Continuing, the Mayor said that he wished too to avail of that opportunity of paying a very deserved tribute to the Auxiliary Fire Service for the great work they put in at the conflagration. In doing so he was not taking away from the credit due to the City Fire Brigade, but the fact remained that were it not for the wonderful services given by the A.F.S. the damage would have been far more extensive. He asked the City Manager to convey his remarks to the members of the City Fire Brigade and Auxiliary Fire Service.

Councillor Russell suitably replied on his own behalf and on behalf of Messrs. D. O'Connor, Ltd.

Replying to Alderman Reidy, and Councillor McGuire, the City Engineer stated that oilskin clothing did not form part of the regular equipment of the Fire Brigade. He was negotiating with the Dublin Fire Brigade for a supply of rubber "slickers".

FIRE OUTBREAK (Ctd.)

The City Manager pointed out that axes and steel helmets were actually at the Fire Station, and could be used by the men if they so desired.

Replying to Alderman O'Malley, the City Engineer said that the water pressure at the fire was satisfactory. A civilian did use a hose to which a nozzle was not fixed and this one hose as a result was deprived of its power until rectified. He was having a detailed report prepared which he would submit at a future meeting.

GAS WORKS: Submitted following communication addressed to his worship, the Mayor:-

"Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House,
Dublin.
16th October, 1943.

A Dhúine Uasail,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of 8th instant transmitting a resolution of the Limerick City Council requesting the Minister to hold a Sworn Inquiry into the Gas Works which the City Manager and Town Clerk failed to submit and in reference thereto I am to enclose, for the information of the City Council, a copy of an explanation received from the City Manager and Town Clerk, together with a copy of the Minister's reply thereto.

I am at the same time to inform you that the Minister has directed that a Sworn Inquiry be held. The date fixed for the holding of the Inquiry will be duly notified to you. The City Council are entitled to be represented at the Inquiry if they wish and for that purpose to appoint a sub-committee to supervise the instructions to their legal representative.

Mise, le meas,

J. HURSON,

Runaidhe.

The Mayor of Limerick,
Limerick."

"Office of the City Manager and Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Limerick.
5th October, 1943.

A Dhúine Uasail,

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant on my return to duty to-day.

At the meeting of the Corporation held on 14th September, 1943, correspondence was submitted from the Gas Engineer to the Mayor (copy enclosed). After a lengthy discussion on the correspondence the following Resolution was passed:-

"That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to hold a sworn inquiry into the Gas Works."

As the whole ground of the discussion dealt with the relations existing between the City Manager and the Gas Engineer I felt that by acting on this Resolution I would render nugatory the section of the Act dealing with officials, and as Section 20 sub-section 5(b) renders such a Resolution void and of no effect I decided to seek Counsel's opinion before acting on the Resolution, and I delayed forwarding the Resolution until I had received Counsel's opinion. I received the opinion this morning and am enclosing copy for the Minister's information. Before making a decision to obtain Counsel's opinion I discussed the whole position with the Mayor,

Mise, le meas,
(Sgd.) James J. Berkery,
City Manager.

The Secretary,
Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House,
Dublin."

"16th October, 1943.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th instant in reply to his request for an explanation of your failure to transmit to him a resolution passed by the Limerick City Council on the 14th September, 1943, requesting that a sworn inquiry be held into the Limerick Gas Works. The Minister does not consider the explanation satisfactory. It is not the function of an officer of a local authority to withhold any representations the elected representatives may desire to bring before the Minister by resolution. It is for the Minister upon consideration of any such resolution to decide whether action is to be taken by him or not. He accordingly requires that resolutions from the Council addressed to him be submitted promptly to the Department.

Your decision to seek legal opinion in the case in question has led to unnecessary expense being incurred by the Corporation, and the amount thereof must be the subject of special review at audit.

Mise, le meas,
J. HURSON,
Runaidhe.

J. J. Berkery, Esq.,
City Manager & Town Clerk,
Limerick.

Alderman O'Malley asked if the City Solicitor would represent the Council or the City Manager at the proposed Inquiry. Personally he thought the City Solicitor should represent the Council, and he asked for a statement as to the procedure to be followed.

The City Solicitor said that the City Manager had intimated to him that he would require his services. It was stated in the letter from the Minister that the Council could be represented at the Inquiry and for that purpose legal assistance could be obtained. He found himself in the position that the City Manager required his services for the Inquiry, and it would not be satisfactory if he were at the same time to brief Counsel for the City Council. It might be better for the Council to engage another Solicitor. It was a matter for the Council to decide.

They asked the Minister to hold a Sworn Inquiry on the grounds that they were not satisfied with the condition of things at the Gas Works - that they were not being properly looked after. He assumed the Council would have some reasons to submit. As an official he was required to represent the City Manager at the Inquiry.

Continuing, the City Solicitor said that at the Meeting at which the resolution calling for the Sworn Inquiry was passed certain statements were made to the effect that the relations between the City Manager and the Gas Engineer were unsatisfactory and he presumed that members would have something to say to the Inspector at the Inquiry. The City Manager had told him that he presumed his administration was to be enquired into and that his position will be that he will support his administration wherever necessary. If the Council considered the position at the Gas Works unsatisfactory they may have a point of view contrary to that. If that be the case the Council would require to be legally represented at the Inquiry as if there was a conflict of evidence they could have the Council on one side and the City Manager on the other. He (the City Solicitor) could not represent both sides in these circumstances.

Councillor Keyes said that the first thing they had to decide was would the Council be legally represented at the Inquiry. He took it that they should be represented, but there was no need to go to the expense of engaging Senior Counsel. They could be adequately represented by the City Solicitor. A dispute existed between officials and the Council having failed to adjust the differences decided to call for a Sworn Inquiry, in order to clarify conditions at the Gas Works and to bring about, if possible, more harmonious relations in the interest of the citizens as a whole. Generally speaking these were the reasons that actuated the Council in calling for the Inquiry. He thought up to now that the Council would have the services of the City Solicitor who would merely be required to hold a watching brief for the Council. He wanted to express his disappointment at the Council being deprived of the services of the City Solicitor when in his opinion they should have first claim on such services.

Alderman Reidy expressed the view that the City Solicitor could act in a dual capacity inasmuch as the Council had no evidence to submit. Some months ago a report was submitted to them as to an unsatisfactory condition of things at the Gas Works. A sub-Committee was appointed to investigate the matter. They held some conferences and reported back to the Council that their intervention was unsuccessful. After that the Council took no part in what took place but recently matters were brought to a head by correspondence read at a Meeting of the Council from the Gas Engineer. It was arising out of that correspondence that the Council asked for the Sworn Inquiry. So far as the Council were concerned they were much in the same position as the "man in the street". That was the only evidence they could tender. They knew nothing about the working of the Gas Concern which was a function of the City Manager.

Councillor Russell said that some of the members of the sub-Committee referred to by Alderman Reidy might care to give evidence at the Inquiry, and in that event there might possibly be a conflict of interests. If the City Solicitor could not represent the Council then they should get independent legal aid. There was no guarantee that there would not be a conflict of interests at the Inquiry and therefore the Council should be separately represented.

GAS WORKS (Ctd.)

The Mayor said he was a member of the sub-Committee and his attitude was that he would not volunteer to give evidence unless he was called by either side. Any legal representative the Council will have at the Inquiry would merely hold a watching brief and as the City Solicitor was conversant with the whole business he could act in a dual capacity. It would only make matters more difficult if they were to engage another solicitor.

Councillor Reddan said that the City Manager would be acting for the Corporation at the Inquiry as part of his work. He was not prepared to agree that there would be a conflict of interest as between the Corporation and the City Manager. There was a common interest - the better working of the Gas Concern. The City Solicitor had suggested that the Council might submit evidence. That was not the proper function of the Council. The issue was one between the City Manager and the Gas Engineer and the Council was not in the position of accuser.

Alderman Carew said that the Council had formulated no charge either against the City Manager or the Gas Engineer. He did not see why they should come in at this stage and be represented at the Inquiry. The Council were not satisfied with conditions at the Gas Works and by a majority vote asked for an Inquiry. What was to follow was entirely a matter for the City Manager and the Gas Engineer. There was no need for the Council to engage Counsel to represent them at the Inquiry. He did not see what evidence they had to give.

Councillor McGuire said that as the elected representatives of the Citizens they called for a Sworn Inquiry. They were not for or against any one, but there were three interests involved - the Citizens, the City Manager and the Gas Engineer. They could not put any two of these interests together for if they were to do so they would be ranged against the third. Therefore, the Council should be properly and legally represented at the Inquiry. He was surprised to learn that they had not first claim on the services of the City Solicitor but since they had not they should get outside legal aid.

Councillor Donnellan said that he too was disappointed that the Council could not have the services of the City Solicitor but since they could not it would be placing him in a very awkward position to ask him to act in a dual capacity. The Council should have independent legal representation if they

Answering Councillor Casey who asked him if he could act for both the Council and the City Manager at the Inquiry the City Solicitor said that it was pointed out in the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that the Council were entitled to be represented at the Inquiry if they wished and for that purpose to appoint a sub-Committee to supervise the instructions to their legal representative. If the Council merely instructed him to appear for them formally to say why the Council asked for the Inquiry and to leave the matters at issue to the Inspector he could do so, but if there were a clash of interests requiring cross-examination of witnesses as between the Council and the City Manager he would be placed in a very embarrassing position.

Replying to Alderman O'Malley who asked could individuals go before the Inquiry without any legal representative and ask questions, the City Solicitor said that at the Inquiry would be a public one individuals would be entitled, without legal representation, to come forward, give evidence and ask questions.

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GAS WORKS (Ctd.)

Councillor O'Malley said that it was desired that the Council being specially represented at the Inquiry as in that event it might appear that they were critical of the City Manager or any one else. They had reasons to believe that conditions at the Gas Works were unsatisfactory and that the position had become so delicate that a Sworn Inquiry was necessary. In calling for the Inquiry the Council did not assail the administration of the City Manager or make any charges against the Gas Engineer.

He, therefore, proposed and Alderman Reidy seconded the following resolution:-

That other than by an opening formal statement to be made by the City Solicitor to indicate why the Council asked the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to hold the Inquiry the Council be not further legally represented at the Inquiry.

As an amendment Councillor McGuire proposed, and Councillor Russell seconded:-

That the Council be fully and legally represented at the Inquiry and that for that purpose independent legal aid be engaged.

A Poll was taken and the voting resulted as follows:-

For the Amendment: Alderman O'Malley, Councillors Cusack, Donnellan, McGuire, Reddan and Russell (6).

Against: His Worship, the Mayor, Alderman Carew, and Reidy; Councillors Casey, Hickey, Keyes, and O'Malley (7).

The Mayor accordingly declared the amendment lost, and the resolution carried by the same voting no further poll having been demanded.

NEW CITY AND COUNTY OFFICES: Submitted following report:-

"Office of the City Manager and Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Limerick.
2nd November, 1943.

Gentlemen,

I have been in communication with the County Manager relative to the continuance of the development works at Strand House during the winter months. Changes have been made by the Architects in the plans of the building and he suggests holding a meeting of the Joint Committee dealing with this matter in about two weeks time. At that date he will be in a position to give the Committee particulars of the expenditure to date, the cost of erecting new lodge and the necessary development required to prepare the land for the buildings to be erected thereon.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES J. BERRERY,
City Manager.

To/ The Members of the City Council".

Noted.

SALE OF "GLEEVILLE", FARRANSHORE: Submitted following report:

SALE OF "GLENVILLE", FARRANSHONE (Std.)

"Office of the City Manager & Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

Gentlemen,

I beg to report that in December, 1935, the Corporation advanced a loan of £499; 10; 0 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in respect of a house known as "Glenville", Farranshone. In March, 1939, the Corporation had to take up possession of the house as the person to whom the loan was advanced failed to repay the instalments of principal and interest. It was found impossible to sell the house subject to the loan, and it was, therefore, decided to let the house at a weekly rent of 16/- per week plus rates.

The present tenant, Mr. Tadhg Small, has offered to purchase the house from the Corporation. Mr. L. de Courcy, Auctioneer, inspected the house on his behalf and fixed the market value at £475, and at the same time called attention to certain defects in the house. Mr. John Raleigh, Building Contractor estimated that it would cost £30 to £40 to put the house in habitable order. The City Engineer estimated the market value at £550 and agreed that the estimate of Mr. Raleigh to put the house in complete repair was reasonable.

I got Mr. A. J. Sexton, Auctioneer, to make an independent valuation for the Corporation and he placed the market value of the house at £550.

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I have, decided, therefore, to sell the house to Mr. Small for the sum of £550 but to allow off the purchase money the sum of £40 which Mr. Small will have to expend on repairs.

The City Solicitor advises that the Council should approve of my proposal and I, therefore, submit it for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES J. BERKERY
City Manager and Town Clerk.

To/The Rt. Worshipful, the Mayor,
and members of the City Council".

It was proposed by Councillor Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Hickey, and resolved:-

That the proposal in the City Manager's report now read for the sale of the dwellinghouse known as "Glenville", Farranshone be and is hereby approved.

ART GALLERY: The City Manager reported that following a consultation he had with the Architectural Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health he had appointed Mr. Lucius O'Callaghan, F.R.I.A.I., R.H.A., as Consulting Architect in connection with the proposed addition to the City Library to form an Art Gallery. Noted.

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NATIONAL A. R. F. COMPETITIONS: Submitted communication, dated 29th October, 1943, from the Department of Defence giving the official results of the National A.R.F. Competitions held in Dublin on 17th October at which Auxiliary Fire Service and Casualty teams from Limerick City competed. The A.R.S. team secured second place and the Casualty team acquitted themselves very creditably.

NATIONAL A.F.S. COMPETITIONS (Ctd.)

In proposing a resolution that the congratulations of the Council be extended to the teams which was seconded by His Worship, the Mayor, and passed unanimously Councillor McGuire said that he believed if the oral examination for the A.F.S. Competition had been more comprehensive Limerick would have secured first place. In the local eliminating contest each man was asked about forty questions over a period of 30 minutes. In Dublin only four questions were asked. He suggested that in the interest of future National Competitions the oral examination should be more comprehensive.

HOUSING:

PENNYWELL (KILLALEE) SCHEME: Submitted communication dated 25th October, 1943, from the Secretary, Limerick County Council stating that it was unanimously decided at a Meeting of his Council held on 23rd October, not to accede to the request of the Corporation for permission to build houses outside the Borough Boundary.

The City Manager stated he had asked the City Engineer to furnish him with a report as to the effect the decision of the County Council would have on the Scheme. When he received this report he would take the matter up with the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

PALMERSTOWN HOUSING SCHEME: The City Engineer said that, as the members were already aware, Mr. Scott, Engineering Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health was to have a final discussion with the Town Planning Consultant on the plans for this Scheme.

CLANCY'S STRAND HOUSING SCHEME: The City Engineer reported that the revised plans for this Scheme were completed and would be forwarded for approval to the Department of Local Government and Public Health immediately.

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CAREY'S ROAD HOUSING SCHEME: The City Engineer reported that his staff were still working on the plans for this Scheme, and they would be forwarded to the Department for approval as soon as possible.

JANESBORO' HOUSING SCHEME: Councillor Reddan again called attention to the objectionable practice of dumping refuse adjacent to the Janesboro' Housing Scheme, and the City Manager stated that he would issue instructions to the Corporation employees to stop it.

LANDS AT CORBALLY: Alderman O'Malley again called attention to the trespass on the Corporation lands at Corbally, and stated that the watchman on duty made no effort to stop it.

The City Engineer said he estimated it would cost £800 to fence off the lands and he did not think the expenditure would be justified having regard to the letting value of the lands.

The City Manager said he would have the lands inspected to ascertain if they would be suitable for allotments.

ISLAND EMBANKMENT: At the request of Alderman Reidy, the City Manager undertook to consider a suggestion that a Caretaker be re-appointed to prevent trespass of animals on the Island Embankment.

DANGEROUS HOUSES: Councillor Keyes called attention to Notices served by the Corporation on certain persons warning them that their houses were dangerous and advising them to secure alternative accommodation. He thought it was not sufficient to condemn the houses as unfit for human habitation; they should also provide alternative accommodation. At his suggestion it was agreed to hold a special Meeting of the General Purposes Committee on Monday, 8th November, 1943, at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to consider the matter.

BLIND WELFARE SCHEME: The City Manager undertook, at the request of Councillor Keyes, to consider a suggestion that vouchers for turf be issued to persons in receipt of allowances under the Blind Welfare Scheme.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: At the request of Alderman Carew the City Manager undertook to make representations to the Electricity Supply Board to have public lamps lighted outside St. Michael's Church; and in Chapel Lane, and in laneway at back of William Street.

GAS UNDERTAKING: The City Manager submitted communication dated 29th October, 1943, from the Great Southern Railways Company setting out proposals for the capital reconstruction of the Company. The Gas Undertaking held £136 of 4% Preference Stock and £350 of 4% Guaranteed Preference Stock and it would be necessary for the Council as Stockholders to inform the Company whether they approved of the Scheme of reconstruction proposed.

On the motion of Councillor Russell seconded by Councillor Donnellan it was decided to approve of the Capital reconstruction Scheme drafted by the Great Southern Railways Company.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Councillor Donnellan, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. Arthur McNeice, O'Connell Avenue, on the death of his wife, and to Mr. E. Fitzgibbon, Thomas Street, on the death of his son.

It was proposed by Councillor Cusack, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the family of the late Mr. H. Taylor, Bedford Row.

Confirmed in Council this 9 day of November 1943.

Jams M'Duane
CHAIRMAN.

As decided at Meeting held on 2nd November, 1943, a Special Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Monday,

8th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1943,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m. the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. H. Keyes, T.D., and M. W. McGuire.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Solicitor, the City Engineer, Mr. M. Finan, B.E., City Engineer's Department, and Mr. M. F. Donnellan, Secretary, Water and Public Health Department.

HOUSING: The Mayor explained that at the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 2nd November, 1943, it was decided to hold a special Meeting to consider the provision of alternative accommodation for persons living in dangerous dwellings on whom the Corporation had served Notices warning them that their houses were in danger of collapse, and advising them to secure alternative accommodation.

Submitted following report:-

"8th November, 1943.

I have now looked into the general question of dangerous houses throughout the City, and find that in all there are approximately 111 houses, which could be stated to be unsafe, from one cause or another, and the number of families at present housed in these is 108. Some of the families from such houses have already been re-housed in the various Corporation Schemes, and the houses closed up, which explain the fact that the number of families would appear to bear no relation to the number of houses. I attach a list giving the locations of these unsafe houses together with the number of families concerned.

It is very difficult at the present time to suggest an immediate remedy for this state of affairs. In fact, there is, in my opinion, no immediate remedy. It was previously proposed by the Council, of course, that all empty houses in the City be taken over and used for the purpose of re-housing such families as were thought to be in danger, but I already reported on this suggestion on the 10th August last, and they decided to abandon the idea.

I would now suggest, however, that all Corporation houses which become vacant be re-occupied by families from dangerous houses. This is actually being carried out at present and should be continued. The rate of progress by

this means, however is slow, and cannot be regarded as providing a remedy.

I also propose that the Palmerstown Housing Scheme, when completed, be allocated to the re-housing of families from dangerous houses.

In addition, I could also suggest that a number of cheap single-storey houses be built on the most economical lines, and possessing the minimum of accommodation but the difficulty here would be to procure a suitable site. There is, to my knowledge, no site within the confines of the City which would accommodate 50 to 100 such cottages, and it would be necessary, therefore, to purchase a site outside the city boundary but even there the choice would be limited. If such proposal were feasible, my suggestion is that such cottages be used of course only to shelter families until such time as suitable houses would be available for them. Further, if such a Scheme were carried out, a definite period should be set for the life of the scheme, and at the end of that period the cottages should be demolished as they would be merely a temporary expedient, and would not be suitable for permanent housing.

Should this proposal be adopted, it would be necessary to obtain the permission of the County Council to our building outside the boundary.

C. Stenson,
City Engineer."

LIST OF DANGEROUS HOUSES.

Street	No. of Houses	No. of families.
Seymour's Lane	12	14
Castle Street	1	1
Farnell Street	3	4
Boherbuoy	1	2
Parker's Range	15	16
Meat Market, etc.	24	25 (1 house closed)
Josses Lane	15	15 (2 houses closed)
O'Keeffe's Lane	6	6 (2 houses closed)
William's Lane	8	9
Arthur's Quay	2	6
Ball Alley, Garryowen	3	1 (2 houses closed)
Athlunkard St.	1	Closed
Castle Street	1	1
Clancy's Lane, off Francis St.	4	2 (3 houses closed)
Jack the Lad's Lane	1	Closed
Mill Road	1	1
Mungret Street	3	6 (2 houses closed)
Pike's Bow	1	1
Old Thomas Street	1	Closed
Welsh's Lane, Edward St.	1	Closed
Wolfe Tone St.	1	1
Upr. William Street	2	5
TOTAL	111	108

The City Solicitor pointed out that in the case of isolated houses the Corporation could deal with them by way of a Demolition Order under Section 23 of the Housing Act, 1931. Where, however, there were a number of houses together unfit for habitation, such as in Francis Street and Arthur's Quay, the legal way to deal with them was to frame a Clearance Order, and to do that the Corporation must be in a position to re-house the families. In the case of a Demolition Order for an individual house there was no legal obligation on the Corporation to re-house.

Alderman Reidy said that the City Engineer's Report disclosed that there were 111 houses which could be considered unsafe for human habitation, and the proper way to tackle the problem was to proceed with building at once. Plans had gone up to the Department for some time and sanction was long overdue. Serious as was the position disclosed by the City Engineer's report he did not think it covered all the dangerous houses in the City. He referred particularly to houses in Chapel Lane near St. Patrick's Church. There was ample space available within the City boundary for building and he called particular attention to the sites at St. Francis Abbey and Crosby Row.

Councillor Keyes said that the Corporation had a responsibility for re-housing persons living in dangerous houses, and that responsibility should not begin or end by merely having the houses condemned and serving Notices on the tenants to secure alternative accommodation themselves. There were a number of houses in the City untenanted and unused, and they should be utilised for re-housing. He called attention particularly to the Ordnance House, Mulgrave Street, which was unoccupied and would be very suitable for re-housing.

The City Engineer said that he would be in Dublin during the coming week when he could avail of the opportunity to discuss his suggestion for the erection of cheap single storey houses with the Officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Councillor Casey thought that the delay which would occur in acquiring and adapting untenanted houses would justify the adoption of the suggestion put forward by the City Engineer.

The City Manager said that a start could be made by erecting 40 temporary three-roomed huts at Prospect to accommodate people living in houses which in the opinion of the City Engineer were in danger of collapse, and after some further discussion it was decided on the motion of Councillor Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Keyes:-

That the City Manager be authorised to proceed with the necessary arrangements for the erection of 40 temporary huts at Prospect, and that the City Engineer discuss the matter with the Officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health during his visit to Dublin.

The City Engineer said that it should be clearly understood that this was only a temporary measure and that when the emergency passes and normal building could be proceeded with the huts should be demolished. The Committee agreed with this view.

Confirmed in Council this 5th day of December 1943.

J. A. O'Quinn

CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

9th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1943,

at 9.45 o'clock p.m. the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew, D. J. O'Malley, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

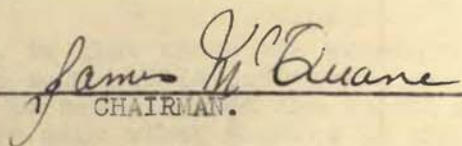
Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Hartney, J. C. Hickey, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, C. V. O'Malley, D. Reddan, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer and the City Solicitor.

TENDERS FOR EXTERNAL PAINTING AT THE CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL: In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council, 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:-

No. of Tender.	Name and Address of Person Tendering.	Amount of Tender.
1.	Mr. J. W. Allen, Corbally, Limerick	£265: 0: 3
2.	Messrs. M. Daly & Sons, Lr. Cecil Street, Limerick.	£336:12: 1
3.	Messrs. J. McNamara and Son, Bedford Row, Limerick.	£403: 0: 0
4.	Messrs. E. Nealon & Sons, 6 O'Curry Place, Limerick.	£394: 0: 0

Confirmed in Council this 5th day of December 1943.


CHAIRMAN.

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

25th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1943.

at 7.30 o'clock p.m. the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor.

Alderman: J. Carew.

Councillors: P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Hartney, M. W. McGuire, C. V. O'Malley, D. Reddan, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

CITY LIBRARY: Submitted following report:-

"6th November, 1943.

Further to Councillor Cusack's complaint at the last Council meeting regarding the lighting of the Newsroom in the Library, I beg to submit the following report for the next Council Meeting.

The room is lit by three central lamps with large power bulbs and were it not for the slight shadow cast by the reader on the paper in front of him, this in itself would be sufficient lighting for the room. To get over the shadow, each newspaper is lit by a wall-bracket lamp in front of it. There are fifteen of these in the room. Three of these have been maliciously torn from the walls and nine of the lamp-shades have been broken. None of these damages could have been done accidentally. In addition, the lamps in the wall-brackets are continually being stolen. Normally I keep a lamp in every bracket and whenever the room is badly lit from lack of lamps in the wall-brackets, the readers have only themselves to blame in allowing these damages and thefts to be committed.

Councillor Cusack was kind enough to come to me some months ago about the matter and he suggested that a patent-locking device be provided for the lamps. I had experience of the use of a similar device in one of the Dublin Librarias and found that we were left with even more broken lamps than had been formerly stolen. This resulted from the fact that any attempt to extract the lamp broke it and this was often done maliciously when the thief found he could not steal them.

The obvious remedy is that those who complain of the bad lighting should use some public spirit and prevent the damages and thefts. I am certain that the latter are committed when there are many other readers in the room, but never once has a theft or a damage been reported to me or my assistants so that action could be taken against the culprit.

If I immediately replace each lamp as it is stolen, the new lamps will be stolen just as quickly and the matter will become farcical. Therefore, the policy I adopt is to

leave any bracket from which a lamp has been stolen, empty for a few months. In this way I hope to bring the readers to a sense of their own responsibility in the matter, and, in order that they may read in comfort, to compel them to stop the damage and thieving.

R. Herbert,
City Librarian."

Councillor McGuire said that the report was a very serious reflection on the persons using the Reading Room and the effort should be spared to put a stop to vandalism of this nature.

Councillor Cusack said that whilst he agreed with the views expressed by Councillor McGuire he thought that the City Librarian and his Assistants should be able by act of supervision to put a stop to the practices complained of.

Councillor O'Malley said that the only thing the Corporation could do was to display Notices stating that the lighting system could not be improved so long as some readers continued to misappropriate bulbs.

After further discussion it was decided that the City Manager should arrange for Notices to be displayed in the Reading Room, City Library, asking readers to co-operate with the City Librarian and staff in preventing damage to and pilfering of lamps. It was also agreed that the City Manager should discuss with the City Librarian the possibility of improving the supervision over the Reading Room.

ARTHUR'S QUAY RECLAMATION PROJECT: Submitted communication, dated 2nd November, 1943, from the Secretary to the Limerick Harbour Commissioners stating that at a Meeting of his Board held on 1st November, 1943, the following report was read from the Harbour Engineer when it was decided to appoint a deputation to discuss it with the City Manager:-

"In reference to the erection of some protection of Arthur's and Honan's Quays to prevent accidents to children, I am of opinion that no other than a wall too high for them to climb would prevent accidents. If a wall such as is built along the Abbey River would be erected it would prevent the smaller children only from climbing over. I estimate the cost of erection of such a wall 4' high, in concrete, for both Arthur's and Honan's quays would be £1,041.

No vessel in my recollection has berthed in Arthur's Quay in twenty (20) years and none at Honan's Quay for at least fifteen (15) years and it is unlikely that these quays will ever again be used by shipping. I would suggest that the building of a Quay wall from McGuire's Quay to the corner of Honan's Quay, and filling in, would not only prevent accidents and abate the present nuisance of dumping rubbish and sewage at the present quays, but also reclaim a large area which would be of great value as a building site or even a part in the heart of the City. Such a site would be triangular in shape about 470' long and 400' wide at the base and would contain approximately 2 acres. The reclaimed site while not being suitable for the purposes of the Commissioners might be of great value to the Corporation especially when taken in conjunction with the New Town Planning Scheme.

T. F. O'Sullivan, B.E., M.I.C.E.I.
Harbour Engineer."

Submitted also communication, dated 15th November, 1943, from the Limerick Citizens' and Ratepayers' Society stating that at the last monthly Meeting the Arthur's Quay reclamation project was discussed and it was decided to appoint a deputation to wait on the City Manager in reference to the matter.

The Mayor said that the City Manager was anxious that the Committee would appoint a few members to represent the Council when he met the deputations referred to in the correspondence.

The City Manager said that it had been suggested that the lands proposed to be reclaimed at Arthur's Quay could be used for the erection of the proposed new Municipal Buildings and he thought it well, therefore, to submit for the information of the Committee the following copy of a report prepared by Mr. P. J. Meghen, County Manager, and which had been circulated amongst the members of the Limerick County Council for discussion at their Meeting on 27th November, 1943:-

"82 O'Connell Street,
Limerick.
Nov., 24th. '43.

To/The Chairman & Members
of the Limerick Co. Council.

Proposed County and City Offices.

A Chara,

I consider it advisable to place before you a report on the acquisition of the site for the proposed County and City Offices.

Prior to my appointment, the County Council and the City Council had decided to accept Mr. Stephen O'Mara's offer of a site at Strand House, Limerick. Mr. O'Mara pointed out that he would require a new residence to be built as the existing Strand House would be shut off from light or air by the new civic buildings. After consideration by a special Joint Committee of the County Council and Corporation, the proposal was agreed to by the County Council at their Meeting on the 13th November, 1937. Subsequently, Mr. P. J. Sheahan was appointed Architect for the scheme and proceeded with the preparation of a draft scheme and estimate. His proposals were forwarded to the Department and a letter was received from the Department on the 4th April, 1940, Ref: L.2855/1/40 indicating the Minister's views on the question of financing the scheme. A suggestion was made that the Court Houses should be proceeded with separately and the Council directed that separate estimate be prepared.

I cannot trace any further action by the Council and I presume owing to war conditions, no steps were taken. On my arrival in Limerick, I was pressed to take action because the Court Houses were unsatisfactory and constant complaints were coming from the Judges and County Registrar. Although new buildings were out of the question, I thought that it would be better to acquire the site legally and to erect suitable boundary walls. When I went into this question, I thought that it would be better to make a cash settlement with Mr. O'Mara, if possible, rather than undertake the erection of a new

dwelling to suit his design. After some negotiations, he agreed to sell the $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres required, for £3,000, provided the County Council erected a new gate entrance and lodge for him as well. This offer was placed before the Co. Council at their meeting of the 26th September, 1942, and approved by them. The Limerick Corporation agreed to pay one-half the cost of the site and to contribute their proportion of the development and building costs. The Architect suggested later that an additional half an acre would be required in order to enable him to plan the building properly. The Council and the Corporation agreed to this but at a later date the Architect went into the whole matter with the Consulting Architect and they decided to re-design the buildings so as to fit them on the original site of $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres. I have since arranged for the completion of the purchase of the site, paying £3,000 from the County Council funds.

I directed the architect to obtain tenders for the works to be done for Mr. O'Mara but as the tenders were far too high, the County Surveyor undertook portion of the work by direct labour and a contract was entered into for the balance. I estimate that the total cost of the site will be £5,000. I consider the County Council should meet their portion out of revenue over the next three or four years.

In the interval I am taking up the question of finance with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. It will probably be necessary for the Minister to hold an inquiry into the proposed loan but I am not sure what procedure will be adopted at present. I may state that I believe it will be possible to maintain the old Court House in a reasonable condition until the end of the emergency. Temporary repairs have been effected and some improvements made in the heating arrangements. While the position is far from ideal, I believe that the Circuit Court Judge and the County Registrar appreciate the Council's difficulties and will manage with their present accommodation until the new building is possible.

In my opinion, therefore, it will be more economical to face the total cost for the complete scheme and to see what arrangements may be made to meet it. Under the County Management Act it will be possible to group all the County Council staff at one point and additional accommodation must be provided for this move. It is also proposed to group the Government offices now located at various points in Limerick City and to request the Board of Works to agree to a reasonable annual rent to cover the additional cost.

The last estimate made by the Architect was for £147,317 or practically £150,000. This was to be divided approximately in the proportion of £90,000 to the County and £60,000 to the City.

I am sending a copy of this report to the City Manager for the information of the Corporation. It will probably be necessary to consider the question of finance very carefully and as it is unlikely that the main buildings could be started for some years, there is ample time for considering the whole question carefully.

Mise, le meas,
F. J. HUGHEN
County Manager."

In reply to Councillor O'Malley the City Manager stated that he believed the Council were committed to the proposed scheme for the erection of new County and City Offices on the Strand House site, but he would not like to give a definite opinion until he had an opportunity of going into the matter fully with the City Solicitor.

After a general discussion it was decided that the City Manager after consultation with the City Solicitor, should submit a report at the next Meeting of the Council as to whether the Corporation was definitely committed to the Strand House site for the erection of the new Municipal Buildings, and that at the same meeting the City Engineer should submit a report as to the suitability of Arthur's Quay as an alternative site. The appointment of some members to represent the Council when the City Manager is meeting the deputations from the Limerick Harbour Board and the Limerick Citizens' and Ratepayers' Society was adjourned until the reports have been received and discussed.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: During a general discussion on public lighting Councillor McGuire and other members expressed the view that the hours of lighting were too long and if they could be reduced extra public lamps could be lighted without increasing the consumption of electricity. The City Manager was asked to discuss this aspect of the matter with the District Engineer of the Electricity Supply Board.

The City Manager was asked to make representations to the Electricity Supply Board to have additional public lighting provided at the following places:-

Crosby Row, Passageway between O'Connell Avenue and Prospect, The Paddocks, off St. Joseph Street, Roadway leading from High Road, Thomondgate to the Killeely Housing Scheme, Cul-de-sac off Shannon Street, Castle Street (on plot of ground adjoining Castle Barracks).

MERCHANT'S QUAY: Councillor Donnellan called attention to the need for providing a protecting wall at Merchant's Quay and the matter was referred to the City Engineer for report.

CLEANSING OF STREETS: Councillor Russell called attention to the dirty condition of the Streets and also referred to the need for carrying out repairs to Thomas Street. Attention was also called to the dangerous condition of the kerbside in O'Connell Street at the corner of Thomas Street by Councillor Donnellan, and the condition of Parnell Street by Councillor O'Malley. These matters were referred to the City Engineer for attention.

REFUND OF TENANT'S ARREARS: Councillor Hartney inquired if the City Manager had yet refunded monies collected from tenants of Corporation houses in respect of arrears accrued by outgoing tenants in accordance with the decision come to by the Council some time ago.

The City Manager said that he had not yet got the permission of the Department of Local Government and Public Health to make these refunds, but he would write again in connection with the matter.

HOUSING: Councillor Russell said that at a Meeting held on 27th July, 1943, the City Manager submitted a comprehensive and interesting report on the housing position

and at his request it was agreed that the City Manager should prepare a report on similar lines for the next Meeting.

LIMERICK CORPORATION STOCK: The Mayor mentioned that the Stock Certificates in connection with the issue of Limerick Corporation $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ Redeemable Stock 1956/72 had been prepared and submitted for signature by the City Manager and himself. It would be necessary to have the Corporate Seal affixed to each Certificate and at his request it was proposed by Councillor Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Cusack, and resolved:-

That authority be and the same is hereby granted to the affixing of the Corporate Seal to the Stock Certificates to be issued in connection with the Limerick Corporation $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ Redeemable Stock 1956/72.

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The Mayor mentioned that the next monthly Meeting of the Council was fixed for 14th December, 1943, but as the local inquiry into the Gas Works would open on that day he thought it would not be suitable to hold a meeting. At his suggestion, therefore, it was decided on the motion of Councillor Reddan, seconded by Councillor O'Malley to hold the next Meeting of the Council on Monday, 6th December, 1943, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Councillor Hartney, seconded by Councillor McGuire, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. T. E. O'Donnell, Solicitor, Ennis Road, on the death of his wife, and that copies of the Resolution be also sent to the late Mrs. O'Donnell's mother (Mrs. J. Roberts) and to her brother (Dr. M. Roberts).

It was proposed by Councillor Donnellan, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. J. Gleeson, Clancy's Strand, on the death of her husband, and to Mr. J. Kenny, Ennis Road, on the death of his son.

It was proposed by Councillor Hartney, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. T. Kilbridge, Donnellan's Buildings, Prospect, on the death of her husband.

It was proposed by Councillor Cusack, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. P. Nihill, Mill Road, Corbally, on the death of his father.

Confirmed in Council this 5th day of December 1943.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on

29th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1943,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer and the City Solicitor.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th May, 1943, were read and confirmed.

As arranged at the last Meeting the City Engineer, with the aid of a large scale map, explained for the information of the members the main proposals in the Town Planning Consultant's Report.

A general discussion followed in the course of which Councillor Keyes said he could see no useful purpose in the proposal to widen Charlotte Quay.

Councillor Cusack expressed the opinion that the Strand Barracks, which was in the centre of a good class residential locality, was unsuitable for use as a Corporation Depot and considered the site off Charlotte Quay for such a Depot as suggested by the Town Planning Consultant much more suitable.

Alderman Reidy referring to the proposal to give access to the Michael Street and Watergate area from William Street by the construction of a new roadway and the widening of existing roadways said that very valuable property would have to be acquired and he doubted the wisdom or necessity for the proposal. If it was considered necessary to adopt the Town Planning Consultant's proposal he suggested using the right instead of the left-hand side of Todd's Bow for widening as in that way much less valuable property would have to be acquired. Taking the Report as a whole he considered that the main question at issue was whether cleared sites in the centre of the City should be used for industrial or housing development. He favoured the latter course as he did not agree in building houses too far away from the centres of employment.

Councillor O'Malley said that with modern transport and roads there could be no objection to having Housing Schemes on the outskirts of the City where the best sites were available in ideal surroundings. The centre of the City should as far as possible be reserved for industrial development and shopping centres.

After a further general discussion the Meeting adjourned and it was agreed that the Mayor would fix the date of the next Meeting.

Confirmed in COUNCIL this 16th day of Aug 1944.

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James Reidy
CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Special Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Friday,

3rd DAY OF DECEMBER, 1943,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen:- D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Garew.

Councillors:- P. Cusack, P.C., C. V. O'Malley, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present:- The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, City Solicitor, and City Engineer.

Mr. M. J. Scott, B.E., Engineering Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and Mr. Manning Robertson, F.R.I.B.A., M.R.I.A.I., Town Planning Consultant were also present.

TOWN PLANNING: Mr. Manning Robertson gave a short talk, with the aid of Maps, on his Town Planning Report, and explained the main proposals contained therein. He said he would like to have an opportunity of explaining in detail, with the aid of lantern slides, the recommendations contained in his Report.

It was agreed that Mr. Manning Robertson should come to Limerick early in the new year, and give a lecture on his Report, with the aid of lantern slides.

HOUSING: Mr. Scott said that the Corporation had submitted draft plans for the Carey's Road, Palmerstown and Clancy's Strand Housing Schemes to the Department of Local Government and Public Health. He had discussed the plans with the Town Planning Consultant and the City Engineer, and had visited the proposed sites. He submitted revised lay-out plans, and made the following suggestions for discussion by the Committee:-

CAREY'S ROAD SCHEME: In order to develop this site properly it would be necessary to acquire the houses left standing on Boherbuoy, Lord Edward Street, and Carey's Road. By reason of the fact that the new arterial road from the Prospect Housing Scheme would run through this site and join up with Parnell Street at the Railway Station the Carey's Road Housing Scheme called for special treatment. It was a very fine housing site and in his opinion should not be used for houses of the "uneconomic" type. The excellent potential housing site adjacent to the Prospect Scheme could be used for the erection of houses of the "uneconomic" type but this would mean going outside the borough boundary.

After discussion, it was decided on the motion of Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Russell to hold a special meeting of the Committee on Tuesday, 14th December, 1943, to discuss the Carey's Road Housing Scheme, and the City Manager was asked to make the necessary arrangements for the attendance of Mr. Scott, and Mr. Robertson at the Meeting.

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CLANCY'S STRAND HOUSING SCHEME: Mr. Scott said that this Scheme was adjacent to St. Munchin's Church, the Treaty Stone, and the Castle Barracks. It therefore called for special treatment, and he did not think it desirable that the ordinary "uneconomic" type of house should be erected there. He had, therefore, recommended to the City Manager that an Architect be employed to design the plans for the Scheme. What was wanted was a good front elevation.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Carew, and resolved:-

That we recommend the City Council to approve of the appointment of an Architect to design the plans for the Clancy's Strand Housing Scheme, it being understood that any cost in excess of building an "uneconomic" type of house shall be borne by the rates.

PALMERSTOWN HOUSING SCHEME: Mr. Scott said that the lay-out plan of this Scheme had been the subject of lengthy correspondence with the Department. He submitted to the Meeting a rough lay-out plan providing for the erection of about thirty-six houses of the "uneconomic" type and which had been prepared to conform with the Town Plan.

It was decided on the motion of Alderman Bourke, seconded by Councillor Russell to approve of the lay-out plan submitted by Mr. Scott.

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PENNYWELL-KILLALEE HOUSING SCHEME: Mr. Scott said that the plans for this Scheme had not yet been submitted to the Department of Local Government and Public Health as he understood a difficulty had arisen regarding the building of a block of houses in the Scheme outside the borough boundary. He suggested that the Corporation should go ahead with the Scheme without going outside the Borough Boundary.

It was decided on the motion of Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Russell to adopt Mr. Scott's suggestion.

STRAND HOUSE SITE: Mr. Manning Robertson said that if it was found necessary to restrict this site he thought it would be desirable to build upwards and thus present a good elevation viewed from the Sarsfield Bridge. Councillor Gusack said that he was very anxious that the proposed scheme for the Strand House site should be fully discussed. He enquired from the City Engineer if sufficient ground had been acquired to give a good elevation. The City Engineer said that he would have preferred if the entire site at Strand House had been acquired.

The Mayor said that this was a very important subject, and could not be discussed in detail at that Meeting. It had already been arranged that the City Manager and the City Solicitor would submit reports at the next Council Meeting when the whole matter could be discussed.

Confirmed in Council this 5th day of December 1943.

James M. Quane
CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Special Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

14th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1943.

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Councillor
J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen:- J. Carew.

Councillors:- P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C.,
M. W. McGuire, C.V. O'Malley, and
D. Reddan.

Officers present: The City Solicitor, the Assistant Town
Clerk, and the City Engineer.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Aldermen Bourke, and Reidy, Councillors Casey and Keyes. The Mayor explained that as the City Manager was preparing for the Gas Inquiry he was unable to be present at the Meeting.

The following letter was read from Councillor G.E.Russell:-

"55, Upper William Street,
Limerick.

13th Dec., 1943.

Councillor James McQuane, P.C.,
Mayor of Limerick,
Town Hall, Limerick.

Dear Mayor,

I regret I shall be unable to attend next Tuesday night's Meeting of the General Purposes Committee, as I expect to be out of town on that day.

I am in favour of the suggestion to build better class houses on the Carey's Road area, as I consider that this site, properly developed, and standing, as it does, near the People's Park, would make a very fine scheme.

I am of the opinion, however, that if the adoption of this scheme is likely to hold up the building of un-economic houses, it should not be proceeded with, as there is a much greater demand for the uneconomic than for the economic type of house.

Yours faithfully,

G. E. Russell".

Mr. M. J. Scott, B.E., Engineering Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and Mr. Manning Robertson, F.R.I.B.A., M.R.I.A.I., Town Planning Consultant, were also present at the meeting.

CAREY'S ROAD HOUSING SCHEME: The Mayor explained that as already arranged, this Meeting had been summoned specially to discuss with Mr. Scott and Mr. Robertson the Carey's Road Housing Scheme, and he asked Mr. Scott to explain his proposals to the members.

CAREY'S ROAD HOUSING SCHEME (Ctd.)

Mr. Scott said that when plans for the Carey's Road Housing Scheme were forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health by the City Engineer it was found that the area had been only partially scheduled for clearance. The Carey's Road Area Compulsory Purchase Order did not include the houses fronting on Boherbuoy and certain houses fronting both sides of Carey's Road. In his opinion the area could not be properly developed unless all these houses were demolished, and, furthermore, a small section of the houses on the west side of Lord Edward Street should be demolished and the sites acquired so as to widen the Street. He submitted and explained, for the information of the members, a lay-out plan prepared by the City Engineer after consultation with Mr. Manning Robertson and himself showing how the area would be developed if the houses to which he had referred were acquired and demolished. Owing to its proximity to the centre of the City the Town Planning Consultant and himself were of opinion that a better-class type of house should be built at Carey's Road. His original idea was that the building of the "uneconomic" type of house should be continued on the very fine housing site adjacent to the Prospect Scheme but which was outside the Borough Boundary. He understood that the Limerick County Council had already refused permission to the Corporation to build houses outside the Borough Boundary. To overcome this difficulty complicated machinery would have to be put in motion but as the building of houses was a matter of urgency there was no option but to go ahead with the building of "un-economic" type of houses in the Carey's Road area. As he had already stated some 25 premises, mostly shops, fronting Boherbuoy opposite the People's Park would have to be demolished. New shops, with dwellings overhead, could be built on the new road in course of construction from the Prospect Housing Scheme to the Railway terminus, but they should be given good architectural treatment. He had no doubt whatever that the Carey's Road Scheme could not be properly developed unless the houses fronting Boherbuoy and Carey's Road were demolished and part of Lord Edward Street widened.

Mr. Manning Robertson said that he was in entire agreement with the views expressed by Mr. Scott. The Carey's Road area could be developed into a magnificent housing site, and by reason of its proximity to the Railway Terminus and the centre of the City it deserved special treatment.

The City Engineer pointed out that when the Corporation were framing the Carey's Road Compulsory Purchase Order he had suggested that the houses fronting Boherbuoy and Carey's Road be acquired and that new sites be given to owners of shops on the new arterial road from Prospect. That suggestion, however, was not accepted by the Shopkeepers. The question for immediate determination was whether the Corporation will now acquire and demolish these houses on the frontages. Until a decision was reached nothing could be done as he was in thorough agreement with the views expressed by Mr. Scott.

Councillor O'Malley said that he regretted very much that the Limerick County Council could not see their way to grant permission for the erection of houses outside the borough boundary, and he suggested that the matter might be re-opened with the County Council in the interest of the citizens.

Councillor Reddan said that if the proposal to acquire and demolish houses fronting Boherbuoy were adopted a number of Public-houses would have to go. He asked the City Solicitor how the owners would be affected. In reply the City Solicitor stated that compensation would have to be paid, and as far as he knew the Licenses would be extinguished by the

CAREY'S ROAD HOUSING SCHEME (Ctd.)

demolition of the premises. As the law stood there was no provision for transferring a licence from old to new premises. The suggestion, therefore, to provide shops on the frontage of the new road would not apply to Publichouses.

After a general discussion, the Mayor said that the members present were in general agreement with the views put forward by Mr. Scott, but that before a definite decision could be taken they should have further information as to the position of owners of Licensed premises. He, therefore, suggested and it was agreed that he would get into telephonic communication next day with Alderman Bourke, T.D., Alderman Reidy, T.D., and Councillor Keyes, T.D., who are attending the Dail, and ask them to interview the Minister for Justice to ascertain the possibility of legislation being introduced at an early date to enable licenses to be transferred from old to new premises.

It was also decided on the motion of Councillor Donnellan, seconded by Councillor O'Malley that the City Engineer should present a full report embodying the suggestions made by Mr. Scott and accompanied by maps at the next meeting of the Council so that the Council could come to a decision as to the manner in which the Carey's Road Area was to be developed as a housing site.

CLANCY'S STRAND HOUSING SCHEME: Mr. Manning Robertson, who had been asked by the City Manager to act as Architect, submitted plans which he has prepared for the Clancy's Strand Housing Scheme. He provided for the erection of 8 houses with stone fronts and cavity walls. The Committee having discussed the plans fully with Mr. Robertson and the City Engineer recommended that the plans as submitted be approved but that only six houses be erected on the site as it would be difficult to give access to two houses on Goggin's Lane and sufficient space should be allowed at the backs of the houses to accommodate fishermen's gear.

The Mayor said that their very best thanks were due to Mr. Scott, and Mr. Robertson for their kindness in attending the Meeting and giving the members the benefit of their expert and valuable advice. He understood that Mr. Robertson will come to Limerick again early in February, 1944, to give the members of the Council a lecture on his Town Planning Proposals.

In thanking the Mayor and members Mr. Scott said that it should be clearly understood that he only attended the Meeting in an advisory capacity. He was not expressing the views of the Minister and any suggestions he had made came from Mr. Robertson, the City Engineer and himself and were liable to revision when the proposals were sent forward to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Confirmed in Council this 21 - day of February 1943.

James M'Duan
CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Monday, 21st day of February, 1944, at 9.45 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew, D. J. O'Malley, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Keyes, T.D., M.W. McGuire, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and the City Solicitor.

TENDERS FOR GRAZING OF LANDS AT CORKANREE.

In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council, the following tender was opened by the Chairman, numbered and initialled by him, and delivered to the City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action:-

No. of Tender	Name and Address of Person Tendering	Amount of Tender
1.	Mr. John Hayes, 28 Upper Cecil St.	£50. 0. 0.

Confirmed in Council this 14 day of March 1944.

James M. Quane
CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the Above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday, 14th day of March, 1944, at 9.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor.

Alderman: J. Carew.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. J. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Hartney, C. V. O'Malley, G. E. Russell, and D. Reddan.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health, and the City Solicitor.

TENDERS FOR ANNUAL SUPPLIES, ETC: In accordance with the regulations adopted by the Council, 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:-

ANNUAL SUPPLIES.

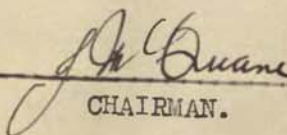
No. of Tender	Name of Person or Firm who tendered	Price
TIMBER, SEWER PIPES, ETC.—		
1	James McMahon, Ltd.	Various
2	O'Dwyer and Co.	do.
3	F. Spaight and Sons, Ltd.	do.
IRONMONGERY, CASTINGS, ETC.—		
4	James McMahon Ltd.	do.
5	T. Hassett, Ltd.	do.
6	Shannon Foundry	do.
7	D. Leonard and Co.	do.
8	F. Spaight and Sons, Ltd.	do.
HORSESHOEING—		
9	Mrs. L. Gleeson	8s. per horse for Shoes 4s. per horse for Cocking
HARNESS AND REPAIRS—		
10	J. Madden and Sons	Various
CHLORAMINATION PLANT FOR WATERWORKS—		
1	Messrs. Wallace and Tiernan, Ltd.—Ammonia Chlorinator	Equipment, £146 .. £304
OFFERS FOR GRAZING OF TANK FIELD—		
1	Thomas E. Lloyd, Limerick	£15 0 0
2	Patrick McNamara, Kilmore	£20 0 0
3	Michael O'Grady, Trough, Co. Clare	£15 0 0
4	Michael Tynan, Singland	£18 10 0
5	Patrick Gleeson, Limerick	£18 0 0
6	Stephen Coughlan, Limerick	£24 0 0
OFFERS FOR DISUSED WATER PIPE LINES—		
1	W. G. Walmstey, Limerick	£2,110 16 8
2	Messrs. Sherling and Sons, Ltd., Cork	£2,067 10 0
3	Messrs. McCaffrey and O'Carroll, Limerick	£2,000 0 0
4	Mr. A. Lentin, Limerick	£1,405 0 0

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HALF-YEARLY SUPPLIES for the CITY HOME & HOSPITAL.

No.	Name of Person Tendering	Articles Tendered for	Price
1	Thomas Nix, Stonepark, Meelick	Pure New Milk	1s. 3d. gallon
2	Dowdall, O'Mahony and Co., Ltd., Cork	Creamery Butter	£12 19s. 0d. cwt. less 5s for re- turned boxes
3	John Clancy, Lower Park	Several	Various
4	James Barry, 29 William Street	Several	Various
5	Michael J. Hartman, 2 Patrick Street	Spectacles	Various, or flat-rate of 14s each
6	Cornelius Casey, Michael Street	Minerals	4s per dozen
7	C. Thomposn and Sons, Roche's Street	Coffins, etc.	Various
8	Alex. Findlater and Co., Dublin	Several	Revised from month to month
9	Michael Williams, Ballinacarriga	Several	Various
10	James Finucane, 17 Fitzgerald Place	Stocktaking	Fixed remuneration of £15
11	Cecil McDonogh, 38 Thomas Street	Fresh Hen Eggs	2s. 6d. per dozen
12	Frank Dunne, Catherine Place	Turf and Blocks	50s. and 49s. per ton, delivered respectively
13	Denis O'Connor, Catherine Street	Fresh Hen Eggs	2s 6d per dozen
14	Michael Sheahan, 47 Roche's Street	Beef	1s 1d per lb
15	John O'Connor, 7 Wickham Street	Beef and Mutton	1s 1d and 1s 10d. lb respectively
16	Mrs. Julia Cusack, Bedford Row	Fish	Various
17	Patrick Hall, 43 Nicholas Street	Beef and Mutton	1s 2d and 1s 9d lb respectively
18	John Griffin and Sons, Limerick	Coffins	Various
19	Andrew McNamara, 15 Davis Street	Shoeing Horse&Donkey	7s and 4s per set respectively
20	Michael Ahern, Quarry Road	Offal	£1 per barrel
21	James Ryan, 41 Quarry Road	Offal	£1 per barrel
22	Hartney Bros., Mulgrave Street	Offal and Dripping	18s per barrel and 10d per lb
23	Daniel Cronin, Abbeyfeale	Turf	50s. per ton delivered
24	George Prescott and Son, Dublin	Spectacles	Various
25	Dermot Joyce, Thomondgate	Beef and Mutton	1s and 1s 7½d per lb respectively
26	Joseph Barry, 3 Lower Hartstonge St.	Beef and Mutton	1s 1½d and 1s 10d lb respectively
27	National Bakery Co., Limerick	Dripping	9½d per lb
28	Joseph Barry, Hartstonge Street	Dripping	5d per lb
29	Mrs. Lynch, 24 Broad Street	Dripping	9½d per lb
30	Peter Hall, Garryowen	Turf	£3 2s per ton delivered
31	M. Whyte, Ballinasloe	Turf	£2 16s 3d per ton delivered

Confirmed in Council this 9th day of May 1944.


CHAIRMAN.

SWIMMING BATHS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street on Friday,

14th DAY OF APRIL, 1944,

at 4.30 o'clock p.m.

In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor.

Councillors:- J. Casey, P.C., M. W. McGuire, and G.E. Russell.

Representing the Limerick Swimming Association: Mr. M.B. O'Malley, Solr., and Mr. J. Kirby.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and Miss N. Peppard of the City Manager's Department.

The City Manager reported that the proposal to utilise the filter beds at the disused Waterworks at Rhebogue as a swimming pool was referred back to this Committee in view of the attitude of the Department of Local Government and Public Health who did not favour the proposal. He submitted the letter of the Department dated 17th January, 1944, the report of the City Engineer of 28th February, 1944, and his own report of 14th March, 1944, copies of which are embodied in the Minutes of the recent meetings of the City Council.

During the discussion which ensued the City Engineer stated that if some money were spent on the site and the water sufficiently chlorinated it could be used during the emergency. The Committee decided, however, that there were too many difficulties in the way of the development of the site at Rhebogue and that money should only be spent on a site which could be properly developed after the war. It was decided, therefore, that the proposal to provide a Swimming Pool at Rhebogue be abandoned.

Suggestions were then put forward by the members regarding alternative sites in the City and after a discussion, the City Engineer was asked to report to the next meeting as to the approximate cost etc. of providing a Swimming Pool at the following sites, viz:-

Flannery's Yard (Cleeves Bank)
Lie-By (Docks), and the
People's Park.

Mr. J. Kirby requested the City Manager to make certain improvements at the existing Swimming Baths at the Island Bank and same were referred to the City Engineer for report.

The next Meeting was fixed for Friday, 28th April, 1944.

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ 1944.

CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, on Thursday,

27th DAY OF APRIL, 1944,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire and C. V. O'Malley.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, Mr. J. Doyle, City Manager's Department, and the City Engineer.

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HOUSING: The City Manager stated that there were two Schemes in abeyance, one at Carey's Road, and the other at Pennywell. In regard to the Carey's Road Scheme the Council had the opinion of the City Solicitor at the last Meeting that the Publicans who would be affected in this area would probably get new licenses by applying to the Circuit Court. He had, however, written to the Minister for Justice asking that legislation be introduced or an Emergency Powers Order made to enable licenses of premises affected by a housing scheme to be transferred to new premises. He was anxious that a decision would be come to regarding these two schemes so that the City Engineer and his Staff would not be held up in the preparation of the plans, specifications, etc. because these were schemes which could probably be carried out during the emergency.

Continuing, the Manager said that the City Engineer's proposals regarding the Pennywell Scheme was that it should be proceeded with in two stages; first by erecting about 120 'uneconomic' houses behind the houses facing Pennywell Road, and then by demolishing the latter houses and erecting about 88 'economic' houses. It was in the Corporation's interest that this should be done by means of two Compulsory Purchase Orders, but when the matter was last before the Council consideration was deferred as it was felt a hardship might be inflicted on the owners of the sites if they were taken separately. Both the City Solicitor and himself were of opinion that the owners would not suffer any loss and he strongly recommended that authority be given to proceed with the making of the Compulsory Purchase Order for the first section of the Scheme of 120 'uneconomic' houses.

After a discussion, it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that it be recommended to Council that the City Manager be authorised to proceed with the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order for the first section of the Pennywell Housing Scheme.

In regard to the Carey's Road Scheme, the City Manager said that the Town Planning Consultant; Mr. Scott, Housing Inspector of the Local Government Department, and the City Engineer had recommended a very fine scheme for the Carey's Road Area, but when it came before the Council it was

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postponed so that representations could be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to increase the Government subsidy payable and to the Minister for Justice regarding the granting of licenses for alternative premises to the publicans in the area. He felt, however, that in the meantime the Committee should consider whether 'economic' or 'uneconomic' houses would be built in the area, and whether the houses fronting Boherbuoy and Lord Edward Street would be acquired and demolished for the proper development of the Scheme.

In reply to a question, the City Engineer said that he could not give an estimate of the cost of acquiring the premises in the area as this would be a matter for an expert valuer. The City Manager undertook to get a Valuer's report on the subject.

After a general discussion it was decided on the motion of Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Keyes, that it be recommended to the Council that the City Manager be authorised to proceed with the full Carey's Road Scheme, including the Boherbuoy and Lord Edward Street frontages as recommended by the Town Planning Consultant; Mr. Scott, and the City Engineer, but that the houses to be erected in the area be of the 'uneconomic' type except eleven 'economic' houses to face the Railway Station, plans of which were submitted, and subject to the condition that the publicans in the area will be provided with alternative premises, or suitable sites on which to build them.

The City Manager then submitted the following Housing proposals which he had prepared, after consultation with the City Engineer, for present and post-war schemes:-

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	<u>No. of Houses.</u>	<u>Estimated Cost.</u>
		£
1. Clancy Strand	6	4,200
2. Palmerstown	38	22,800
3. Killalee	208	135,200
4. Carey's Road	120	75,600
5. Blake's Lands	150	90,000
6. Cussen's "	300	180,000
7. Foley's "	400	240,000
8. Watergate "	100	60,000
9. Lady's Lane	20	12,000
10. Back Clare St.	50	30,000
11. Crosby Row	12	7,200
12. McNamara's Land, City Home	100	60,000
13. Abbey	30	18,000
14. Rathbane	300	210,000
15. Moylish	300	180,000
16. Tank Field, Garryowen	30	18,000
	<u>2,164</u>	<u>£1,343,000</u>

The City Manager said he hoped that they would be able to build about 364 houses during the emergency and in the post-war period to proceed with the housing programme at the rate of 500 to 600 houses per year.

After a discussion it was decided to approve of the Manager's proposals, and he undertook to submit at a future Meeting particulars of the areas to be cleared by the transfer of the residents to the houses to be erected under the Schemes he had outlined.

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POST-WAR EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES: The City Manager stated that he had been asked by the Minister to prepare schemes to absorb the unemployed in the post-war period and he submitted the following proposals which he had drawn up, after consultation with the City Engineer:-

ROADS

	<u>Estimated Cost.</u>
	£
1. Dublin Road	63,000
2. Cork Road	46,000
3. Tipperary Road	25,500
4. Ennis Road	70,000
5. Foynes Road	30,000
6. Ballyneety Road	94,000
7. Circular Road Sth.	5,000
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	£333,500
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GENERAL PROPOSALS.

	<u>Estimated Cost.</u>
	£
1. P. H. Clinic	10,000
2. City and County Offices	100,000
3. Abattoir	20,000
4. Art Gallery	5,000
5. Indoor Swimming Pool.	30,000
6. Outdoor Swimming Pool.	20,000
7. Parks and Playing Sites.	25,000
8. Drainage at Groody, etc.	10,000
9. Embankments, Barrington's, Corbally.	32,000
10. Waterworks Extension	20,000
11. Sewerage	200,000
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	£472,000
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In reply to Councillor O'Malley, the City Manager explained that the Government would give a substantial grant (probably about 75%) towards the cost of the road schemes. The balance would be met by loan and the County Council would contribute towards the loan charges for the roads in their area.

Alderman Reidy mentioned that at a recent Meeting of the Harbour Board the dredging of the river was discussed and it was suggested that instead of conveying the silt down the river it should be dumped at Corkanree so that in time the land there would be reclaimed. The proposal to utilize the silt in this way would, he thought, be a work of great utility because the silt taken out of the river would make excellent soil. After a discussion it was decided to refer the matter to the City Engineer for consultation with the Harbour Engineer.

After a general discussion the proposals submitted by the City Manager were approved, and the Mayor on his own behalf and on behalf of the Committee congratulated the City Manager and the City Engineer on the very fine schemes which they had prepared.

BOROUGH BOUNDARY EXTENSION: Councillor Cusack inquired from the City Manager if the Minister would help the Council in securing an extension of the Borough Boundary.

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The City Manager said that all available land within the City had been used or ear-marked for housing schemes, and to complete their housing programme they would have to go outside the boundary at all points. He thought it only reasonable in the case of a City, which was developing like Limerick, that if they applied for an extension of the boundary to enable them to proceed with their housing programme no one could raise any objection. The final word would, however, rest with the Minister. The question of making application to the Minister for an extension of the borough boundary was a function reserved to the Council under the City Management Act, and it was a matter to which the Council should give careful and earnest consideration at an early date so that they would be in a position to proceed with their full housing programme in the post-war period.

TOWN PLANNING: Councillor O'Malley said that the Council had been in possession of the report of the Town Planning Consultant for a considerable time, and a series of meetings should be held to consider the report in detail. He suggested that this be done during the months of May and June. The Mayor agreed to arrange for the holding of Meetings of Town Planning Committee, and said he would have the first Meeting summoned for Thursday, 11th May, 1944.

OMNIBUS SERVICE: Councillor Cusack called attention to the need for a queuing system for Omnibuses on the City service, and for an improved service between Janesboro' and Killeely. It was decided that the City Manager should take the matter up with the Great Southern Railways (Omnibus Department).

FLOODING OF SIR HARRY'S MALL: The City Manager said that at a recent Meeting attention was called to the flooding of houses on Sir Harry's Mall, and he had received the following report from the City Engineer on the matter:-

"It has been suggested that the flooding of Sand Mall might be obviated by installing one collecting sewer to receive existing drains. I have looked into the proposal and find that, even if a 24" sewer were constructed in the Sandmall, heavy rainfall synchronising with a high tide when the sewer would be tide locked, would fill this sewer in 10 minutes. Any further rainfall beyond this period would then flood the roadway, to a level of about 19 O.D. and tides of 21.5 O.D. are not uncommon, it will be seen that this collecting sewer would not provide a definite remedy. It would, however, reduce the frequency of flooding."

Alderman Reidy suggested that the raising of the river wall might obviate the flooding, and the matter was referred back to the City Engineer for a further report.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE FOR LADIES: The City Manager stated that at a recent Meeting he was asked to go into the question of providing a public convenience for ladies, and a deputation from the City Executive of Muintir na Tire had waited on him in connection with the matter. He suggested that a suitable site might be found adjacent to Messrs. Spaight's premises, Henry Street, but the Committee felt that this would not be a suitable locality. After a short discussion it was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that the public convenience in Lower Cecil Street be converted for use by ladies.

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It was also decided, on the motion of Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that a public convenience for ladies be erected in the People's Park.

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MISCELLANEOUS: The following matters were referred to the City Engineer:-

1. Condition of sewer at Barrington's Bank (Cross Bank).
2. Concreting of Roxboro' Road.
3. Inclusion in next Relief Schemes Proposals of roadway from Clanmaurice Avenue to the Ennis Road or O'Callaghan Strand.
4. Delay in removing street refuse and emptying dust bins.

Confirmed in Council this 9th day of May 1944.

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James M. Quane
CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

27th DAY OF APRIL, 1944.

at 9 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor
J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C.,
M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire,
and C. V. O'Malley.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the
City Engineer, and Mr. J. Doyle,
City Manager's Department.

TENDERS FOR PRINTING AND STATIONERY: In accordance with the regulations adopted by the Council, 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:-

<u>No. of Tender.</u>	<u>Name of Person or Firm who tendered.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
1.	Messrs. G. McKern & Sons	£654: 3: Od.
2.	City Printing Co.	£697: 10: 6d.

Confirmed in Council this 9th day of May 1944.

James McQuane
CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

13th DAY OF JUNE, 1944,

at 9.30 p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. McQuane, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew and D. J. O'Malley.

Councillors: P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Hartney, M. W. McGuire and D. Reddan.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, Mr. J. Doyle, Town Clerk's Department, the City Engineer and the City Solicitor.

TENDERS FOR (1) PAINTING OF CARETAKERS' HOUSES (2) CITY HOME FLOOR: 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:-

PAINTING OF CARETAKERS' HOUSES.

<u>No. of Tender.</u>	<u>Name and Address of Person Tendering</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Alternative for papering.</u>
1.	Mr. John W. Allen, Corbally, Limerick.	£421: 4: 1	£239: 17: 0
2.	Messrs. M. Daly & Sons, Cecil St. Limerick.	£402:16: 4½	£213: 4: 0

CITY HOME FLOOR.

	<u>Method No. 1</u>	<u>Method No. 2</u>	<u>Method No. 3.</u>
3.	Messrs. Thornbury £251: 0: 0	£246: 0:0	£261: 0: 0
4.	Mr. T. Earlie £137: 3: 4	£157: 3:4	£132: 3: 4
5.	Messrs. Fitzgerald £130:12: 2	£173:13:2	£156: 8: 2
6.	Mr. John Leahy £250: 0: 0	£180: 0:0	£153: 0: 0

Confirmed in Council this 8th day of Aug. 1944.

James Reidy
CHAIRMAN.

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, on Thursday,

6th day of July, 1944,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: - The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen:- - D. Bourke, T.D., and D. J. O'Malley.

Councillors: - P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Hartney, J. McQuane, P.C., D. Reddan, and G.E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk and the City Engineer.

HOUSING:

Palmerstown Scheme: Submitted communication, dated 29th June, Ref: H.4455/44, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health intimating that the Palmerstown No. 1 Compulsory Purchase Order had been confirmed without modification and that the No. 2 Order had been confirmed with minor modifications. The plans and specification had been examined and a letter dealing with them will be issued in the course of a few days. Noted.

Watergate, Carey's Road & Killalee Schemes: The City Engineer reported that his staff were working on the final plans for these Schemes and he hoped to be in a position to forward them for the Department's approval within a month.

The City Manager reported that he had sent a further communication to the Department of Justice regarding the transfer of publichouse licences in the Carey's Road area and was awaiting a reply. It was decided that the City Manager should get into telephonic communication with the Department and press for an early reply.

Lady's Lane Area: In reply to Alderman Bourke, the City Manager stated that the Town Planning Consultant had advised against the building of houses in the Lady's Lane Clearance Area. It was decided that a copy of Mr. Robertson's report be sent to Alderman Bourke and that the matter be discussed at the next meeting.

Housing Supplies: In reply to Councillor Cusack, the City Manager said that supplies would be available for the building of 200 to 300 houses. The only serious difficulty will be cement but he hoped that situation might right itself in a comparatively short time.

Footbridge for Prospect: The City Manager said that he had communicated with the Great Southern Railways regarding the proposal to erect a temporary footbridge over the railway system at Prospect. This footbridge was necessary in order to convenience the people living at Janesboro'. The Railway Company had agreed to erect a footbridge at a cost of £525 on the condition that the structure would be removed at any time the Railway Company so desired. The

City Surveyor and the Law Agent considered the price excessive, as the footbridge would be required for only five or six years. It was the intention of the Council to erect a permanent bridge there capable of carrying heavy traffic.

After a discussion, the Manager was directed to negotiate with the Railway Company with a view to securing better terms.

LIMERICK CORPORATION STOCK 1956/72: The City Manager reported that there was in the Redemption Fund a sum sufficient to purchase and extinguish £2,000 of Limerick Corporation Stock 1956/72, and he asked for authority to utilise the sum for that purpose.

It was proposed by Councillor McQuane, seconded by Alderman Bourke, and unanimously resolved:

That approval be and the same is hereby granted to the proposal of the City Manager to purchase out of the Redemption Fund, Limerick Corporation 3½% Redeemable Stock, 1956/72, to the nominal amount of £2,000 and we direct the Munster and Leinster Bank Ltd., the Registrar of said Stock, to cancel the stock to the amount of £2,000 so redeemed.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION: The City Manager asked for authority to make application for the sanction of the Minister to the extension to the 30th September next of the overdraft of £20,000 on the Revenue Account.

It was proposed by Alderman Bourke, seconded by Councillor Hartney, 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 of a sum not exceeding TWENTY THOUSAND POUNDS (£20,000) by way of overdraft on the Municipal Revenue Account up to the 30th June 1944.

LIVING ACCOMMODATION FOR FIRE BRIGADE STAFF: The City Manager reported that he had received an offer of premises No. 25, Thomas Street held under Fee Farm Grant free of rent P.L.V. £20. The owner was prepared to accept £600 for the premises.

The premises are adjacent to the City Fire Brigade Station, and would provide suitable living accommodation for four members of the Staff and their families. The City Engineer had reported favourably on the premises and estimated that they could be reconstructed for a sum of £330.

The City Manager recommended that the premises be purchased and reconstructed for which purpose a loan of £1,000 would be required made up as follows:-

Purchase of Premises	£600
Reconstruction Works	£330
Legal & Incidental Expenses	£ 70
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	£1,000

It was proposed by Councillor Donnellan seconded by Councillor McQuane, and unanimously resolved:-

That we approve of the proposal of the City Manager to purchase the premises No. 25 Thomas Street for the sum of £600 and to have the premises reconstructed to provide living accommodation for members of the Fire Brigade Staff and their families and that authority be and the same is hereby granted

LIVING ACCOMMODATION FOR FIRE BRIGADE STAFF (Ctd.)

unded Section 12(1)(a) of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934, to the borrowing of a loan of ONE THOUSAND POUNDS (£1,000) for the purpose.

The Mayor suggested that any other vacant houses in the City which could be secured on such reasonable terms should be purchased and used for housing. The City Manager undertook to go into the suggestion with the City Engineer.

POSITION AT CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL: Alderman O'Malley referred to the position at the City Home and Hospital rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. T. McNamara, Plumber, and asked that when applications are being invited for the filling of the post permanently Mr. Quin the present temporary occupant of the position should be given an opportunity of applying, as he understood the draft conditions of employment would preclude Mr. Quin from applying under the age qualification.

Other members having supported Alderman O'Malley's suggestion, it was decided to appeal to the City Manager to give Mr. Quin an opportunity of applying for the permanent post.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: Councillor Russell referred to the rate of interest charged on loans issued by the Corporation under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts which he considered excessive, and said that in view of the Stock flotation the rate should be reduced.

The City Manager said that the stock flotation was for the benefit of the general body of the ratepayers and could not be used to benefit individuals.

STRIKE OF CLEANSING ETC. STAFFS:

Alderman O'Malley said that an expression of the Council's appreciation of the manner in which the Conciliation Board had dealt with the application of the employees of the Gas Works should be sent to the Board. The Council should also congratulate the Manager and the men concerned for the prompt and gracious way in which the findings of the Board had been acted upon.

Councillor Cusack said that he sat on the Board and after three hours the question at issue was amicably settled. He only hoped that a similar satisfactory settlement could be reached in the case of the cleansing staff and other Corporation employees.

Councillor Hartney urged that the Mayor and Special Committee make one more determined effort to effect a settlement. In the event of failure the Committee would have done their utmost and no blame could attach to them.

The Mayor said that he would welcome a conference but the representatives of the men must come with plenary powers to settle the dispute.

Replying to the Mayor, Councillor Cusack said that he was in a position to state that the men would welcome a conference.

The City Manager said that the men on strike had forfeited their pension rights. The Dublin municipal employees also sacrificed their pension rights when they struck work, and a special Act of the Dail had to be passed to rectify the position. In Dublin, however, things could be done that

STRIKE OF CLEANSING ETC. STAFFS: (Ctd.)

could not be done in Limerick, and in the case of Limerick it might take two years to get an Act of the Dail through. There were some old men on the Limerick Staff and it was possible that they would be placed on retirement in a few months time. If the men resumed work in the morning he would be prepared to regard the week they were on strike as the annual holiday period if he were legally entitled to do so. He was prepared to do that in order to safeguard their pension rights. The men, however, must be at work at 8 o'clock in the morning if their pension rights were to be safeguarded.

Councillor Cusack then left the Council Chamber to contact the men and arrange for them to attend a Conference with the Mayor and members of the Special Committee.

CONDOLENCES: It was proposed by Councillor Hartney, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. P. Trehy, People's Park.

It was proposed by His Worship, the Mayor, and unanimously resolved:

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to His Lordship, the Bishop on the death of Very Rev. Canon Hogan.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The Mayor stated that the next meeting of the Council was due to be held on 11th July, 1944, but as the Committee had disposed of all urgent business and as the City Manager would be on holidays until the end of the month he suggested that no further meetings be held during the month of July.

It was proposed by Councillor McQuane, seconded by Councillor Reddan, and resolved:

That no further meetings of Council or Committee be held during the month of July, 1944, and that the next meeting be held on Tuesday, 8th August, 1944.

Confirmed in Council this 8th day of Aug 1944.

James Reidy
CHAIRMAN.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Wednesday,

16th DAY OF AUGUST, 1944.

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C., Mayor.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., M. J. Hartney, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, and C. V. O'Malley.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Solicitor.

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th Nov 1943 were read & confirmed
The Mayor said that the Meeting was called primarily to deal with an application received for the building of a structure in Sarsfield Street on the site of premises destroyed in the recent fire. In the opinion of the City Engineer this structure, if built, would cut across the proposals made in the report of the Town Planning Consultant for the establishment in Sarsfield Street of a civic centre.

Councillor O'Malley suggested that consideration of all such applications should be deferred until the Council has fully considered the Town Planning Report and come to a decision thereon.

During the course of a general discussion several members expressed the view that it would be impossible to come to a decision on the proposal to establish a civic centre in Sarsfield Street until they had before them an estimate of the cost of acquiring the property in Sarsfield Street to establish such a centre.

It was proposed by Councillor Keyes, seconded by Councillor Hartney, and resolved:-

That we recommend the City Manager to engage the services of an expert valuer to assess the value of the property which would have to be acquired in order to establish a civic centre in Sarsfield Street as recommended in the report of the Town Planning Consultant, and that until the estimate of the valuer has been considered, consideration of the application for permission to build a structure in Sarsfield Street be adjourned.

In this connection the following letter was read from Councillor Russell:-

"William Street,
Limerick.
15th August, 1944.

Dear Mayor,

I regret it will not be possible for me to attend to-morrow's meeting of the Town Planning Committee as I shall be out of town. I have studied that part of Mr. Manning Robertson's Report which relates to the widening of Sarsfield Street to provide a Civic Centre. In my opinion

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the plan is a very fine conception and would if put into operation, add considerably to the dignity and amenity of our City. I have grave doubts, however, regarding its practicability, in view of the vested interests involved and the large amount of valuable property which would have to be acquired by the Corporation. It appears to me, therefore, that taking everything into consideration, the Corporation cannot very well proceed with this part of Mr. Manning Robertson's Report. I would suggest that very careful consideration should be given to the types of buildings which may be erected in Sarsfield Street in the future, as, although it may never become the Civic Centre, this area will probably continue to be the City Centre of Limerick.

Yours sincerely,
G. E. Russell."

Councillor Hartney proposed, and Councillor Cusack seconded:-

That further consideration of the Report of the Town Planning Consultant be adjourned until the report of the Valuer is received.

As an amendment Councillor O'Malley proposed, and Councillor McGuire seconded:-

That the Committee continue consideration of the Report.

On a show of hands the amendment was carried by four votes to three, and the Committee then took up further consideration of the Town Planning Consultant's Report at page 14, under the heading "The Planning of Old Englishtown on the Island".

The Committee agreed with the views expressed by the Town Planning Consultant on "The Planning of Old Englishtown on the Island" (page 14) and "Standard Roads" (page 15).

SITES FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

In view of the reduced area now available for public building and which reduction took place since the report was prepared it was decided to leave over consideration of the paragraph in the Report under the heading "Sites for Public Buildings" (page 15), and that in the meantime the Town Planning Consultant should be asked to consult with the City Engineer and Mr. Sheahan, Co. Engineer, as to the adequacy of the site now available at Strand House.

HOSPITALS:

The views of the Town Planning Consultant were read and noted in view of the changed position since the report was prepared to establish a Regional Hospital.

FEVER HOSPITAL:

The Committee were of opinion that the existing Fever Hospital attached to the City Home & Hospital is adequate for all requirements.

DISPENSARIES:

A discussion took place regarding a suitable site for a new dispensary and public health clinic. Sites at Lock Quay, Bank Place, and the site of the existing Bedford Row Hospital ~~for~~ were noted for consideration at a future Meeting.

BATHING ESTABLISHMENTS:

During a general discussion on this subject Councillor O'Malley suggested that swimming facilities could be improved near the railway bridge crossing the Abbey River, and Councillor Hartney called attention to the need for providing bathing facilities for people living in the upper end of the City. The Mayor said that in his opinion the safest and most easily developed site for an outdoor swimming baths was at Corbally near the old Mill.

~~After a general~~ Councillor McGuire said that he was still of opinion that the establishment of an outdoor swimming pool at Rhebogue was the best suggestion made so far.

After a general discussion it was agreed that the City Engineer should again examine the possibility of providing bathing facilities at Corbally and ~~that~~ both sides of the railway bridge crossing the Abbey River, and that the need for the provision of an indoor swimming baths should not be lost sight of.

The Committee having considered the Town Planning Report up to Page 18 decided to adjourn further consideration to a Meeting to be held on ~~22nd~~ August, 1944.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

At the request of the City Manager it was agreed that the next Meeting of the General Purposes Committee be held on Friday, 25th August, 1944, which is the last day for the receipt of tenders for Clancy's Strand Housing Scheme.

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IGNATIUS RICE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS:

Submitted invitation from Rev. Brother T. J. Murray, Superior, Christian Brothers' Schools, Limerick, to His Worship, the Mayor, the City Manager and the Corporation to be present at the Centenary High Mass at St. John's Cathedral, on Tuesday, 29th August, 1944, at 11 o'clock p.m. It was unanimously decided that the Mayor and Members should attend in State.

PALMERSTOWN HOUSING SCHEME.

The Mayor said that at the last Meeting of the Council it was decided to have a Quantity Surveyor appointed for all future Housing schemes. He was informed, however, that the plans, specifications, and Bills of Quantities, were already prepared ^{for the Palmerstown Housing Scheme} and if the Builders' Federation could be prevailed upon not to insist on the appointment of a Quantity Surveyor for the Palmerstown Housing Scheme advertisements could be issued inviting tenders for the houses immediately. He had decided, therefore, to hold a Conference with the Federation and he asked that some members be appointed to attend the Conference with the City Manager, the City Engineer and himself, Councillors Casey, Keyes and McGuire with any other members available were appointed to attend the Conference.

RESTORATION OF BOAT ON LIMERICK-LIVERPOOL ROUTE.

Councillor McGuire said that for some considerable time past the Limerick Steamship Company's boat had been taken off the Limerick-Liverpool route, with the result that the delivery of goods was held up, and there was general inconvenience to the merchants and traders of the City. Limerick should get proportion of the shipping with Cork and Waterford, and he

asked the Council to make representations to the Department of Industry and Commerce with a view to having the boat restored and to invite the authorities of Tralee and Galway to support the application.

After a discussion it was proposed by Councillor Cusack, seconded by Councillor Hartney, and resolved:-

That His Worship, the Mayor, the City Manager, Deputies Bourke and Keyes, and Councillor McGuire be authorised to adopt whatever means they considered necessary to approach the Minister for Industry and Commerce and other interested bodies with a view to having the Limerick Steamship Company's boat restored to the Limerick-Liverpool route.

PENSIONABLE SERVICE.

Councillor Hartney said that two employees of the Corporation at the City Home and Hospital had resigned recently after thirty-eight years service. He enquired if the City Manager had added years service in the case of these two men so that they could get the maximum pension allowance.

The City Manager replied that he added two years service in each case to give these men the maximum pension, but the Department of Local Government and Public Health refused to sanction this.

After a discussion it was decided to make representations to the Department with a view to having the added years allowed.

CONDOLENCE.

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It was proposed by His Worship, the Mayor, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. J. Cowhey of Quin's Cottages.

Confirmed in Council this 22nd day of July 1944.


CHAIRMAN

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

22nd DAY OF AUGUST, 1944,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C., Mayor.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. W. McGuire, J. McQuane, P.C., C. V. O'Malley, D. Reddan, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Solicitor, and the City Engineer.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th August, 1944, were read and confirmed.

PALMERSTOWN HOUSING SCHEME: Arising out of the minutes, the City Manager reported that the conference was held with the Builders' Federation to see if they could be prevailed upon not to insist on the appointment of a Quantity Surveyor for the Palmerstown Housing Scheme. The Federation, however, insisted that the Surveyor must be appointed, but it was arranged that they would get their General Secretary to make representations to the Local Government Department to have sanction issued to the making of the appointment with the least possible delay. As a result, the Department issued sanction to the making of the appointment for this particular Scheme without the necessity of issuing advertisements inviting applications for the post. The City Engineer had recommended to him ~~that~~ Messrs. O'Connell & Harley, Quantity Surveyors, Cork, who had considerable experience of housing schemes, be appointed, and he decided to act on that recommendation. Noted.

RESTORATION OF BOAT ON LIMERICK-LIVERPOOL ROUTE: Councillor McGuire stated that His Worship, the Mayor, the City Manager, Deputies Bourke, Keyes and himself had interviewed Mr. O'Keefe of the Limerick Steamship Co., regarding the restoration of his Company's boat to the Limerick-Liverpool route. Mr. O'Keefe explained that the boat had been taken off the route by a Government Order for the essential work of transporting coal from England to Dublin. His Company were anxious that the boat would be restored to the Limerick-Liverpool route as soon as possible. As a result of the interview the City Manager forwarded a resolution to the Minister for Industry & Commerce asking that the boat be restored at the earliest possible date and setting out the reasons for making the request. Noted.

SWIMMING BATHS: Also arising out of the minutes, Councillor O'Malley said that the possibility of acquiring Thomas's Island in connection with the Corporation's proposals to provide outdoor swimming facilities should not be lost sight of.

TOWN PLANNING CONSULTANT'S REPORT: The Committee then took up further consideration of the Town Planning Consultant's report at Page 19 under the heading "Public Abattoir and Offensive Trades".

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In reply to Councillor Donnellan, the City Engineer stated that it will be necessary to provide a septic tank or trap to deal with the sewerage from the Abattoir.

Councillor Donnellan also raised the question of the establishment of Offensive Trades near the Abattoir site, which was adjacent to the Good Shepherd Convent and the recently constructed park at Clare Street, and said there might be ~~some~~ objections to such a proposal.

The City Engineer said that he could see no objection and the only alternative was to go outside the City boundary as there was no other suitable site in the City.

It was decided to leave over for further consideration the question as to whether the abattoir site is suitable for Offensive Trades in view of its proximity to the Good Shepherd Convent and the Clare Street Park, and if a more suitable site can be obtained.

HOUSING: (Page 20): It was decided to leave over consideration of this part of the report until the City Engineer's report on housing is available.

OPEN SPACES (Page 22): The City Manager said that in view of the proximity of Clare Street Park he was doubtful as to the necessity for the establishment of "Town wall park" and it was decided to raise this matter with the Town Planning Consultant when he next meets the Committee.

FILLING BY DUMPING (Page 23): In reply to Councillor O'Malley the City Engineer said that the filling of low-lying and slob areas in the manner suggested in the report would take a considerable time, perhaps fifty to a hundred years. Councillor Donnellan contended that all offensive organic refuse should be dealt with in an incinerator, and it was decided to note for discussion with Mr. Robertson the desirability of providing an incinerator.

Discussing generally the question of open spaces Councillor O'Malley said that whilst he was in favour of providing sufficient open spaces in the City he thought the matter was over-stressed in the report. It would help the Committee considerably in their deliberations if a large scale map could be provided showing the existing and proposed open spaces and parks in the City.

It was decided that the City Engineer should consider the possibility of providing such a map, and make enquiries as to whether an aerial map of Limerick could be procured.

BARRINGTON'S BANK: The City Manager reported to the Committee that he had made representations to the owners of Barrington's Bank to have it put in a proper state of repair.

CORKANREE BANK: Councillor O'Malley said that the walk from the Docks to Spillane's Tower had been closed up for some time and the restoration of this amenity to the citizens should not be lost sight of.

CORBALLY BANK: Attention was called to the urgent need for repair to Corbally Bank from the Railway Bridge to the old Lax Weir Fishery, and it was decided that the City Manager should get in touch with the owners and urge them to have repairs carried out. It was also suggested that Deputies Bourke and Keyes with His Worship, the Mayor, might approach the Land Commission in connection with the matter.

PARK AT CORBALLY: In connection with the recommendation (Page 25) that a Park should be formed at the extreme north end of the Borough round the proposed new bathing establishment at Corbally it was decided that the City Engineer should go into this matter fully and report as to the possibility of developing the area.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS (Page 25): (1) It was decided to approve of the establishment of the Children's Playground in the Town Wall area but as already agreed not to recommend the establishment of a Park. (2) It was decided that St. Francis Abbey should be reserved for housing and not for a Children's Playground. (3) The City Engineer explained that since the report was prepared the proposals regarding the establishment of Children's Playgrounds at Prospect, Janesboro' and Killeely had been changed. (4) The Committee were satisfied that there was no need for the establishment of a Children's Playground at the Island Field.

It was decided that consideration of the recommendation in the report that a reservation of about 1½ acres for Children's Playgrounds for every 300 new houses built be left over until experience is gained as to the working of the existing playgrounds.

DENSITY ZONES (Page 26): The remarks of the Town Planning Consultant were noted but the ~~xxx~~ City Engineer said that it would be difficult to adhere to a density of eight houses to the acre for Zone B. as the land referred to would be required for Corporation economic housing schemes.

BUILDING LINES (Page 27): Noted.

USE ZONES (PAGE 28): Noted.

DRAINAGE (Page 28): The Committee were satisfied that there was no urgent need to carry out the works referred to in this paragraph of the report.

AERODROME (Page 28): Councillor Casey said that this was a matter which would require the careful consideration of the Council, and Councillor McGuire agreed that the establishment an an Aerodrome was of paramount importance.

The Committee agreed that this important matter should be kept under review, and that the Council should be prepared to take advantage of any post-war developments that might arise.

CONTROLLING THE APPEARANCE OF BUILDINGS (Page 29): Noted.

PRESERVATIONS OF BUILDINGS & PLACES OF INTEREST ETC. (Page 30): Councillor Russell referred to unsightly hoardings in the City and said the Corporation should exercise control over their erection and appearance.

It was decided to get a report from the City Solicitor as to the possibility of framing bye-laws to deal with the matter.

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE BOUNDARY (Page 30): The City Manager said that this matter would come up for discussion at the next Meeting of the Council as Alderman O'Malley had given notice of his intention to move a motion dealing with the matter.

DRAINAGE AND SERVICES (Page 31): Noted.

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RIBBON DEVELOPMENT ~~AND~~ THE NECESSITY FOR PHYSICAL CONTROL
(Page 32): Noted.

CONTIGUOUS AREAS (Page 33): Noted.

GENERAL: (Page 34): Noted.

THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY (Page 35): See Note above re extension of the boundary.

NEW DRAINAGE, SUMMARY, AND CONCLUSION (Pages 36 & 37): Noted.

It was decided to hold the next Meeting on Friday, 1st September, 1944, at 7.30 p.m.

Confirmed ~~in Council~~ this 1st day of Sept 1944.

James Reidy
CHAIRMAN.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Friday,

25th DAY OF AUGUST, 1944.

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew and D. J. O'Malley.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellah, P.C., M. J. Hartney, M. W. Guire, J. McQuane, P.C., D. Reddan, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and the City Solicitor.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS: The Mayor said that the City Manager had sent a circular letter to each member of the Council pointing out that under the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944, it is necessary to prepare and submit for the approval of the Minister for Education a new scheme for the award of Scholarships tenable at Secondary and Vocational Schools, and giving a summary of the main provisions of the Act. The preparation and submission of a scheme are functions reserved to the Council under the Act. It would be necessary, therefore, for the Committee to consider the existing scheme, and suggest any amendments they consider necessary for adoption by the Council.

The City Manager stated that he had gone through the existing scheme with the City Solicitor, and had made the necessary amendments to bring it into conformity with the provisions of the Act. He suggested that the number of Scholarships be increased from six to ten, and that the maximum limit of means of parents or guardians be increased from £180 to £200, and the allowance for each dependent child from £30 to £40.

The Committee approved of these recommendations.

The City Manager said that the Council could decide, if it so wished, to reserve a certain proportion of the Scholarships for boys only or for girls only. He did not recommend this course, however, as when the original scheme was adopted it provided that four Scholarships would be reserved for boys and two for girls, but after a few years' experience it was found that, with very few exceptions, the girls' scholarships were awarded to candidates securing places very low down in the examination results to the exclusion of the boys securing fifth and sixth places. For that reason the Scholarships Scheme was amended to provide that the Scholarships would be awarded in order of merit irrespective of sex. The Council could also provide in the scheme that a certain number of the scholarships would be tenable solely at vocational schools, but he thought that it should be left to the parent to select the type of school which the scholarship holders would attend. The scheme could also provide for the award of

scholarships of reduced value to children whose parents' or guardians' incomes do not exceed the limits laid down in the scheme by a specified amount. For example, if the maximum means prescribed is £200 and the amount of the Scholarship £15 under the rigid means clause a person with an income of £200 would benefit by the full amount of the scholarship, but a person with an income of £210 or £220 would be deprived of all participation in the scheme. Under the suggested arrangement provision could be made in the scheme whereby a person with an income of £210 or £220 could benefit by a reduced scholarship. Continuing, the City Manager said he did not approve of this arrangement as he considered it advisable to fix a definite means limit which would leave no doubt as to the persons who were to benefit under the Scholarship Scheme.

After a discussion it was proposed by Councillor Reddan, seconded by Councillor McQuane, and resolved:-

That we approve of the recommendations made to us by the City Manager regarding the scheme to be adopted under the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944, and that copies of the proposed scheme be circulated amongst the members for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

Alderman Carew said he understood that a certain number of scholarships were relinquished each year before they had expired by reason of the holders securing employment, and he asked if such scholarships could be made available to candidates securing eleventh and twelfth places at the examination.

The City Manager said he could see no objection to this course, and he would consult the City Solicitor to see if a clause could be drafted for insertion in the Scheme to cover such cases.

X HOUSING: Submitted the following reports from the City Engineer:-

"21st August, 1944.

REPORT ON PROPOSED HOUSING SITES.

The following are my remarks on the various suggested building sites as shown coloured red on attached 6" map. I have numbered these sites in the order in which I suggest that they should be built upon and have segregated those which I consider should be used for housing slum dwellers from those which should be used for economic schemes.

SLUM CLEARANCE SCHEMES.

1. KILLALEE.

This site lies between Pennywell Road and the existing Killalee Scheme. It is generally rectangular in shape and varies in level from + 24 O.D. to + 35 O.D. approximately. It contains approximately 16 acres, 12 acres of which would be used for rehousing slum dwellers, the frontage on Pennywell Road being devoted to economic houses. Water and sewers are close at hand and the site can be considered in every way suitable for housing.

2. CAREY'S ROAD.

This area lies adjacent to the railway station and has recently been the subject of a Slum Clearance Order. A large proportion of the houses have, in fact, been demolished as accommodation becomes available for the occupiers. The site is generally flat, at about a level of + 50 O.D. and thoroughly dry. Sewers and water are available.

3. WATERGATE.

This is also an area which has recently been cleared of unfit houses. It is situated at the rear of Mungret Street and Charlotte Quay at a level of 30 to 40 O.D. It contains 5½ acres and is a thoroughly suitable site for rehousing.

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4. BALLYNANTY BEG. (Foley's lands and Donnellan's lands).

This is an excellent housing site situated immediately outside the Western boundary of the City and adjoining the Killeely Housing Scheme. It consists of approximately 49 acres rising gradually from the level of the main road to the 50 foot contour. It would be adequately served by the 24" dia. main sewer in Killeely Road, but water pressure in the vicinity is poor and the supply would require to be improved. An advantage of this site is that there is further land immediately adjoining which may be developed for housing should it be required.

5. TANK FIELD.

This is a gently sloping field of 3 acres immediately adjoining the Garryowen Reservoir. It lies above the 50 foot contour, and is within easy reach of water and sewers. There is one disadvantage, however, which I would fear in this case, i.e., the danger of trespass on the reservoir grounds, with possible resulting contamination of low pressure water supply. It would, therefore, be advisable in the event of houses being built on this site, to consider the covering of the reservoir.

6. PROSPECT (Blake's Lands).

There are approximately 10 acres of Messrs. Blake's holding at Prospect which would make a suitable housing site. This land adjoins the recently built Prospect Housing Scheme and lies immediately outside the city boundary. The site is at a level of about + 40 O.D. and is within reach of sewers and water. Before committing myself to a definite opinion in this case, however, I should like an opportunity of examining the subsoil, as there exists in portions of this area a sub-stratum of alluvial silt, which if present here would render the site unsuitable for building.

7. CROSBIE ROW.

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We have here a site measuring 170ft. by 85ft. deep, cleared a few years ago under a Slum Clearance Order, on which it would be possible to erect a small scheme of, say, 8 houses. The depth of the site is rather less than I would desire, but will still permit of a rear open space or garden of about 40 feet in depth. It would be an advantage, moreover, to build on this site as there is no other use to which it could be put.

8. OLD CLARE STREET.

This area will eventually be cleared under a Slum Clearance Order and will provide a site for approximately 50 houses. It is a good level site, served well by roads, sewers and water mains.

9. ST. FRANCIS ABBEY.

This site lies at the southern peak of the Island, in the bend of the Abbey River. It at present accommodates a fairly considerable amount of dilapidated property which will eventually be cleared. The proposed Town Plan suggests a children's playground for the centre of this area, but there would still be land available for about 30 houses and the site would be a good one, easily drained. Existing water main would serve the area.

10. PARK AND REBOGE.

This site lies to the east of the city boundary and is itself bounded by the Dublin Road, the Railway, the Canal, and the road leading from Clare Street to the Canal Bridge at Park. It is high ground cut by the 50 foot contour, and would be drained by the Clare Street sewer. It would provide a good site for about 300 houses.

11. SINGLAND.

These lands lie between St. Patrick's Road and the Railway, and between the Dublin Road and the Tipperary Road. There are roughly 60 acres in the site of good high ground, practically all of which is well above the 50 foot contour. Drainage and water supply would present no difficulties. In all, these lands would accommodate up to 700 houses.

ECONOMIC SCHEMES.

1. FARRANSHONE MORE—(McNamara's Lands).

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There are approximately 18 acres, the property of Mr. McNamara, immediately adjoining the City Home and Hospital which would be very suitable for an economic housing scheme. This site fronts on the main Shelbourne Road and is at an average level of about + 45 O.D. There are sewers in the vicinity and water also close at hand. It would accommodate some 200 houses.

2. JANESBORO' AND RATHBANE.

This site consists of approximately 33 acres of excellent rising land lying mainly between Janesboro' and Roxboro' Road and would make an excellent site for economic houses. Sewerage facilities exist but the water pressure in the vicinity is poor and the supply would need to be improved before the site would be developed.

C. STENSON, City Engineer."

"25th August, 1944.

I send you herewith a rather comprehensive table, together with G' Map in which I suggest a programme for the eradication of slums in the city.

This programme as you will see is extended over a period of five years, and in that time, should this plan be adhered to, approximately 1,800 families of slum dwellers will have been rehoused. To accomplish this an average of 360 houses per year will require to be erected, and I consider that, from the point of view of available skilled labour, this figure would probably represent the limit of our capabilities.

At this juncture I would like to point out that, whilst my scheme includes for the rebuilding as far as possible on the cleared sites within the city, it will still be necessary to build the greater number of these houses, over 1,200 in fact, outside the city boundary and I have suggested the following outside sites as being suitable:—

Tank Field, Garryowen.
Prospect (Blake's Lands).
Park and Rheboguen.
Singland.
Ballynanty (Foley's Lands).

The suggested site at Park and Rheboguen is that bounded by the Dublin Road, Railway (Ennis Line), the Canal, and the road leading from the end of Clare Street to the Canal Bridge.

The Singland site is that bounded by the Dublin Road, St. Patrick's Road, Tipperary Road and the Railway.

The Ballynanty Scheme would be erected on Mr. Foley's lands, adjoining the existing Killeely Scheme. On these lands I have suggested a scheme of 250 houses, but there would be plenty of room for further development if required.

It is obvious from this that the complete elimination of our slums is quite impossible within the present confines of the city and I suggest that the time has now come to consider seriously the extension of the boundary and would recommend that work be commenced on this in the very near future.

It must also be borne in mind, of course, that the need for working-class houses of the economic type will increase in the next few years and I have marked on the map two sites which would be suitable for this type of house. These sites are the Farranshone lands between Shelbourne Road and Lansdowne Park, and the lands of Rathbane, between Janesboro' and Roxboro' Road. These sites would provide us with sufficient land for economic houses for many years to come and could be developed as and when required.

This plan is, of course, for preliminary discussion and will be subject to amendment, but when it has been definitely approved, I shall have it drawn up in more permanent form as a working programme.

C. STENSON, City Engineer."

It was proposed by Councillor Hartney, seconded by Councillor McQuane:—

That the reports of the City Engineer be printed and circulated amongst the members for consideration at a special meeting.

As an amendment, Councillor Cusack proposed, and Councillor Casey, seconded:—

That the reports be considered at this Meeting.

On a show of hands, four members voted for the amendment, and six against.

The Mayor accordingly declared Councillor Hartney's motion carried.

LADY'S LANE CLEARANCE AREA: Submitted following report:-

"16th August, 1944.

It appears to me that the appropriate way of dealing with this area is by Compulsory Purchase Order under Section 11 of the Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Act, No. 50 of 1931, and by reference to Section 10 of the same Act the Corporation could then sell or let the land with the approval of the Minister. The practical question seems to me to be whether in view of the fact that the area has practically no frontage to the public highway the Corporation have a reasonable prospect of being able to sell or let so as to recoup the cost and expenses of acquisition.

John Dundon,
City Solicitor."

The City Manager said that this report arose out of a decision come to at the last Council Meeting that steps be taken to acquire compulsorily the sites in the Lady's Lane Clearance Area.

Alderman O'Malley said that if the property was not acquired by the Corporation it would be left derelict as it was quite impossible for any private person to purchase by reason of the very involved title. Furthermore, the position was complicated by reason of the fact that public roads and footpaths ran through the area. In all the circumstances it would simplify the position if the Corporation themselves acquired the property.

After a discussion it was proposed by Alderman O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Casey, and resolved (Councillor Donnellan dissenting):-

That we approve of the decision come to at the meeting of the City Council held on 8th August, 1944, that steps be taken to acquire compulsorily the cleared sites in the Lady's Lane Clearance area.

At the request of Councillor Casey, the City Manager said he would look into the powers of the Corporation to acquire frontages so as to give easy access to the area.

CLANCY'S STRAND HOUSING SCHEME: Seven tenders were received and opened for the erection of six houses under the Clancy's Strand Housing Scheme. The City Engineer having examined the tenders, the City Manager reported to the meeting that the lowest tender received worked out at £1,339: 4: 11 per house. The Committee would recollect that this scheme called for special treatment by reason of its proximity to St. Munchin's R.C. Church, the Treaty Stone, Thomond Bridge and King's John's Castle, and special design and lay-out had been prepared by Mr. Manning Robertson, Town Planning Consultant, after consultation with Mr. M. J. Scott, B.E., Engineering

Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and the City Engineer. The houses were to be stone built. He asked for the views of the Committee as to the advisability of accepting such a high tender, and mentioned that he estimated, after allowing for a rent of 8/- per week and Government subsidy, a contribution of one penny in the pound from the rates would be required to subsidise the scheme if the tender was accepted.

Alderman O'Malley said he understood that the house designed by Mr. Robertson was a very elaborate one which possibly could be modified in such a way as to reduce the cost of construction considerably. He considered the price of £1,339: 4: 11 per house altogether excessive.

After a general discussion the City Manager suggested he would write to the Town Planning Consultant pointing out that the Committee considered the price of £1,339: 4: 11 per house excessive, and asking him to consult with Mr. M. J. Scott, B.E., Engineering Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and the City Engineer to see if the plans could be modified in such a way that the houses would be erected at reasonable cost.

PLASSY BRIDGE: Submitted communication, dated 14th August, 1944, from the Limerick County Manager, forwarding copy of letter which he had received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as follows:-

"Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House,
Dublin.
14th August, 1944.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 20th April last and previous correspondence regarding Plassy Bridge County Limerick, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to request that you will be good enough after consultation with the local authorities concerned, to furnish your observations on the following matters:-

- (a) will one of the local authorities concerned undertake to carry out the work of reconstruction if a suitable grant is made available?
- (b) One of the conditions attaching to the payment of a grant will be that the Limerick County Council or the Limerick Corporation or both authorities jointly will accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the bridge and an undertaking to this effect should be submitted.
- (d) Have the local authorities concerned the necessary materials (e.g. concrete and steel) in the present emergency conditions to carry out the work?

Mise, le meas,
J. HURSON
Runai.

P. J. Meghen, Esq.,
County Manager,
82-83 O'Connell Street,
Limerick.

It was decided to refer this matter to the City Manager for attention.

TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME: Submitted the following report:-

"22nd August, 1944.

There has been recently a long delay in securing vacancies for patients in Heatherside Sanatorium. We have applied for the following vacancies:-

One	-	17th May.
Two	o	27th May.
One	-	10th June.
One	-	4th July.
One	-	22nd July.
One	-	26th July.
Two	-	1st August.
One	-	18th August.

None of the above patients are recommended for sanatorium treatment for the first time.

I am informed that the accommodation at Heatherside is fully occupied; that Cork patients receive first preference in the allocation of beds; that applications from out-lying counties are dealt with in order of priority; and that there is an increase in the number of such applications. In these circumstances, the outlook of securing sanatorium accommodation for our patients is hardly likely to improve.

There are two of our patients in hospital - one from a tenement and one from an orphanage; the others prefer to remain at home rather than associate with advanced cases of the disease.

T. W. MORAN,
Tuberculosis Officer."

The report was very fully discussed, and the Committee were satisfied that the only way in which the matter could be satisfactorily dealt with was by the erection of a sanatorium. They realised, however, that during the present emergency it would be impossible to carry out such a project.

It was decided that the City Manager should discuss the matter with the Limerick County Manager to ascertain if a suitable house could be acquired in the County for conversion into a temporary sanatorium.

ISLAND EMBANKMENT: Councillor Cusack referred to the recent drowning tragedy at the Island Embankment and said that life saving apparatus should be provided.

The City Engineer stated that a boat was purchased recently for use at the public baths, Island Bank. He tried to procure lifebuoys, but owing to the emergency he was not successful. He would endeavour to procure them from the Harbour Board.

PAINTING AT CITY DISPENSARY, ETC: Councillor McQuane said that a few months ago tenders were received for painting work at the City Dispensary, and the Caretaker's House, Newcastle Reservoir, but so far the work had not been carried out.

The City Manager explained that the tenders received were considered excessive, and were referred back to the

City Engineer to see if it would be sufficient to carry out only the urgent work needed.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor McQuane, seconded by Councillor Russell, and resolved:

That we recommend the City Manager to have the work carried out without further delay.

PASSAGEWAY-PROSPECT TO O'CONNELL AVENUE: Councillor Hartney stated that the passageway between Prospect and O'Connell Avenue was in a very bad condition. He had made frequent complaints regarding the matter, but so far nothing had been done.

The City Manager explained that the opposition to the acquisition of portion of the passageway to be used by the public had not been withdrawn, and the Corporation therefore, were not in a position to carry out the necessary repairs.

The Mayor said he would get in touch with Mr. T. E. O'Donnell, Solicitor, who was acting for the owner of that part of the passageway which was still private property, and see if he could prevail on him to have the opposition to its acquisition withdrawn.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Councillor McQuane, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. J. Ryan, Wickham Street, and the late Mr. M. McNamara, High Street.

It was proposed by Councillor Russell, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Very Rev. Canon Humphreys, P.P.

Confirmed in Council this 12th day of Sept 1944.

James Reidy
CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Friday,

25th DAY OF AUGUST, 1944,

at 9.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reidy
T.D., P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew and D. J. O'Malley.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Hartney, M. W. McGuire, J. McQuane, P.C., D. Reddan, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and the City Solicitor.

TENDERS FOR THE ERECTION OF 6 HOUSES UNDER THE CLANCY'S STRAND HOUSING SCHEME: 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 and Town Clerk for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

<u>No. of Tender.</u>	<u>Name and Address of Person tendering.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
1.	Mr. J. Leahy, Corbally, Limerick	£8,035: 9: 7.
2.	Messrs. T. Thornbury & Co. Ltd. Tullamore.	£8,653: 0: 0.
3.	Messrs. P. Molloy & Sons, Link.	£11,452: 9: 6.
4.	Messrs. Lanigan Bros. Limerick	£ 9,985: 15: 0.
5.	Messrs. J. Kenny & Sons, Ltd. Cecil Street, Limerick	£ 8,700: 0: 0.
6.	Messrs. J. J. Murphy & Sons, Limerick.	£ 9,998: 15: 0.
7.	Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll, Limerick.	£10,994: 13: 4.

Confirmed in Council this _____ day of _____ 1945.

CHAIRMAN.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Friday,

1st DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1944,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., when the following members were present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., M. W. McGuire, C. W. O'Malley, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Solicitor, the City Engineer and the Assistant Town Clerk. /illness. The City Manager was unavoidably absent owing to recent MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd August, 1944, were read and confirmed.

PRESS COMMENTS: Councillor O'Malley referred to criticisms of the Town Planning Report which had appeared in the local Press during the past few weeks. Some of the criticism offered was ~~un~~informed and showed a lack of knowledge of the contents of the Town Planning Report. He expressed the opinion that if an authoritative statement was issued from this Meeting which would be printed in the public Press it would answer the criticisms to which he had referred.

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The Mayor said that there was an obligation placed on the Corporation under the Town Planning Acts to prepare a planning scheme for the County Borough. To carry out this obligation Mr. Manning Robertson had been engaged as Town Planning Consultant and had submitted his Town Planning Report, the contents of which was now under consideration by this Committee. He thought that the ~~un~~informed criticism regarding housing which had appeared in the public Press was unfortunate ignoring as it did the big programme of housing development carried out by the Corporation since 1932, and particularly the housing schemes proceeded with, under great difficulties, during the emergency.

Councillor O'Malley said that it was only natural with post-war development to anticipate that the City would enlarge and, therefore, the Corporation must look ahead and plan in advance of such development. They must prepare a comprehensive plan for the next fifty years. The important question of housing does not cut across Town Planning, the aim of which should be to provide for the building of houses on the most suitable sites. The Corporation have now before them the draft Town Plan prepared by Mr. Manning Robertson and it is up to the Council to adopt, amend or reject the Plan as they thought fit. Important questions such as the extension of the Borough boundary hinges on the Town Planning Report.

A general discussion followed as to the best method to bring the contents of the Town Planning Report to the notice of the public and the following decisions were come to:-

1. That the Editors of the "Limerick Leader", "Limerick Chronicle" and "Limerick Echo" be asked to publish the Town Planning Report in instalments in their news columns.
 2. That copies of the Town Planning Report be printed and that an advertisement be inserted in the local press inviting organised bodies of citizens, such as
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The Chamber of Commerce, the Trades and Labour Council, the Citizens Ratepayers' Society, the Old Limerick Society, Muintir na Tire, etc. etc., to apply to the City Manager for copies of the Report, and suggesting that such Bodies should consider the report and submit their views thereon to the Committee.

TOWN PLANNING REPORT: The Mayor stated that at the last Meeting of the Committee held on 22nd August, 1944, the Committee had concluded the reading and preliminary consideration of the Town Planning Report, and decided that at this Meeting they would review the decisions and suggestions made at previous Meetings.

The Committee accordingly took up consideration of the report again from the beginning and referred back to the Minutes of previous Meetings.

HOUSING: The Mayor said that he had not changed the views which he expressed at the Meeting of the Committee held on 25th May, 1943, that as far as possible the citizens should be housed in the centre of the City adjacent to their places of work. In connection with the Watergate Housing Scheme he suggested that the possibility of taking in the old "Toffee" Factory in Charlotte Quay should be considered.

The Committee discussed the Watergate and Palmerstown Housing Schemes and the provision of Parks and Playgrounds adjacent thereto as recommended in the Town Planning Report, as well as the provision of Parks and Playgrounds in other parts of the City.

The Committee were of opinion that as the larger housing schemes already erected and to be erected must, of necessity, be on the fringes of the City the need for the provision of Parks is not so great but that playgrounds should, as far as circumstances would permit, be provided.

Before coming to a decision, however, it was agreed that the City Engineer should submit a report as to the maximum number and the area of the playgrounds required for the City and giving an estimate of the cost of running the playgrounds.

CENTRAL REPLANNING SCHEME (OLD IRISHTOWN) (Page 6 of Report)

With regard to the proposals for the opening up of the Michael Street and Watergate Areas the Committee were doubtful as to the wisdom of opening up these areas by access to William Street as they felt it would divert too much traffic into that Street. The suggestion was made that access to the area should be by way of Patrick Street and Ellen Street.

The Committee were also of opinion that the possibility of acquiring property in Denmark Street for the widening of that thoroughfare should not be overlooked.

It was agreed that the Mayor would fix the date of the next Meeting when the City Engineer returns from holidays.

Confirmed this 16th day of Jan 1945.

James Kelly
CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Friday, 2

29th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1944.

at 12 noon, the following members being present:-

In the Chair: Alderman J. Carew, Locum Tenens Mayor.

Alderman: D. Bourke, T.D.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., and M. W. McGuire.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, and the Assistant Town Clerk.

TENDERS FOR (1) PAINTING, PAPERING, ETC. AT CARETAKER'S AND CHEMIST'S HOUSES AT THE CITY DISPENSARY, AND AT CARETAKER'S HOUSE AT NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR, AND (2) HALF-YEARLY SUPPLIES FOR THE CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL:

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:-

PAINTING OF CARETAKERS' HOUSES.

No. of Tender.	Name of Person Tendering.	Amount of Tender.
1.	Messrs. P. Gilligan & Sons	£217: 19: 7
2.	Mr. John W. Allen	£303: 11: 9
3.	Messrs. M. Daly & Sons	£233: 9: 3

Half-yearly Supplies for City Home and Hospital.

No. of Tender	Name of Person Tendering	Article	Price
1.	Thomas Nix, Stone Park, Meelick	Fresh Milk	... 2s. 4d. per gallon
2.	J. O'Connor	Beef	... 11d. per lb.
3.	J. Barry, Upper William Street	"	... 11d. per lb.
4.	D. Joyce, Thomondgate	"	... 11d. per lb.
5.	J. Barry, Hartstonge Street	"	... 10½d. per lb.
6.	M. Sheehan, Roche's Street	"	... 11d. per lb.
7.	James Barry, Upper William Street	Mutton	... 1s. 5½d. per lb.
8.	J. O'Connor	"	... 1s. 4½d. per lb.
9.	P. Hall	"	... 1s. 5½d. per lb.
10.	D. Joyce, Thomondgate	"	... 1s. 6½d. per lb.
11.	Joe Barry, Hartstonge Street	"	... 1s. 5d. per lb.
12.	James Barry	Flour	... 3s. 7d. per stone
13.	Daniel Clancy, Ellen Street	"	... 3s. 4d. per stone
14.	Daniel Clancy, Ellen Street	Sugar (Crystal)	... 52s. 4d. per cwt.
15.	Alex. Findlater, Dublin	"	... 51s. 8½d. per cwt.
16.	Jas. Barry, William Street	"	... 51s. 11d. per cwt.
17.	Jas. Barry, William Street	Onions	... 46s. 6d. per cwt.
18.	Denis O'Connor	Eggs	... 30s. per hundred
19.	M. Fitzgibbon, Catherine Street	"	... 3s. per doz.
20.	Bruce Co-Operative Creamery	Butter	... Controlled Price
21.	Jas. Barry, William Street	"	... 245s. 11½d. per cwt
22.	John Clancy, Lower Park	Cabbage	... 1s. 5d. per stone
23.	Michael Williams	"	... 1s. 6d. per stone
24.	Michael Williams	Turnips	... 4s. 8d. per cwt.
25.	John Clancy, Lower Park	"	... 3s. 9d. per cwt.
26.	Robert Lynch, Moig, Pallaskeny	"	... 5d. per stone
27.	John Clancy, Lower Park	Potatoes	... 11½d. per stone
28.	R. Lynch, Moig, Pallaskeny	"	... 11d. per stone
29.	Michael Williams	"	... 1s. 0½d. per stone
30.	C. Casey	Minerals	... 4s. per doz.
31.	D. Clancy, Ellen Street	"	... 3s. 11d. per doz.
32.	J. Barry, William Street	XX Stout (in bottle)	... 5s. 11d. per doz.
33.	D. Clancy, Ellen Street	"	... 5s. 10d. per doz.

HALF-YEARLY SUPPLIES FOR CITY HOME & HOSPITAL (CONTD.):

No. of Tender	Name of Person Tendering	Article	Price
34.—Mrs. J. Cusack, Bedford Row		... Fish (Whiting)	... 1s. 4d. per lb.
35.—Alex. Findlater, Dublin		... Dried Peas	... 102s. 8d. per cwt.
36.—M. Williams		... Apples	... Cookers 1s. 11d. doz.
		... "	... Eating 2s. 10d. doz.
37. Jas. Barry, William Street		... Salt (Coarse)	... 8s. 6d. per cwt.
38.—A. Findlater, Dublin		... Salt (Fine or Coarse)	... 12s. per cwt.
39.—J. Barry, William Street		... "	... 8s. 6d. per cwt.
40.—D. Clancy, Ellen Street		... "	... 9s. 11d. per cwt.
41.—Jas. Barry, William Street		... Port Wine	... 91s. per doz.
42.—D. Clancy, Ellen Street		... "	... 112s. per doz.
43.—A. Findlater, Dublin		... "	... 92s. per doz.
44.—A. Findlater, Dublin		... Oat Meal	... 48s. 1½d. per 10 stone
45.—Jas. Barry, William Street		... Pepper (best white g'nd)	... 8s. 6d. per lb.
46.—A. Findlater, Dublin		... "	... 9s. per lb.
47.—Jas. Barry, William Street		... Quaker Oats (loose)	... 11d. per 2 lbs.
48.—D. Clancy, Ellen Street		... "	... 9½d. per 2 lbs.
49.—A. Findlater, Dublin		... Pearl Barley	... 9d. per lb.
50.—J. Barry, William Street		... "	... 11d. per lb.
51.—J. Barry, William Street		... Salt Pegre	... 1s. 4d. per lb.
52.—J. Barry, William Street		... Bathbrick	... 2s. 6d. per doz.
53.—A. Findlater, Dublin		... "	... 6s. per doz.
54.—D. Clancy, Ellen Street		... Washing Soda	... 11s. 9d. per cwt.
55.—A. Findlater, Dublin		... "	... 9s. per cwt.
56.—J. Barry, William Street		... "	... 11s. 6d. per cwt.
57.—Stocktaking		... James Finucane	... £15
58.—		... A. Windrim	...

Confirmed in Council this 14th day of Nov 1944.

James Reidy
 CHAIRMAN

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday, 10th day of October, 1944, at 9.30 p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reedy, T.D., P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew and D. J. O'Malley.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. **Susack**, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Hartney, M. W. McGuire, J. McQuane, P.C., C. V. O'Malley, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, and the Assistant Town Clerk.

TENDERS FOR (1) TREES, PLANTS AND SHRUBS FOR SHELBOURNE ROAD PARK, AND (2) DISCHARGING COAL FOR THE GAS WORKS:

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:-

TREES, PLANTS AND SHRUBS FOR SHELBOURNE ROAD PARK.

No. of Tender.	Name and Address of Person tendering.	Amount.
1.	Messrs. W. Watson & Sons, Killiney, Dublin. (All items not tendered for).	£54: 19: 9

DISCHARGING COAL FOR THE GAS WORKS.

No. of Tender.	Name and Address of Person tendering.	Amount.
1.	Mr. E. P. Keane, 9 Bedford Row	6/9 per ton from Railway. 7/- per ton from Docks.
2.	Mr. D. Purtill, Ld. Edward St.	6/9 per ton from Railway.
3.	Mr. M. Tobin, 15 High Street	8/6 per ton from Railway. 8/6 per ton from Docks.
4.	Mr. J. Carmody, Wolfe Tone St.	6/3 per ton From Railway. 6/3 per ton from Docks.
5.	Messrs. P & T. Carmody, 12 Clontarf Plade.	6/3 per ton from Railway. 7/4 per ton from Docks.

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James Reedy
CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., on Thursday,

26th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1944.

the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C., Mayor.

Alderman: J. Carew.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, ^{P.C.} J. C. Hickey, and M. J. Keyes, ^{Esq.}

An apology for unavoidable absence, owing to illness, was received from Alderman D. Bourke, T.D.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Solicitor, the City Engineer, the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health, the Secretary, Water & Public Health Departments, and Sanitary Sub-Officer S. Frost.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES: The Mayor said that, before proceeding with the business on the Agenda, he desired to make a statement regarding what transpired at the last meeting. As requested by the Council, the City Solicitor and himself met separately the City Manager and the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health and discussed with each of them issues that had been the cause of some misunderstanding. Later they met the City Manager and the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health together, and he was happy to be in a position to state that an amicable solution had been found to adjust the differences and misunderstandings that had arisen. The City Manager had submitted to Dr. McPolin the report of Dr. Hourihane, Medical Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, regarding the School Medical Service Scheme, and Dr. McPolin would report back to the City Manager in due course.

HOUSING: The Mayor said that it was proposed to consider at this Meeting the reports on housing and the Programme of Slum Clearance and rebuilding prepared by the City Engineer, and read at the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 25th August, 1944. During the past four months, since his election to the Mayoral chair, it had come to his notice very forcibly the pressing need for the erection of about fifty houses of the 'economic' type. Almost every day he had callers looking for houses of this type, usually young married couples who had to live in one-roomed flats or with their relatives. That was a very undesirable condition of things, and he would urge the Council and the City Manager to seriously consider the building of fifty 'economic' houses with all possible speed.

Councillor Keyes said that, whilst he appreciated the necessity for the building of 'economic' houses, they had to have regard to the limited supplies of building material available, and he would not like anything to be done that might in any way interfere with the slum clearance schemes.

The City Manager pointed out that the Builders' Providers were only in a position to guarantee materials for the building of 300 houses, and it was the intention to use such materials for the 'uneconomic' type of house. He would be prepared, however, to discuss the matter with the Builders' Providers and see if they could guarantee supplies for the building of fifty houses of the 'economic' type, as recommended by the Mayor.

PROGRAMME OF SLUM CLEARANCE & REBUILDING.

The Committee then took up consideration of the Programme prepared by the City Engineer for the eradication of the slums in the City, and which provided for the building of 1,793 new houses, and the transfer of 1,797 families from slum areas.

PALMERSTOWN HOUSING SCHEME: The Mayor said that the City Engineer's Programme provided for the transfer of 22 families from the Carey's Road area to the Palmerstown Housing Scheme. He thought that these families would object to being transferred as they would expect to be provided with houses in their own area, or adjacent thereto. He understood also that this transfer would mean the demolition of fairly good houses in Brown's Lane, Carey's Road, and he was of opinion that having regard to the present acute shortage of housing accommodation such houses should be allowed to stand as long as possible. There were some very bad slum areas such as Hall's Bow, Josses Lane, etc. adjacent to the Palmerstown Housing Site, and the occupiers of the houses in these areas could be transferred to Palmerstown.

The City Engineer pointed out that the Carey's Road Housing Scheme was to be carried out in four operations. There were more families living in the area than could be accommodated in the new houses to be erected, and, consequently, it would be necessary to transfer some of them to other areas.

After discussion it was decided that the City Engineer should re-examine the position and inspect Blake's lands at Prospect to see if they would be suitable for the erection of sufficient houses to accommodate the surplus families from the Carey's Road area. It was further decided that instead of transferring families from Carey's Road to the Palmerstown and Killalee Housing Schemes families from the following slum areas should be transferred:-

To the Palmerstown Scheme:

Hall's Bow	-	7 families.
Josses Lane	-	10 "
Benson's Lane	-	2 "
James Street	-	1 "
Mungret Street	-	12 "
Palmerstown	-	3 "
Old Francis Street	-	1 "
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Total	-	36 "
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To the Pennywell (Killalee) Housing Scheme:

Pennywell	-	53	families
Watergate	-	19	"
Williams' Lane	-	8	"
Barrack Lane	-	8	"
Bushy Lane	-	6	"
Brennan's Row Upr.	-	5	"
Gammells Yard	-	5	"
Grattan Street	-	11	"
Kerwick's Lane	-	7	"
Seymour's Lane	-	11	"
Chapel Lane	-	8	"
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Total	-	141	"
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CROSBIE ROW HOUSING SCHEME: The City Engineer stated that it would only be possible to build five houses in this Scheme and not eight as shown on the Programme. The Committee decided that families residing in the Gaol Lane area should be transferred to the Crosbie Row Housing Scheme.

WATERGATE HOUSING SCHEME: The Committee approved of the City Engineer's recommendations regarding this scheme.

CAREY'S ROAD HOUSING SCHEME: It was decided that consideration of the City Engineer's recommendations regarding this Scheme be adjourned until he has had an opportunity of inspecting Blake's lands at Prospect.

ST. FRANCIS ABBEY: The Mayor said he noticed that the City Engineer had not included St. Francis Abbey in his Programme. This was an excellent site and suitable in every way for housing.

The City Engineer replied that he was not overlooking this matter but the Town Planning Expert had recommended that St. Francis Abbey be used for a playground.

The Committee were of opinion that, as a playground had already been provided in the area, St. Francis Abbey should be used for housing.

SCHEMES OUTSIDE THE BOROUGH BOUNDARY: A discussion took place regarding the schemes in the City Engineer's Programme scheduled to be built outside the borough boundary, and the Mayor expressed the view that all cleared sites in the City should be built on before any land outside the borough was acquired.

The City Manager, the City Engineer, and the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health pointed out that there would not be sufficient land inside the borough boundary to accommodate all the families to be removed from the slum areas. The Corporation would have to go outside the city to complete its housing programme.

After a general discussion, it was agreed to give preliminary approval to the Programme drawn up by the City Engineer for slum clearance and rebuilding within the city subject to the decisions already come to, but with regard to the schemes outside the borough boundary it was decided to have a discussion at the next meeting of the Committee regarding the extension of the borough boundary.

CLANCY'S STRAND HOUSING SCHEME: Submitted following report:-

"CLANCY'S STRAND HOUSING SCHEME.

I beg to submit the following remarks with reference to the suggested reduction of cost in the case of above:-

1. STONE: Stone salvaged from other buildings such as the demolished houses in Carey's Road are unsuitable for this work in as much as:-
 1. They are too small in size and too irregular in shape and consequently would have to be dressed on practically all sides. A percentage of stones would not stand up to this as they have weathered badly.
 2. Any suitable stones salvaged in this manner would be more costly than if taken from the Quarry bed in as much as that they would have to be picked, leaving behind several times the number that would be found useful.
2. SLATES: The slates on practically each building vary in both size and thickness and sometimes in colour. It would be very difficult to get sufficient slates of uniform size, thickness and colour to do each block of houses and the economy would not warrant the time taken in re-dressing them.

The following reduction in cost can be effected by omissions and substitutions as follows:-

Omission of Cavity wall	£284:	15:	0
" Galv. ties	32:	10:	0
Annexe to be done in blocks	46:	0:	0
Yard dividing walls Do.	48:	0:	0
Omit coping to yard walls	22:	16:	0
" stone steps to back doors	70:	0:	0
	£504:	1:	0

This represents £84: 0: 0 per house approximately.

The cost of those houses in mass concrete would be £790 approximately.

The increase is practically all due to the increased cost of building material.

Signed: C. Stenson,
City Engineer.

Town Hall, Limerick.
26th October, 1944."

In reply to Councillor Cusack, the City Manager stated that, with the City Engineer, he had a discussion with the Fishermen who are to get houses at Clancy's Strand. He suggested to them that in view of the estimated high rents of the houses they should accept houses in the Crosbie Row Scheme. The Fishermen, however, would not agree to this suggestion, and said that they would be willing to pay a rent of 12/6d. per week for houses in Clancy's Strand.

Councillor Cusack said that in his opinion a rent of 12/6d. would be beyond the capacity of a fisherman who could not pay more than 8/- per week.

After a short discussion, it was decided to refer consideration of the City Engineer's report to the next meeting of the Council.

CAREY'S ROAD COMPULSORY PURCHASE AREA: In reply to Councillor Hickey the City Solicitor stated that he was going through the titles of the houses and property in the Carey's Road Compulsory Purchase Area but was experiencing considerable difficulty in compiling the necessary information for the Valuer. He would try to get through the work as quickly as possible but it would be some months before arbitration proceedings would be held.

Confirmed in Council this 14th day of Nov 1944.


CHAIRMAN.

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

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A special Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, on Monday,

6th NOVEMBER, 1944,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen:- D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Carew.

Councillors:- J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., J. C. Hickey, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, M. Hartney, and J. McQuane, P.C.

Officers present: The Deputy City Manager (Mr. J. J. Dundon, City Solicitor), the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health, the City Engineer, and Mr. J. Doyle, Town Clerk's Department.

PALMERSTOWN HOUSING SCHEME: Submitted following communication:-

"Department of Local Government and
Public Health,
Custom House,
Dublin.

H.9988/3/44.
Limerick C.B.

4th November, 1944.

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A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to previous correspondence regarding the Palmerstown Housing Scheme, and to state that it is noted that the house plans provide for baths only in a limited number of houses and he would be glad if the matter was again taken into consideration with a view to providing facilities for bathrooms in a larger number of the houses.

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P. Kerr,

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The City Manager,
LIMERICK".

The Medical Superintendent Officer of Health read the following report which he had prepared:-

"6th November, 1944.

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Considering the question of the necessity of bath rooms in working class houses and speaking simply from health considerations, it is my considered opinion that a sufficiently strong case cannot be put forward for the provision of bathrooms in these houses. The provision of such a room is going to cost a good deal of money and I would prefer to see this money used in other directions. It is a well established fact that the correct feeding of a family ranks first in the factors necessary to the health of growing children - and the money spent on a

bathroom will give a greater return in health if spent on food in a family that is on the borderline of sufficiency. These new houses are costing the tenants a greater rent than that required for the old houses. The extra expenditure on rent has in a great many cases left these families in a position that their power to purchase food is seriously reduced. This reduction in food, clothing, heating, etc. has in some cases resulted in a decrease of health. If this force is increased I am afraid that serious harm will result.

It may be said that the bathroom does not cost so much extra, but we have to realise that a very very small amount of cost is of the greatest importance in these cases. It can be further said that such families - in fact any family - can provide baths without the paraphernalia of a bathroom.

The conclusions of medical science have all been drawn from the study of the facts of social life and I have never yet seen the health of a family injured by the absence of a bathroom. I will go further and say that neither have I seen any facts reported that would justify such a conclusion. In giving this opinion I will remind you that I am viewing the matter purely from a scientific medical point of view. I realise that it would be a great amenity to have bathrooms and I wish that finance would permit of such amenities but this matter is outside my functions as Medical Superintendent Officer of Health.

J. McPolin,
Medical Superintendent Officer
of Health."

His Worship, the Mayor, read the following letter which he had received from Councillor Russell:-

"6th November, 1944.

Dear Mayor,

I regret it will not be possible for me to attend to-night's meeting of the General Purposes Committee. With regard to the subject matter for discussion, I would like to say that, in my opinion, nothing should be permitted to stand in the way of the earliest possible completion of the Palmerstown Housing Scheme. I understand that if the Council were at this late hour to make provision for baths etc. it would throw the scheme back several months. I would suggest that this particular scheme should be permitted to continue as it is and that the Council should, in future schemes, take into consideration the desirability of supplying the tenants with baths, etc. I would like to make the suggestion for the consideration of the Council, that instead of baths it might be simpler, cheaper and altogether more satisfactory to make provision for shower-baths in future Housing Schemes.

Yours faithfully,
G. E. Russell, B.C.2

Councillor McGuire said that he would like to support the suggestion of Councillor Russell to have shower baths installed in future housing schemes.

The City Engineer stated that bathroom accommodation was to be provided in sixteen houses in the Palmerstown Housing

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Scheme. He suggested that the same accommodation could be provided in the remainder of the houses in the scheme by (1) the erection of a partition in the scullery at the rear of the living rooms of 16 houses (Type C.7) and (2) by altering the position of the partition in the annexe to allow of combined W.C. and bathroom in 4 houses (Type 1A). He estimated that such structural alterations would cost £4 per house over the whole scheme, but recommended that the installation of baths, cylinders, and other fittings be not proceeded with until conditions become normal and the supply position eases. If baths and fittings were available they would cost about £40 per house.

After a general discussion it was proposed by Councillor Hickey, seconded by Alderman Bourke, and resolved:-

That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction the suggestion made by the City Engineer for the provision of bathroom accommodation in the thirty-six houses to be erected under the Palmerstown Housing Scheme, but if the Minister is unable to do so that the scheme be proceeded with as already designed so as to avoid any delay in commencing building operations.

It was decided that the City Engineer should give consideration to the suggestion put forward by Councillor Russell and supported by Councillor McGuire relative to the provision of shower-baths in future housing schemes.

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CLANCY'S STRAND HOUSING SCHEME: The City Engineer reported that an offer of a plot of ground adjacent to Clancy's Strand had been made by Mr. Goodwin and which might be suitable for the erection of houses for the accommodation of the Clancy's Strand fishermen. He was awaiting full particulars as to the area and title of the plot and would report further at a future meeting. Noted.

BOROUGH BOUNDARY EXTENSION: A short discussion took place regarding the borough boundary extension and further consideration was adjourned until the City Solicitor is in a position to submit a detailed report.

GENERAL POST OFFICE: Councillor Donnellan called attention to the congestion in the public section of the General Post Office, Cecil Street. The staff were always courteous and obliging, but they could not possibly cope with the demand on their services and the space available for the general public was very restricted. The Post Office should be extended or alternatively part of the work should be transferred to another building.

After a general discussion it was proposed by Councillor Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Casey, and resolved:-

That the attention of the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs be directed to the congestion at the General Post Office, Cecil Street, and that he be requested to have the building extended or alternatively that part of the postal services be transferred to another building.

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WATER SUPPLY: Councillor Cusack stated that the water supply to the Killeely and Janesboro' districts was inadequate and that many families in these districts had no water during long periods for domestic use. He had called attention to this matter on a former occasion and

some improvement resulted but had not continued.

The City Engineer stated that he had done his best to improve the water supply to the two areas named. What was needed was a larger main but that could not be procured under present conditions. An improvement could be effected if economy was exercised in the use of water. He would, however, go into the matter again and see what could be done to ease the position.

CLEANSING DEPARTMENT: Several members called attention to the condition of the streets and to the fact that in some districts domestic refuse was collected only once a week. The opinion was expressed that the Cleansing Staff was too small to cope with the work.

The City Engineer said he hoped for an improvement in this service in the very near future as the Department of Supplies had allocated a supply of petrol for the motor transport attached to the Cleansing Department. The mechanical sweeper would also be put to work.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: At the request of Councillor McQuane, it was decided to ask the City Manager to again make representations to the Electricity Supply Board to have an additional public lamp erected in the passageway between the Ennis Road and Farranshone.

Confirmed in Council this ^{12th} ~~12th~~ day of ^{Dec} ~~Nov~~ 19 ⁴⁴ ~~43~~

James Reidy

CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

23rd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1944,

at 8 o'clock p.m., immediately after the Special Meeting of the Council. The following members were present:-

IN THE CHAIR: The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C., Mayor.

ALDERMAN: D. Bourke, T.D.

COUNCILLORS: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., M. J. Hartney, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, and J. McQuane, P.C.

OFFICERS PRESENT: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health, and the City Librarian.

CITY LIBRARY: The City Manager stated that at the last meeting of the Council Councillor Cusack referred to the closing of the City Library for annual holidays, and on Wednesday of each week for the staff half-holiday. Some of the statements made at that Meeting were not correct and he thought it advisable to have the City Librarian present at this meeting to answer any questions. In 1941 a Junior Library Assistant was appointed but in sanctioning the making of the appointment the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stipulated that it should be regarded as completing the Library and Museum Staff, and that no further increases in the staff would be sanctioned.

Councillor Cusack said that he raised this matter at the last Meeting as he was satisfied that a sufficient staff was not employed at the Library. Since the re-organisation of the Library service by the City Librarian the volume of work falling on the staff had increased enormously. He objected to the practice of closing the Library for the summer holidays and the weekly half-holiday. His remarks should not be taken as reflecting on the City Librarian and his staff for whom he had great respect.

The City Librarian stated that since he took over control and re-organised the Library Service the hours during which the Library was open to the public had been doubled, despite the fact that the staff had been only increased by one. A Children's Library and a Reference Library had been opened where none existed before. The Reading Room was kept open during the weekly half-holiday and during the annual holidays, and in that respect he might say that the Limerick Library was the only one that did so. It would be necessary to increase the staff by two to give a continuous service but as the City Manager had stated the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had stipulated that no further increases in the staff were to be made.

The City Manager said that when the proposed Art Gallery at the City Library was erected and functioning the staff would, of necessity, have to be increased and he suggested, therefore, that further consideration of the matter be deferred.

CITY LIBRARY: (Ctd.)

After the Mayor and other Members had paid tribute to the City Librarian and his staff for the efficient and courteous manner in which they discharged their duties, the discussion ended.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES: Submitted correspondence which had passed between the Chamber of Commerce and the City Manager regarding the provision of additional public conveniences in the City. The Chamber suggested that conveniences should be provided in the vicinity of Robert Street/Carr Street, Tate's Clock and the Crescent, and the City Manager replied that he had asked the City Engineer to report on this suggestion, but pointed out that the erection of additional public conveniences must be deferred until the supply position eases.

The City Manager said that in his view the matter was not very urgent as several up-to-date and conveniently situated public conveniences had been erected in the City. If they built during the emergency they would be building at peak prices, and he suggested that it would meet the case if sites were selected and plans prepared so that they would be ready to proceed with building when the supply position eases.

The Committee agreed with the views expressed by the City Manager but suggested that the proposal to provide a convenience in the vicinity of Carr Street/Robert Street should be examined as it may be possible to provide one there at reasonable cost.

GLANCY'S STRAND HOUSING SCHEME: Submitted the following report:-

"22nd November, 1944.

I enclose herewith tracing showing coloured in RED the land owned by Mr. Goodwin of the Curraghgower Bar. This land is situate at the rear of his premises and contains a little less than half an acre, and I have ascertained that on it we could comfortably accommodate six houses. I suggest, therefore, that this land be acquired and that the Strand Fishermen be housed thereon. This would leave the present demolished area available for 'economic' houses, and would, I think, provide a solution to the present impasse.

We would, in addition, however, have to acquire from Messrs. Nash & Sons the small site coloured BLUE for the purposes of the entrance roadway.

I shall be glad if you will consider this matter and let me have your instructions.

C. Stenson,
City Engineer."

The City Manager said that he proposed referring the report to the City Solicitor to ascertain if the land referred to therein could be purchased at reasonable cost. If it was decided to use the Clancy's Strand Site for 'economic' houses it would probably be necessary to revise the plans so as to provide an additional room and bathroom, as the houses would be let at a fairly high economic rent, and the tenants would expect to be provided with a good class house.

APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECT: The City Manager stated that in connection with the housing schemes being formulated Mr. Scott, Engineering Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, had suggested to him that an Architect should be added to the City Engineer's Staff.

APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECT: (Ctd.)

Such an appointment would expedite the preparation of housing schemes and the City Engineer had submitted a report to him approving of the proposal and pointing out that as they visualised building up to 2,000 houses it was desirable to have an Architect to plan the types of houses to be erected.

The Mayor said that he had also discussed this matter with Mr. Scott and other officials during a recent visit to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and he was told that the appointment of an Architect would expedite the issue of Departmental approval to housing plans.

After a discussion, the Committee endorsed the City Manager's decision to employ an Architect.

PROSPECT HOUSING SCHEME: The City Engineer referred to complaints made at a recent meeting regarding dampness in some of the new houses at Prospect, and stated that he carried out an inspection of a few of the houses with Mr. Scott, Engineering Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health. They found a crack in one of the houses which would be responsible for the dampness complained of, and he had ordered the necessary repairs to be carried out.

Councillor Hartney said that he was still getting complaints regarding this matter, and at his suggestion it was agreed that the City Manager should instruct the Rent Collector for the Prospect Housing Scheme to submit a report giving particulars of any houses where the tenants complain of dampness.

Arising out of the foregoing, the Mayor said that he was constantly receiving complaints regarding the delay in carrying out repairs to Corporation houses, and he was of opinion that in view of the large number of houses to be dealt with (almost 2,000) a special Housing Department with a permanent maintenance staff should be set up. After a discussion the Mayor's suggestion was referred to the City Manager and the City Engineer for consideration.

TENANCIES: The Mayor said that his attention had been called to a case where a tenant of a Corporation house died and the City Manager refused to transfer the tenancy to the son, but instead Notice to Quit was served on him to give up possession of the house. He (the Mayor) did not agree with this procedure and asked for the views of the Committee.

The City Manager stated that in this case the man was not sleeping in the house, and he did not think that having regard to the housing position in the City this man should be made the tenant.

After a discussion the Committee expressed the view that the tenancy of the house in question should be transferred to the son of the deceased tenant and the City Manager in deference to the wishes of the Committee undertook to investigate the matter further, and discuss it with the City Solicitor.

BOROUGH BOUNDARY EXTENSION: Submitted following report:-

"21st November, 1944.

I am enclosing you herewith the Memorandum which I have prepared on this matter and which if you approve might be circulated to the members as preliminary to a meeting

BOROUGH BOUNDARY EXTENSION (CONTD.):

at which the Council could debate the subject matter and decide in the first instance whether in exercise of this reserved function they would now proceed for an extension of the municipal boundary. If the Council decided that it was now expedient to seek an extension of the boundary in exercise of their power under Section 38 of the Limerick City Management Act they could further examine and decide in detail how far extension should be sought.

I am returning you herewith the Files obtained from you in the matter including the report of the Greater Dublin Commission of 1924.

John Dundon
City Solicitor."

It was decided that copies of the report and the memorandum attached thereto be circulated amongst the members for consideration at the next Meeting of the Committee.

The Mayor mentioned that he had been informed that some years ago the Cork Corporation applied unsuccessfully for a Borough Boundary extension, and that they were put to considerable expense in connection with the matter. At his request the City Manager undertook to get full particulars from the City Manager and Town Clerk of Cork.

TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME: Submitted following communication:-

"Department of Local Government and Public Health,
Custom House,
Dublin.

15th November, 1944.

P.H.16136/2/44
C.B. Luimnighe (Ae).

A Chara,

I am directed by Dr. F. C. Ward, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to refer to the conference which was held in the Town Hall, Limerick, on the 27th ultimo between the Local Authority, the Red Cross Authorities and Deputies Bourke and Keyes at which Deputy Reidy presided. It is noted from the report of Dr. E. J. McWeeney, Medical Inspector, who attended the conference, that a scheme for the improvement of the arrangements for the provision of institutional treatment for tuberculous patients under the Limerick County Borough Tuberculosis Scheme is being considered as a result of the conference. I am to request that the proposals in this matter may be submitted to the Parliamentary Secretary at the earliest possible moment.

Mise, le meas,
J. HURSON
Ruail.

The City Manager,
Town Hall,
Limerick."

The City Manager said that, arising out of the conference, His Worship, the Mayor, the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health, and himself carried out an inspection of the

TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME (CONTD.):-

Tuberculosis Institution attached to the City Home and Hospital and discussed with Dr. Humphreys, Resident Medical Officer the steps which could be taken for an improvement in the arrangements for the treatment of patients in the Tuberculosis Institution. As a result of the inspection and discussion the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health had submitted to him the following report:-

16th November, 1944.

In order to meet early cases of Tuberculosis in the T.B. Hospital at City Home, the following additions will be required:-

1. Two nurses in addition to staff working there at present.
2. Additional House Surgeon who if possible should have some experience of such work.
3. An X-Ray machine suitable for screening work.

The work of treatment and directing of same could be carried out by Dr. Moran, T.M.O., assisted by the extra house surgeon. If X-ray machine cannot be obtained arrangements can be made with St. John's Hospital to obtain X-ray facilities.

J. McPolin,
M.S.O.H."

Continuing, the City Manager said that he approved of the recommendations set out in the report and had decided to seek the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the making of the additional appointments, and to ask the Minister and the Irish Red Cross Society to use their good offices to assist the Corporation in procuring an X-ray machine suitable for screening work.

The Committee approved of the City Manager's decision, and expressed their appreciation of the speedy manner in which he and the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health had dealt with the matter.

UNVEILING CEREMONY: Submitted letter, dated 23rd November, 1944, from Councillor M. Hartney, Hon. Secretary, Limerick Old I.R.A. thanking the members, the City Manager and officials of the Corporation for their attendance at the unveiling on last Sunday of a Cross to the memory of Lieut. Thomas Keane, executed by the English in 1921. Noted.

PUBLIC WEIGHBRIDGE: Councillor Keyes stated that at the last meeting of the Harbour Board a discussion took place regarding the Harbour Weighbridge. The Receiver of the Limerick Markets had objected to the weighing of produce subject to market tolls as he contended this should be done on the Market's weighlever. The Harbour Board had decided to seek Counsel's Opinion but in the meantime had asked him to inquire as to the position regarding the public weighbridge erected by the Corporation at Garryowen.

The City Manager explained that the weighbridge at Garryowen had been erected, without cost to the Corporation, out of monies advanced by the Government from the Road Fund and was primarily intended for the weighing of motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act, 1933. When the

PUBLIC WEIGHBRIDGE (CONTD.):

erection of the weighbridge had been completed he had sought the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the appointment of a Weighmaster, but was advised that in view of the falling off in motor traffic due to the emergency and as the Harbour Weighbridge was available the appointment of a Weighmaster should be deferred.

It was decided that the City Manager should request the Receiver of the Markets to summon a meeting of the Markets Trustees at an early date to discuss this matter.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: The City Manager was asked to request the Electricity Supply Board to erect a pumpic lamp in Glenview Avenue, Farranshone.

Confirmed in Council this 12th day of Dec 1944.

James Reid
CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, on Thursday,

7th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1944,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, and D. J. O'Malley.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Hartney, J. C. Hickey, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, J. McQuane, P.C., C. V. O'Malley, D. Reddan and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The Deputy City Manager and Town Clerk (Mr. J. J. Dundon, City Solicitor), the Assistant Town Clerk, and the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health.

SWORN INQUIRY INTO THE GAS UNDERTAKING: The Mayor said that since the last meeting a very serious development had taken place. There would be submitted to this meeting the report and findings of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the Sworn Inquiry into the Gas Undertaking which opened last December and lasted for thirty-five days. In that report the Minister makes certain observations and recommendations. He had decided to remove Mr. James J. Berkery from the office of City Manager and Town Clerk. Continuing, the Mayor said that he was sure all the members would feel, as he did, very sorry for Mr. Berkery, and that their sympathy would go out to him. Mr. Berkery had been in the service of the Corporation for 5½ years, and he felt that everyone associated with him in the administration of every municipal department always found Mr. Berkery efficient in the discharge of his duties, and above all courteous and obliging.

On Monday afternoon, 4th December, 1944, the Mayor continued, the Deputy City Manager received a telephone message from the Department of Local Government and Public Health inviting the Deputy Manager and the Mayor to go to Dublin for an interview with the Minister. He asked the Deputy City Manager to tell the Committee the subsequent developments. The Deputy City Manager said that, as the Mayor had stated, a telephone message came to his office on Monday afternoon of this week. At the time ~~was~~ he was at the City Home and Hospital and the trunk call was transferred there. He was informed that the Minister had recommendations to make to the Corporation in connection with the Gas Inquiry and that he wished the Mayor and Deputy City Manager to travel to Dublin to interview him before the recommendations were issued. He also asked if it would be possible to hold a special meeting of the Council to deal with the matter in the present week.

Continuing, the Deputy City Manager said that he got in touch with the Mayor, and, as a result, they travelled to Dublin on Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday, the 6th December, they had an interview first with the Minister for

Local Government and Public Health and later with the Secretary of the Department. The Minister's recommendations having been explained to them, the Mayor instructed him to summon this meeting of the General Purposes Committee to receive the report of the Minister and consider it. It was intended, if the Committee so decided, to take certain action suggested in the report at the meeting of the Council on Tuesday next, 12th December, 1944.

The Mayor then submitted the letter, dated the 6th December, 1944, addressed to him by the Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health, reviewing the evidence tendered at the Inquiry and giving the findings and decisions of the Minister thereon and said that it was a very lengthy document running to 53 pages of foolscap typing. He received it at 4 o'clock p.m., to-day when he called to the Town Hall after his return from Dublin but it was probably delivered by the morning post.

Councillors Russell and Keyes expressed surprise that what purported to be a resume of the decisions of the Minister appeared in the local press that afternoon before the Minister's report was presented to this Committee, and the latter said it was deplorable that such a thing should occur.

The Mayor said that neither the Deputy City Manager nor himself was responsible for what appeared in the Press. This was the first time the Minister's report was made public. He would like to say, however, that as the City Manager (Mr. Berkery) was vitally concerned in the matter he took it upon himself to call him by telephone to Clonmel where he was on sick leave yesterday evening and gave him a resume of the Minister's decisions. The City Manager was the only person he informed of the Minister's findings and he thought it only right that he should be told having regard to the fact that he was so vitally concerned.

Alderman O'Malley said that they were only concerned just now with the findings and decisions of the Minister. He understood the lengthy document sent to the Mayor as well as including the Minister's findings reviewed the evidence tendered at the Inquiry. They should confine themselves at this meeting to the reading of the Minister's findings and decisions.

After a short discussion, it was proposed by Alderman O'Malley, and seconded by Councillor O'Malley:-

That only the findings and decisions of the Minister on the evidence tendered at the Sworn Inquiry into the Gas Undertaking be read at this meeting but that printed copies of the whole of the letter, dated the 6th December, 1944, addressed to His Worship, the Mayor, by the Department of Local Government and Public Health and which includes the findings and decisions of the Minister be circulated amongst the members.

As an amendment, Councillor Cusack moved that the letter be read in its entirety but found no seconder.

The Mayor put Alderman O'Malley's motion to the meeting and declared it passed, Councillor Cusack dissenting.

The Deputy City Manager then read the opening paragraph of the letter of the 6th December, 1944, from the Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health, and the

findings and decisions of the Minister as set out on pages 50 to 53 of the typewritten letter.

Councillor McGuire said that the report, though long awaited, had come rather suddenly upon them, and, in the circumstances, he did not think they could give it the consideration it deserved at that meeting. He suggested, therefore, that consideration of the report be adjourned to the meeting of the Council on next Tuesday evening.

The Mayor said there were certain matters in the Minister's findings regarding Mr. Berkery that would have to be discussed and dealt with at this meeting, and asked the Deputy City Manager to explain the position.

The Deputy City Manager re-read the Minister's decision regarding Mr. Berkery as follows:-

"In all these respects the Manager's conduct was highly culpable and shows that he is unfitted for the office of City Manager and Town Clerk. The Minister accordingly has decided to remove him from the office of Limerick City Manager and Town Clerk. A Sealed Order will issue in the course of a few days. Mr. Berkery has served in different capacities under local bodies for upwards of thirty years, and his record of service in less responsible posts than that of City Manager has been generally satisfactory. In the circumstances, if the Corporation so desire, the Minister will be prepared to agree to his being appointed to a clerical post in the Corporation's service at a salary of £400 per annum, the appointment to take effect from the date of his removal from the position of City Manager and Town Clerk."

and stated that the Minister in sending for the Mayor and himself was anxious to explain to them what was meant by that particular paragraph, in so far as the Corporation was concerned. In effect, the paragraph meant that the Minister left it open to the Corporation to appoint Mr. Berkery to a clerical post, and to synchronise the making of the appointment with the issue of the Sealed Order removing Mr. Berkery from the position of City Manager and Town Clerk. The Sealed Order would, it was understood, be issued on Wednesday next and if the Corporation decided to appoint Mr. Berkery to a clerical post the appointment should be made by Wednesday next at latest so as to preserve the continuity of Mr. Berkery's pensionable service of upwards of thirty years. The Minister was leaving the matter to the Corporation to decide though the appointment would be made by the Acting City Manager who should be appointed at the Council Meeting on Tuesday next. The Acting City Manager would, of course, have regard to any wishes expressed by this Committee and the Council.

Councillor O'Malley, having paid a tribute to the services rendered to the Corporation by Mr. Berkery, and expressed his regret at the Minister's decision, said that the decision was irrevocable, and no useful purpose would be served by further discussion.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Bourke, and resolved:-

That we request the City Council to recommend to the Acting City Manager and Town Clerk the appointment of Mr. James J. Berkery to a clerical post in the Corporation's

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service at a salary of £400 per annum, on the termination of his employment as Limerick City Manager and Town Clerk.

The Deputy City Manager explained that, under the terms of his appointment as City Solicitor, he was required to act as Deputy City Manager in the absence of a City Manager in office but he did not automatically become Acting City Manager on the removal of Mr. Berkery from office. Therefore, he was not concerned in the appointment to be made of Acting City Manager.

The Mayor said that the appointment of Acting City Manager would be dealt with at the meeting of the Council on Tuesday, 12th December, 1944.

Confirmed in Council this 9th day of January 1945

James Reidy
CHAIRMAN

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

12th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1944.

at 9.30 p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, and D. J. O'Malley.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. Hartney, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, J. McQuane, P.C., C. V. O'Malley, D. Reddan, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The Deputy City Manager (Mr. J. J. Dundon, City Solicitor), the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health.

TENDERS FOR (1) ERECTION OF 36 HOUSES UNDER THE PALMERSTOWN HOUSING SCHEME AND (2) EXTENSION TO CITY LIBRARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AN ART GALLERY: 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:

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ERECTION OF 36 HOUSES UNDER THE PALMERSTOWN HOUSING SCHEME.

No. of Tender.	Name and Address of Person Tendering.	Amount	
		Mass Concrete	Concrete Blocks
1.	Mr. John O'Sullivan, Canal Road, Tralee.	£38,077:13: 0	£38,666:19: 0
2.	Messrs. J. J. Murphy & Sons, Mount Kennett, Limerick.	£35,279:13: 3	£36,158: 1: 5 $\frac{3}{4}$
3.	Messrs. Thos. Thornbury & Co. (Eire) Ltd., Tullamore.	£37,900: 0: 0	£38,773: 0: 0
4.	Messrs. Lanigan Bros., Carr St., Limerick.	£34,153:15: 6	£34,584: 2: 8
5.	Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll, O'Connell Ave., Limerick.	£50,277: 5: 0	£50,277: 5: 0
6.	Messrs. P. Molloy & Sons, Cathedral Place, Limerick.	£35,679: 9: 0	£35,424: 1: 9
7.	Mr. J. Leahy, Corbally, Limerick.	£29,207: 1:11	£31,042: 3: 3
8.	Mr. Patrick O'Flynn Millstreet, Co. Cork.	£39,757: 6: 2	£40,092:14: 2

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EXTENSION TO CITY LIBRARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AN ART GALLERY.

No. of Tender.	Name and Address of Person Tendering.	Amount.
1.	Messrs. Thos. Thornbury & Co. (Eire) Ltd., Store Street, Tullamore.	£6,233: 0: 0
2.	Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll O'Connell Avenue, Limerick.	£6,627: 17: 0
3.	Messrs. J. Buckley & Sons Ltd., 18 Grattan Street, Cork.	£6,800: 0: 0

Confirmed in Council this 9th day of January 1945.

James Reidy
CHAIRMAN.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Friday,

15th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1944.

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C., Mayor.

Alderman: D. Bourke, T.D.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., J. C. Hickey, and J. McQuane, P.C.

Officers present: The Acting City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Solicitor, and the City Engineer.

PALMERSTOWN HOUSING SCHEME: Submitted the following report:-

"Town Hall,
Limerick.
15th December, 1944.

Palmerstown Housing Scheme.

Gentlemen,

I have received a report from the City Engineer on his examination of the tenders received for the erection of the 36 houses in the Palmerstown Housing Scheme.

The lowest tender received for the erection of the houses in mass concrete amounts to £29,207: 1: 11 or £811. per house. This includes cost of development, but does not provide for cost of acquisition of site, legal and Engineering fees, etc. Adding these items, I estimate the all-in cost per house at £872 or £31,400 for the entire Scheme.

As you are aware, this is an "uneconomic" Scheme, and, consequently, two-thirds of the loan charges are paid by the Government, but only up to £400 per house. The loan charges on the Scheme will amount to £1,778: 0: 6 and deducting subsidy of £543: 12: 0 leaves a balance to be met by the tenants and the rates of £1,234: 8: 6. I have made a calculation of the rent that should be fixed to meet all charges, viz., net loan charges, fire insurance, rent collection, rates, etc. and find that it would amount to 17/7d. per week. It is the usual practice to make a contribution from the rates towards "uneconomic" Housing Schemes so as to keep the rents at a figure which the tenants could be expected to pay. The highest rent charged up to the present for "uneconomic" houses is 8/- per week. If this rent was fixed for the Palmerstown Scheme it would mean that the rates would have to meet a loss of 9/7d. per house per week or £897 per annum for the entire scheme, equivalent to a rate of 2.17 pence in the £.

It will be seen, therefore, that if we take the tenders received for the Palmerstown Scheme as a headline we are ~~face~~ faced with a very serious financial problem in relation to our housing programme. I understand that it was contemplated that the building of 300 houses would be undertaken during

the emergency. Taking the figures I have quoted for the Palmerstown Scheme, the matter requires very careful consideration.

Before, therefore, taking any action on the tenders received for the Palmerstown Scheme, I would like to have the views of the Committee.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL F. DONNELLAN
Acting City Manager.

The Right Worshipful, the Mayor
& Members of the General Purposes Committee."

The Acting City Manager said that the City Engineer in his report to him stated that he had examined the tenders received for the Palmerstown Housing Scheme, and had analysed them as far as possible having regard to the fact that it is not permissible to open the Bills of Quantities. He had tabulated the prices quoted for the erection of the houses in mass concrete and with concrete blocks, but following the usual custom it was not proposed to disclose the prices until a decision had been reached. It could be stated, however, that the tender of Mr. J. Leahy at £29,207: 1: 11 for the erection of the houses in mass concrete was the lowest received and this worked out at £811 per house. This included cost of development which the City Engineer had estimated would cost £85. The price per house, exclusive of development, therefore, worked out at £726 per house. To arrive at an explanation of the great increase in cost over the last Scheme the City Engineer had tabulated the increases in the prices of materials since June, 1941, i.e., the date of tendering for the Prospect Scheme. He found that the increased prices of materials would account for an increase in cost per house of approximately £100 whilst the increased cost of labour would account for £35 per house. On this basis he should have expected the tendered price to be in the region of £590 per house, exclusive of development. He was at a loss, therefore, to explain the difference between this price and the lowest tender of £726, and to arrive at a conclusion detailed examination of the Bills of Quantities would be necessary.

Councillor Hartney said that he understood the contractors were required to quote on fixed prices for certain items such as timber and nails. If they were given a free hand they could quote lower figures than those stipulated in the Bills of Quantities.

The City Engineer said that as the Committee were aware, the City Manager purchased materials some time ago for housing schemes when such materials were in short supply. The contractors were asked to base their prices for these materials on the actual cost to the Corporation.

The Committee carefully considered the report of the Acting City Manager, and, whilst appreciating the financial commitments which the acceptance of such a high tender entailed, were unanimously of opinion that the Scheme should be proceeded with. They were influenced in forming this opinion by their knowledge of the serious housing shortage in Limerick, and the urgent need for providing accommodation for persons living in dangerous and

insanitary dwellings. They also took into consideration the widespread unemployment in the building trades in the City.

After further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Hickey, seconded by Alderman Bourke, and resolved:-

That we recommend the Acting City Manager and Town Clerk to accept, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the tender of Mr. J. Leahy amounting to £29,207: 1: 11 for the erection of 36 houses in mass concrete under the Palmerstown Housing Scheme.

HOUSING SUBSIDY: The Mayor called attention to the fact that despite the big increase in building costs local authorities were still receiving subsidy only on the basis of an all-in cost of £400 for 'uneconomic' houses and £450 for 'economic' houses. The tenders received for the Palmerstown Scheme were a clear indication of the rising costs of house construction and the Limerick Corporation will be faced with a serious financial problem if they proceed with their housing programme. When the subsidy was originally fixed on the basis of £400 for 'uneconomic' houses and £450 for 'economic' houses building costs bore some relation to those figures but local authorities are now called upon to bear an excessive burden which, particularly in the case of 'uneconomic' houses cannot be passed on to the tenants.

After a discussion, it was decided on the motion of Councillor Hartney, seconded by Councillor Casey, to make a strong appeal to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider the position regarding the payment of subsidy.

CLANCY'S STRAND AND WATERGATE HOUSING SCHEMES: In reply to Councillor Cusack the Mayor said that the Acting City Manager had a further conference with the Clancy's Strand fishermen, and they were prepared to accept houses on the new site offered by Mr. Goodwin.

It had been intended to have a discussion at this meeting regarding the Clancy's Strand and Watergate Housing Schemes but he suggested that the discussion be deferred until the Minister's decision regarding the Palmerstown Scheme was received, and the Committee agreed with this view.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: The Mayor said that he had received several complaints regarding the absence of all night lighting in the City. This amenity should be restored for the protection of the citizens and their property.

The Committee decided to recommend the Acting City Manager and Town Clerk to arrange with the Electricity Supply Board for the restoration of all night lighting.

Confirmed in Council this ^{16th} ~~17th~~ day of January 1945.

James Reidy
CHAIRMAN

FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the Special Fire Brigade Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall on Tuesday,

9th DAY OF JANUARY, 1945.

at 7 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen:- M. J. Hartney, J. McQuane, P.C. and G. E. Russell.

Councillors:- The Acting City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk and the City Engineer.

Submitted report, dated 9th October, 1944, of former City Manager, regarding application of the members of the Fire Brigade Staff for an improvement in their conditions of employment and which was read at the meeting of the Council held on 16th October, 1944, and referred to this Committee.

The Acting City Manager stated that a deputation from the Fire Brigade Staff waited on him and stated that their claim was for (1) issue of boots annually, (2) six days' additional annual leave in lieu of Bank Holidays worked, and (3) full pay whilst on sick leave. He was favourably disposed towards (1) and (2) and whilst he was sympathetic towards (3), having regard to the hazardous nature of the duties of a Fire Brigade man, he feared that if the precedent was established, it might lead to applications for a similar concession from other Corporation employees.

After a general discussion, during which Councillor Hartney suggested that the case might be met if the Fire Brigade staff were granted the concession of a maximum of four weeks' sick leave on full pay in any one year, it was decided that the Acting City Manager should ascertain what was the practice in Dublin and Cork with regard to the payment of sick pay to municipal employees (including Fire Brigade Staff), and when this information was available, a further meeting of the Committee could be held.

Confirmed in Council this 25 day of Oct 1945.

M. J. Hartney
CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday, 13th day of February, 1945, at 9.30 p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, and D. J. O'Malley.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. Hartney, J. C. Hickey, J. McQuane, P.C., D. Reddan, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The Acting City Manager, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health.

OFFERS FOR GRAZING OF LANDS AT CORKEAHEE: In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council for the reception and examination of Tenders, the following offer was opened by the Chairman, numbered and initialled by him, and delivered to the Acting City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

W. J. Hayes, Upper Cecil Street - £45: 10: 0d.

Confirmed in Council this 13th day of March 1945.

James Reidy
CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday, 14th day of March, 1945, at 11 o'clock a.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reidy,
 T.D., P.C., Mayor.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., and P.J. Cusack, P.C.

Officers present: The Acting City Manager and Town Clerk,
 and the Assistant Town Clerk.

TENDERS FOR ANNUAL SUPPLIES, Etc.

In accordance with the regulations adopted by the Council, 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:-

ANNUAL SUPPLIES.

No. of Tender	Name of Person or Firm who tendered	Price
TIMBER, SEWER PIPES ETC.—		
1—	James McMahon Ltd.	Various
2—	O'Dwyer and Co.	do.
3—	F. Spaight and Sons, Ltd.	do.
IRONMONGERY, CASTINGS, ETC.—		
4—	James McMahon Ltd.	do.
5—	T. Hassett, Ltd.	do.
6—	Shannon Foundry.	do.
7—	D. Leonard and Co.	do.
8—	F. Spaight and Sons, Ltd.	do.
HORSESHOEING—		
9—	Mrs. L. Gleeson	do.
HARNES AND REPAIRS—		
10—	J. Madden and Sons	do.
BRUSHES, OILS, PAINTS, ETC.—		
11—	F. Spaight and Sons, Ltd.	do.
12—	D. Leonard and Co., Ltd.	do.
ANNUAL CLOTHING CONTRACT—		
1—	Messrs. Cannock and Co.	Various

HALF-YEARLY SUPPLIES for the CITY HOME and HOSPITAL.

No.	Name of Contractor.	Article.	Price of Article.
1	Joseph Barry, Upper William Street.	Beef and Mutton.	1s. 2d. & 1s. 6d per lb, respectively.
2	Patrick Hall, Nicholas Street.	do.	1s. and 1s. 4d. per lb, respectively.
3	John O'Connor, Wickham Street.	do.	11d. & 1s. 4d. per lb, respectively.
4	Joe Barry, Hartstouze Street.	do.	11d. & 1s. 4d. per lb, respectively.
5	D. Joyce, Thomondgate.	Various	11d. & 1s. 5d. per lb, respectively.
6	Richard Ray, Ltd., Roche's Street.	Milk.	1s. 4d. per gallon.
7	Thomas Nix, Meelick House.	Various	Various.
8	James H. Roche and Sons, William St.	Various	Various.
9	Grimsby Fish Stores, Bedford Row.	Eggs.	2s. 9d. per dozen.
10	William Rainsford, Caberconlish.	Various	Various.
11	Michael Williams, Kildimo.	Eggs.	2s. 7d. per dozen.
12	Denis O'Connor, Catherine Street.	Various	Various.
13	John Clancy, Lower Park.	Eggs.	2s. 9d. per dozen.
14	Cecil McDermagh, Thomas Street.	Minerals.	3s. 6d. per dozen.
15	Cornelius Casey, Michael Street.	Various	Various.
16	Daniel Clancy, Ellen Street.	Butter.	25s. per cwt.
17	Dowdall O'Mahony and Co. Ltd.	Offal.	25s. 6d. per barrel.
18	Michael Ahern, Quarry Road.	Dripping.	10d. per lb.
19	Sisters of Mercy, St. Vincents.	Offal.	10s. per barrel.
20	James Ryan, Quarry Road.	Offal.	6s. 3d. per barrel.
21	Harry Jackson, Hassett's Cross.	Stocktaker.	10d. per lb.
22	Mrs. B. Kennedy, Michael Street.	do.	£15.
23	Mrs. Bradshaw, Rutland Street.	Spectacles.	16s. per pair.
24	Stephen Malone, William Street.	do.	Various.
25	James Finucane, Fitzgerald Place.	Coffins.	Various.
26	Michael J. Hartman, Patrick Street.	do.	Various.
27	John Griffin and Sons.		
28	C. Thompson and Sons.		

Confirmed in Council this 14th day of March 1945.

James Kelly
CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

Confirmed in Council this 23rd day of March 1945.

James Reidy
CHAIRMAN.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Friday, 23rd day of March, 1945, at 9.30 p.m., the following members being present:-

- In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C., Mayor.
- Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, and D. J. O'Malley.
- Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. W. McGuire, J. McQuane, P.C., C. V. O'Malley, and G. E. Russell.
- Officers present: The Acting City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

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 Acting City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

No. of Tender.	Name of Person or Firm who Tendered.	Price.
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FREE MILK SUPPLY

- Martin McNamara, Derry-fadda, Clonlara ... 1s 11d per Gallon or 1s. 6d. per Gallon from 1-4-'45 to 30-9-'45.

FREE MILK DISTRIBUTION

	Price In Bulk.	Per Gal.—In pint and half pint sealed Bots.
2. Mrs. M. Barrett, 3 Carey's Road ...	3d.	2d.
3. Francis McMahon, 40 Nicholas Street ...	3d.	—
4. Mary Donnellan, 84 Clare St.	3d.	2d.
5. Bridget O'Connell, 28 St. Joseph Street	3d.	2½d.
6. Michael Murphy, 8 New Rd, Thomondgate ...	3d.	1½d.
7. Margaret Griffin, 33 Denmark Street ...	3d.	3d.
8. Mrs. Annie Normoyle, Bridge Street ...	6d.	4d.
9. L. McKeon, St. Ita Street	3d.	3d.
10. L. McKeon, John Street	3d.	3d.

STANDARD MILK

- Mrs. E. Butler, Clyduff, Lisnagry ... 2s. 7d. per Gallon.
- Thomas O'Regan, Anhid Dairy, Croom ... 2s. 7d. per Gal., in ½ pint bottles.

SCHOOL MEALS (BREAD)

- Frank Kiely, Imperial Bakery, 24 Sarsfield St. ... 2½ ozs. portions of bread sliced and buttered.
- Mrs. M. O'Connor, The People's Bakery, 39 Parnell Street ... 1s. 2d. per dozen portions.
Do. 1s. 2½d. Do.
- Anselm Taylor, 1 Cecil St. Do. 2s. Do.

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE (SPECTACLES)

- C. Cromer, 18 O'Connell Street ... 20s. per pair.

GRAZING OF TANK FIELD

- William Lawlor, Ballysimon Road, Singland ... £22 0s. 0d.
- E. Barry, 6 Upr. William St. £20 0s. 0d.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

26th DAY OF APRIL, 1945,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Carew.

Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. Hartney, M. J. Keyes, T.D., C. V. O'Malley, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The Acting City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Solicitor, the City Engineer, and the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health.

CONDOLENCE: The Mayor tendered to Councillor Keyes an expression of his deep sympathy on the great loss he and the members of his family had suffered by the death of their brother, the late Mr. Joseph Keyes.

The members and the Acting City Manager having associated themselves with the Mayor's remarks, Councillor Keyes expressed his deep sense of gratitude for the kind expressions of sympathy.

UNIVERSITY FOR LIMERICK: The report of the Chamber of Commerce dealing with the question of having a Constituent College of the National University established in Limerick, which was before the last meeting of the Council and referred to this meeting for consideration, was submitted. Copies of the report had been circulated amongst the members prior to the meeting.

The Mayor said that the Chamber of Commerce was to be heartily congratulated on their very able report, which would be most helpful to the Committee in considering this very important question.

In the course of the general debate which followed, the consensus of opinion favoured the establishment of a University in Limerick, and after further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Hartney, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, and resolved:-

That we request His Worship, the Mayor, to call a public meeting of organised bodies and representative citizens to discuss the proposal to have a Constituent College of the National University of Ireland established in Limerick, and if the meeting so decides to take such action as may be necessary to further the project.

PROSPECT-O'CONNELL AVENUE PASSAGEWAY: Submitted report of the City Solicitor on Senior Counsel's Opinion regarding the above Passageway, as printed in the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 17th April, 1945, and copies of which had been circulated amongst the members prior to the meeting.

The City Solicitor having read the conclusions of Senior Counsel on the facts submitted to him, it was unanimously decided that His Worship, the Mayor, Councillor Hartney, Councillor Russell, the Acting City Manager, the City Solicitor, and the City Engineer should explore the possibility of linking up the passageway with Verona Esplanade and report thereon to the next meeting of the Council.

TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME: Submitted following correspondence:-

Department of Local Government & Public Health.
Custom House,

P.H.4577/45
C.B.Luimnighe.
A Chara,

Dublin.
16th March, 1945.

I am directed by Dr. F. C. Ward, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to refer to your letter of the 16th ultimo regarding negotiations between the Limerick Corporation and the Anti-Tuberculosis Section of the Irish Red Cross Society in relation to a proposal by the latter to make available a preliminary gift of £100 to be utilised in connection with the aftercare of tuberculous patients. I am to state that the Parliamentary Secretary considers that the alternative procedure suggested by Dr. McPolin whereby a medical certificate would be issued by him to such tuberculous families as he considered should receive assistance might be given a trial. These families could then make direct application to the Red Cross Society.

In considering the proposal it should be borne in mind that the local authority already administers a scheme for the grant of extra nourishment as well as clothes and beds to necessitous tuberculous cases undergoing domiciliary treatment, which scheme is subsidised by this Department.

It is very desirable that whatever help is to be provided by the Red Cross Society should not overlap with the special assistance afforded by the local authority and it would seem that the arrangement suggested by Dr. McPolin would meet the position much better than the procedure contemplated by the Society. The presentation by the patient of a certificate issued by the Medical Officer in charge of the Tuberculosis Scheme, as suggested above, could be regarded by the Society as evidence of the need for further assistance.

I am to add that it is most desirable that whatever arrangement is made will be satisfactory to both parties and thus ensure co-operation in the administration of the scheme.

Mise, le meas,

M. O LALINN,
Th/c an Runai.

The Acting City Manager,
LIMERICK.

THE IRISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Irish Red Cross Society,
5, The Crescent,
Limerick.
16th April, 1945.

Mr. M. F. Donnellan,
Acting City Manager,
Limerick.

Dear Mr. Donnellan,

The Anti-Tuberculosis Section of the Limerick Branch of the Red Cross Society considered your letter of March 10th along with the copy of the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, in connection with the operation of the After-care Scheme for Limerick City.

They have noted the remarks with regard to the avoidance of overlapping with the special assistance afforded by the Local Authority.

The Committee would prefer to work through the Public Health officials (Medical and Nursing Staff) and to avoid direct contact with the patients themselves. They suggest that the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health gets from his nurses a list of the cases requiring assistance and forwards this to us, with a few relevant particulars and the type of assistance suggested, but omitting names or addresses, just Case 1, Case 2, etc. The Committee could then consider which cases they could most usefully help and forward the necessary vouchers for this purpose to the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health who could give them to the nurses

for distribution to the cases to which they applied. This would obviate direct application to us by the patients, which the Committee desire to avoid, and would safeguard medical secrecy which Dr. McPolin wishes to uphold.

The Superintendent Medical Officer of Health has been invited to every meeting of this Committee but so far has not seen his way to attend. When the Committee asked for the co-operation of the nurses, this was denied them on the grounds of medical secrecy. The Committee does not desire the names or addresses of the patients concerned, merely case number so and so and some necessary relevant facts in connection with it. These particulars would be no breach of secrecy, as no names would be supplied, but would permit the Committee to disburse their funds intelligently and usefully.

The Committee feel that they are a voluntary body anxious to help in combating Tuberculosis. They plan to raise funds for this purpose annually. All this entails considerable effort on their part. They feel that they can function usefully only if they have the sympathetic co-operation of the Public Health Officials. If their work is not welcome and such co-operation is withheld, they will have no option but to cease their attempt to be of help in the Anti-Tuberculosis campaign in co-operation with the Local Authorities.

Yours faithfully,

GERTRUDE M. MORONEY.
(Miss) G. M. Moroney,
Hon. Secretary,
Limerick Anti-Tuberculosis Section.

TOWN HALL,
LIMERICK,

17-4-1945.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of 17th April, 1945. enclosing a copy of the letter from the Irish Red Cross Society.

The Committee state that they are a voluntary Society, but at the same time suggest that I am remiss in my official duties in so far as I do not attend their meetings. I fail to see how a voluntary Committee can claim my professional services and I repudiate the suggestion that by non-attendance at Red Cross Committee meetings, I am remiss in fulfilling my obligations, either as a doctor or as an official of the Limerick Corporation.

The Red Cross letter states "When the Committee asked for the co-operation of the nurses, this was denied them on the grounds of medical secrecy." This is totally incorrect. The Red Cross demanded that the nurses attend their meetings and discuss the T.B. cases. This amounted to compelling the nurses to become servants of the Red Cross Society in their professional capacity. This is certainly asking for more than co-operation and, also, in my advice to the City Manager, the question of medical secrecy was not put forward as the reason for the method suggested by me.

Paragraph 3 of the Red Cross letter suggests a completely new method of distributing the £100. This new method implies that the nurses act as distributors of home help to patients. This is an undesirable innovation and is normally not part of a nurse's or a doctor's work. My original suggestion that the patient's family approach the Red Cross provided with a written statement from the doctor in attendance seems preferable. This work of distributing charitable gifts would seem to be a work in which the Red Cross members could give valuable help. They could do this work without visiting the homes, as the necessary information would be provided by the doctor's certificate.

The Red Cross Committee protest that they are a voluntary body anxious to co-operate with the local authorities in the anti-Tuberculosis campaign. I would like it to be realised that the medical and nursing professions occupy an important position in this work and that they are entitled to co-operation and courtesy.

Yours faithfully,

J. McPOLIN, M.S.O.H.

The City Manager,
LIMERICK.

Copies of all the letters, including the above, dealing with the subject of the distribution of monies made available by the Irish Red Cross Society for the after-care of tuberculous patients were circulated amongst the members prior to the meeting.

After a lengthy discussion, the Mayor suggested that the

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Acting City Manager, the Medical Superintendent, Officer of Health, the City Solicitor, and Councillor O'Malley should come together under his Chairmanship when it might be possible to overcome the difficulties that had arisen, and the persons mentioned having expressed their willingness to attend such a Conference, the Committee approved of the Mayor's suggestion.

BOROUGH BOUNDARY EXTENSION: Submitted report of the City Solicitor on the question of the extension of the Borough Boundary, which was referred by Council to this Committee for consideration. Copies of the report had been circulated amongst the members prior to the meeting.

It was unanimously decided to defer consideration of the report until after the forthcoming Municipal Elections.

TOWN PLANNING CONSULTANT: In reply to His Worship, the Mayor, and other members, the Acting City Manager stated that he intended, at an early date, discussing with the officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health the question of filling the post of Town Planning Consultant, rendered vacant by the lamented death of Mr. Manning Robertson, M.R.I.A.I., F.R.I.B.A.

PALMERSTOWN HOUSING SCHEME: Submitted the following communication, from Mr. J. Leahy, Builder, Corbally, Limerick, whose tender had been accepted for the erection of 36 houses at Palmerstown:-

"Corbally,
Limerick.
26. 4. 1945.

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M. F. Donnellan, Esq.,
Acting City Manager,
Town Hall,
Limerick.

Re: The Palmerstown Housing Scheme.

Dear Sir,

I regret that I am unable to proceed with the above contract owing to being unable to get through the necessary Insurance Bond.

I thank the Limerick Corporation for granting me extra time to procure same.

Yours truly,
JOHN LEAHY."

The Acting City Manager stated that the next lowest tender, submitted by Messrs. Lanigan Bros., amounted to £34,153: 15: 6 (including development works) or £948 per house as against Mr. Leahy's tender of £29,207: 1: 11 (including development works) or £811 per house; a difference of £4,946: 13: 7 or £137 per house. He was not prepared to accept such a high tender, particularly as it was only with reluctance that the Minister sanctioned the acceptance of Mr. Leahy's tender. He, therefore, suggested that the Corporation proceed with the development works only and on completion re-advertise for tenders for the building of the houses.

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After a discussion, it was agreed that the Mayor should discuss the Acting City Manager's suggestion with the responsible officials and report thereon to the next Council Meeting. It was further decided that the possibility of carrying out the development works by direct

labour, for which it was understood a Government Grant would be made available, should be examined.

TENANCIES OF CORPORATION HOUSES: Submitted following report:-

Office of the City Manager and Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Limerick.
26th April, 1945.

Gentlemen,

Owing to the slowing-up of building operations by public and private enterprise, due to the emergency, there has been for some time past, an unprecedented demand for the tenancies of Corporation ~~walk~~ dwellings which become vacant. The result has been that a good deal of my time has been taken up by persons making verbal applications for such houses, and I know that the members of the Council have to contend with the same problem.

In the interest of all concerned, therefore, I have decided to put into operation the following method of selecting tenants for Corporation houses:-

1. Applicants for houses must fill the usual form and lodge it at the Public Health Offices, 35 William Street, where the particulars and circumstances of their families will be investigated and classified.
2. When a vacancy offers the tenant will be appointed on the sole recommendation of the M.S.O.H.
3. In recommending the tenant, the M.S.O.H. will be bound to have regard to the Regulations made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

I know that I can rely on the whole-hearted co-operation of the members in dealing with this difficult problem, and as the tenants will be selected after consideration of their existing accommodation and the degree of urgency of their needs for alternative accommodation, I would suggest that members of the Council refrain from making verbal or written representations on behalf of particular applicants, as such representations may be a source of embarrassment, not alone to the officers of the Corporation, but to the members themselves.

Yours faithfully,
M. F. DONNELLAN
Acting City Manager and Town Clerk.

To/His Worship, the Mayor, and the Members of the City Council.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Casey, and resolved:-

That the report of the Acting City Manager be and is hereby approved.

At the suggestion of His Worship, the Mayor, it was ordered that copies of the regulations made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health referred to in the report be circulated amongst the members.

SWIMMING BATHS: Submitted report of Swimming Baths Committee as printed in the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17th April, 1945, together with following

report from the City Engineer:-

"City Hall,
Limerick.
26th April, 1945.

Dear Sir,

At a recent meeting of the Swimming Baths Committee it was decided to re-submit our proposals for the adaptation of Rhebogue Waterworks. When these proposals were submitted some twelve months or so ago they included a very modern design for the construction of the approach road. This included a considerable amount of land acquisition and the estimated cost was high in proportion to the cost of the work of adaptation.

It is now considered that a more modest means of approach would suffice and I have again looked into the matter on the basis of widening the existing fences, strengthening at the sides, and tar spraying. The width generally would be 15 feet, but for a distance of approximately 250 yards it would not be possible to obtain more than 13 feet. The estimated cost of this work would be £1,010.

I enclose plan and estimate and shall be glad if you will give the matter your consideration.

Yours faithfully,
C. STENSON
City Engineer."

After a short discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Donnellan, and resolved:-

That further consideration of the reports of the Swimming Baths Committee and the City Engineer be adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

EMERGENCY BONUS FOR EMPLOYEES: The Acting City Manager referred to the discussion at the last meeting of the Council regarding the application of the Corporation Employees for an increase in the Emergency Bonus. He had decided to grant 1/- per week from the 1st April, 1945, and submitted correspondence dealing with the increase granted last year when the employees resumed work after the strike. From that correspondence it was apparent that the former City Manager did not bind himself to grant an increase of 2/- per week this year.

It was proposed by Alderman Bourke, seconded by Councillor Cusack, and resolved:-

That we recommend the Acting City Manager to grant an increase of 2/- per week in the emergency bonus to the employees.

INCREASE TO CASUAL WORKERS: In reply to Alderman Carew, the Acting City Manager stated that he had been asked to grant an increase in wages to the casual workers employed on Relief Schemes so as to bring their rate up to the level paid to building labourers in the City. He was considering the matter and would report his decision at the next Council Meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS: The attention of the City Engineer was directed to the following matters:-

Provision of Kiosk or shelter at the People's Park.
Provision of street name plates in the Prospect Housing Scheme.
Dumping of refuse at Prospect.
Condition of Barrington's Pier.
Condition of Killeely Graveyard.
Opening of Treaty Stone View Park.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Councillor O'Malley, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. J. Turpin on the death of his son and that copy of resolution be sent to ex-Alderman Goodwin, uncle of the deceased.

It was proposed by Councillor Casey, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. Horrigan, Barrack Hill.

It was proposed by Councillor Russell, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mrs. Ryan, William Street.

Confirmed in Council this 26 day of April 1945.


CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

26th DAY OF APRIL, 1945,

at 9.30 p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Carew.

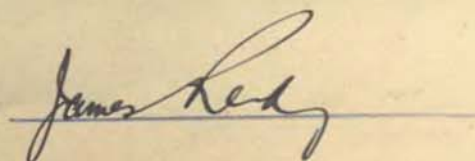
Councillors: J. Casey, P.C., P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. Hartney, M. J. Keyes, T.D., C. V. O'Malley, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The Acting City Manager and the Assistant Town Clerk.

ANNUAL PRINTING CONTRACT: In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council for the reception and examination of Tenders, the following tender was opened by the Chairman, numbered and initialled by him, and delivered to the Acting City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

Messrs. G. McKern & Sons, Ltd., - £675: 0: 0d.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

10th DAY OF JULY, 1945.

at 9.30 p.m. , the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman M. J. Hartney, Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G. Dillon, P. Donnellan, P.C., J. C. Hickey, M. J. Keyes, T.D., P. O'Connell, M. O'Malley, G. E. Russell, and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The Acting City Manager and Town Clerk, the City Engineer, the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health and Mr. J. Doyle of the Town Clerk's Department.

TENDERS FOR DEMOLITION OF AIR RAID SHELTERS 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 initialled by him, and delivered to the Acting City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

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TENDERS FOR DEMOLITION OF AIR RAID SHELTERS.

Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll	-	£2,880:	0:	0
The South of Ireland Asphalt Co.Ltd.	-	£2,700:	0:	0
Mr. Michael Vaughan	-	£ 708:	0:	0
Messrs. P. Molloy & Sons	-	£1,410:	0:	0
Mr. James Vaughan	-	£ 888:	0:	0

TENDERS FOR RELAYING OF FLOOR OF TUBERCULOSIS INSTITUTION, CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL.

Mr. J. Reid	-	£ 643:	8:	0
Messrs. J. J. Murphy & Sons	-	£ 818:	9:	7
Messrs. Thornbury (Eire) Ltd.	-	£ 726:	0:	0
Messrs. T. Earlie & Sons	-	£ 440:	10:	0

OFFERS FOR PURCHASE OF SCRAP METAL & IRON.

		Scrap Metal	Scrap Iron	
Mr. C. Wallace	-	£4: 15: 0	per ton	£1: 5: 0 per
Mr. C. Hughes	-	£4: 15: 0	" "	£4: 2: 6 ton
Mr. Michael Mason	-	£4: 5: 0	" "	£1: 5: 0 "
Messrs. A. Feldman & Sons	-	£5: 0: 0	" "	£5: 0: 0 "
Mr. G. Walmsley	-	£5: 0: 0	" "	£2: 0: 0 "

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Confirmed in Council this 14th day of August 1945.

M. Hartney CHAIRMAN.

PUBLIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the Special Committee appointed by the Council on 10th July, 1945, to examine the cost of Public Lighting was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Monday,

10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1945.

at 3.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman M. J. Hartney, Mayor.

Alderman: J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. B. O'Malley, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The Acting City Manager and Town Clerk, and the Assistant Town Clerk.

The Committee had before them a statement prepared by the Acting City Manager & Town Clerk showing the cost of public lighting for each year from 1st April, 1930 (when the Electricity Supply Board took over the Public Lighting of the City) to 1945/'46 from which it was noted that the cost of public lighting had increased from £4,146: 10: 0 in 1930/31 to £4,757: 15: 0 for 1945/46 although the number of lamps had been reduced from 947 to 847.

After a general discussion, the Committee asked the Acting City Manager to invite Mr. F. Algar of the Electricity Supply Board to attend the next meeting to discuss the cost of public lighting with the members and it was decided that the Acting City Manager, after consultation with the Mayor, would fix the date of the next meeting to suit Mr. Algar's convenience.

Confirmed this 4th day of October 1945.


CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Wednesday,

19th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1945,

at 11.30 o'clock a.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: Alderman D. Bourke, T.D.

Councillors: J. Connery, M. B. O'Malley and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The Acting City Manager and Town Clerk, and the Assistant Town Clerk.

TENDERS FOR HALF-YEARLY SUPPLIES FOR CITY HOME & HOSPITAL:

In accordance with the regulations adopted by the Council, 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:-

No.	Name of Person or Firm who Tendered.	Article	Price of Article.
1-	Daniel Clancy, 4 Ellen St.	Various.	Various.
2-	Michael Williams, Kildimo.	Various.	Various.
3-	John Clancy, Lower Park.	Various.	Various.
4-	James Finucane, Fitzgerald's Cottages.	Stocktaking.	£15.
5-	Joseph Barry, Hartstonge St.	Beef and Mutton.	11d. & 1s. 4½d. per lb. respectively.
6-	Dermot Joyce, Thomondgate.	Beef and Mutton.	10½ & 1s. 5d. per lb. respectively.
7-	Patrick Hall, Nicholas St.	Beef and Mutton.	1s. 1½d. & 1s. 3½d. per lb. respectively.
8-	John O'Connor, Wickham St.	Beef and Mutton.	11d. & 1s. 4d. per lb. respectively.
9-	Thomas Nix, Meelick.	Milk.	2s. 1d. per gallon.
10-	Dowdall O'Mahony & Co. Ltd., Union Quay, Cork.	Butter.	£12 10s. per cwt.
11-	John Toomey, Wolfe Tone St.	Various.	Various.
12-	Michael Fitzgibbon, Catherine St.	Eggs.	3s. 1d. per doz.
13-	Denis O'Connor, Catherine St.	Eggs.	3s. per doz.
14-	J. Cusack, Grimsby Fish Stores.	Plaice, Whiting and Cod.	2s., 1s., & 2s. per lb. respectively.
15-	Drombanna Creamery, Four Elms, Limerick.	Butter.	£12 6s. per cwt.
16-	Kilcorney Co-op Society, Banteer, Co. Cork.	Various.	Various.
17-	Kilcorney Co-op Society, Banteer, Co. Cork.	Milk.	2s. 1d. per gallon.
18-	James Barry, William St.	Various.	Various.

Confirmed in Council this 9th day of October 1945.

Ed. Hartney
CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

27th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1945.

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman M. J. Harney, Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, G. B. Dillon, P. Donnellan, P.C., J. C. Hickey, M. J. Keyes, T.D., P. O'Connell, M. B. O'Malley, and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The Acting City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Solicitor, the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health and the City Engineer.

HOUSING: Submitted the following communication:-

"Department of Local Government & Public Health,
Custom House,
Dublin.

H.16688/1945
C.B.Luimnighe.

20th September, 1945.

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A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, relative to the request of the Limerick Corporation for the attendance of one of the Department's Inspectors at a meeting of the Corporation for the purpose of discussing the type of house to be provided in the city for the working classes, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that no useful purpose would be served by such a discussion until the Corporation's views as to their proposed alteration of housing standards are submitted.

The type of house to be provided is one, in the first instance, for the Corporation. If the Corporation submit plans of the type of house they are desirous of erecting, together with estimated costs, the matter will be fully considered. It should, however, be understood that in general the Minister does not favour the building of houses with less than four habitable rooms, and where sewerage and water services are available he considers that provision should be made for the installation of baths either at the time of the erection of the houses, or at a later date when supplies are more readily available and when costs will have reached a more reasonable level.

Mise, le meas,
J. HURSON
Runai.

The Acting City Manager,
Limerick."

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The Mayor said that a few days after the receipt of the above communication Mr. M. J. Scott, B.E., Engineering Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public

Health, came to Limerick, and the Acting City Manager arranged a conference. He (the Mayor) presided at the conference which was attended by Mr. Scott, the Acting City Manager and Town Clerk, the City Engineer, the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health, and the Assistant Town Clerk. There was a free and frank exchange of views regarding the proposals discussed at the meeting of the Council held on 14th August, 1945, for the building of a cheap type of house not up to the standard specification. The plans which he (the Mayor) submitted at that meeting were examined, but Mr. Scott intimated that there was no possibility of getting the Minister's sanction to such plans, as they did not conform with the minimum standards laid down, and the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health pointed out that they were not up to public health standards.

The question of building houses by direct labour was also discussed and Mr. Scott intimated that if the City Engineer could satisfy the Minister that he was in a position to build houses as cheaply or cheaper by direct labour as by contract there would be no objection to carrying out such a project.

The question of the building materials purchased by the Corporation some time ago was also discussed. These materials were purchased when prices were at their peak and the fact that the tenders recently received for the Palmerstown Housing Scheme were based on these prices had given rise to a certain amount of comment. A suggestion was put forward at the conference that the Corporation should make the materials available at current prices and this would mean a reduction of approximately £14 per house.

Alderman Reidy said that if it was proposed to make the building materials available to Contractors at current prices then they should re-advertise for tenders for the Palmerstown Housing Scheme.

The Mayor said that every effort should be made to induce the Minister to increase the all-in cost figure of house building on which subsidies were based. He did not see how the Corporation or any other local authority could carry out its housing programme unless there was a substantial increase in the all-in cost figure.

During the general discussion which ensued, the City Engineer pointed out that an application had been made for a grant to carry out the development works in connection with the Palmerstown Housing Scheme.

Finally, it was proposed by Councillor Hickey, seconded by Alderman Reidy, and resolved:-

That in view of the very substantial increase in the cost of building and being satisfied that there is no likelihood of a reduction for some time to come, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to extend the limit of all-in cost of houses erected under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts on which housing subsidies were payable.

We are satisfied that if the all-in cost figure is not increased substantially the Limerick Corporation will be unable to proceed with its housing programme. If the

Corporation were to do so the rents would have to be fixed at such a high figure that the houses could not be let to the persons for whom they were intended, and the rates could not bear the heavy increase that would be required to fix the rents at a reasonable figure.

On the suggestion of His Worship, the Mayor, it was decided to send copies of the resolution to all local authorities in Eire.

It was further decided that the Acting City Manager and Town Clerk should telephone the Department of Local Government and Public Health and press for an early decision regarding the Corporation's application for a grant to carry out the development works in connection with the Palmerstown Housing Scheme.

SUMMER TIME: It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, and seconded by Councillor Donnellan:-

That we request the Government to re-consider the decision to continue "Summer Time" during the winter months.

As an amendment Councillor Hickey proposed, and Councillor Connery seconded:-

That, as we are satisfied the Government fully considered all the circumstances before deciding to continue "Summer Time", no action be taken.

A Poll was taken and the voting resulted as follows:-

For Councillor Hickey's Amendment: Alderman Bourke; Councillors Connery, Hickey, O'Connell, O'Malley, and Whelan (6).

Against: His Worship, the Mayor; Aldermen Carew and Reidy; Councillors Dillon, Donnellan, and Keyes (6).

His Worship, the Mayor, gave his casting vote against the amendment, and then put Alderman Reidy's motion to the meeting and declared it passed by the same voting, no further poll having been demanded.

PROSPECT -O'CONNELL AVENUE PASSAGEWAY: The Acting City Manager reported that Councillor McGuire had handed in notice of motion to have the matter of the Prospect-O'Connell Avenue Passageway further discussed at the next Council Meeting.

At the request of Councillor O'Malley, it was arranged that the City Solicitor would meet the members of the Council to inspect the passageway and explain the legal difficulties that had arisen, on Friday, 28th September, 1945, at 7 o'clock p.m.

REVINGTON PARK: Councillor O'Malley called attention to the condition of the roadway in "The Circle", Revington Park, and to the need for providing a fire hydrant.

The City Engineer explained that it was not found possible to include this work in this year's relief grants but he intended suggesting to the Acting Manager to authorise the provision out of Revenue of a concrete footpath and the steam-rolling of the roadway pending concreteing out of a relief grant. He understood that there was a fire hydrant within reasonable distance of the houses in "The Circle", but he would look into the matter.

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FIRE BRIGADE: In reply to Councillor O'Malley, the Acting City Manager stated that he had not yet had an opportunity of considering Captain Diskin's proposals for augmenting the City Fire Brigade Staff. He pointed out, however, that no provision was made in the estimates for additional staff, and consequently he was doubtful if Captain Diskin's proposals could be put into operation this year. He would, however, go into them as soon as possible and give the members an opportunity of discussing them.

AIR RAID SHELTERS: The City Engineer stated, in reply to Alderman Reidy, that work on the removal of the Air Raid Shelters in the City would commence in a few days. Alderman Reidy suggested that when the shelters are demolished any rubble available could be used for filling on the lands adjacent to the O'Dwyer Bridge.

CORBALLY BANK: Alderman Reidy said that he desired to congratulate the City Engineer, his Foreman (Mr. Kelly) and the workmen, on the excellent job carried out at Corbally Bank. It was one of the best amenity schemes that had been carried out in Limerick by way of relief works, and was a credit to all concerned.

The other members present endorsed Alderman Reidy's remarks.

CLEANSING AND REPAIRS STAFF: Councillor O'Connell stated that he understood it was found necessary to take disciplinary action against four members of the cleansing and repairs staff. Three of them had been suspended for three days and the fourth man for two weeks. He appealed to have the sentence imposed on the fourth man reduced as he considered it excessive.

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After a short discussion, an unanimous appeal was made to the Acting City Manager and City Engineer to re-consider the decision come to in the case of the man who had been suspended for two weeks.

OMNIBUS SERVICE: The Acting City Manager was asked to make representations to Coras Iompair Eireann to provide a special bus for school children on the O'Connell Avenue-Ennis Road route to leave the Technical Institute at 3 p.m.

SEWER IN GLENMORE AVENUE: In reply to Alderman Reidy the City Engineer stated that application had been made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for a grant to lay a sewer in Glenmore Avenue, and to connect it with the sewage pumping plant at Prospect, but so far no grant had been allocated.

It was decided that the Acting City Manager should communicate with the Department, and press for an early decision.

KILLEELY HOUSING SCHEME: At the request of Councillor Hickey, the Acting City Manager explained the circumstances under which it was found necessary to take ejection proceedings against a family named Murphy occupying a Corporation house at Killeely.

MISCELLANEOUS: The following matters were referred to the City Engineer:-

1. Collapse of footpath in Mulgrave Street, outside Boot Factory.
 2. Condition of laneway in Upr. Mallow Street at rear of Coliseum Cinema.
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3. Blocking of passageway from Shelbourne Avenue to Farranshone and possibility of providing alternative route.
4. Undesirability of changing members of cleansing staff from one section of the town to another.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Alderman Bourke, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. M. J. McDonnell, L.D.S., Glentworth Street, who, for a number of years, was a respected member of the Borough Council.

Confirmed in Council this 9th day of October 1945.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, on Thursday,

25th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1945,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman M. J. Hartney, Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G. B. Dillon, J. C. Hickey, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, P. O'Connell, M. B. O'Malley, G. E. Russell, and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The Acting City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, the City Solicitor, and the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health.

MUNICIPAL AERODROME: A deputation attended from the Irish Aviation Club (Limerick Branch) and urged that steps be taken to have a Municipal Aerodrome established as it was considered that the Air Port at Rineanna was too far distant from the City for private flying. They submitted, for the information of the members, a memorandum on the subject.

The Mayor stated that arrangements were being made to appoint a Town Planning Consultant in place of the late Mr. Manning Robertson, and he considered that the person appointed would be the expert to advise the Council on this important matter.

After a discussion it was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, and resolved:-

That we request the Acting City Manager and Town Clerk to enquire from the Department of Industry & Commerce as to the powers of the Corporation to provide a Municipal Aerodrome and as to the attitude of the Department to such a project and that when the reply is received from the Department a Committee be set up to go fully into the matter.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES: The Acting City Manager and Town Clerk submitted and read communication, dated 15th October, 1945, Ref: P.H.18065/45, C.B.Luimnighe, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, in which it was stated that a radical re-organisation of the Public Health Services was required. It would be desirable to place the entire health services under the care and supervision of a Medical Officer who would devote his whole-time to the task as the present Medical Superintendent Officer of Health could not, in view of the extent of his duties in Limerick County, be reasonably required to devote adequate time and attention to re-organising and developing the Medical Services in Limerick City. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health would be prepared to consider a claim from Dr. McPolin, for compensation in pursuance of Section 24 of the Local Government Act, 1941, on relinquishing the part-time post of Medical Superintendent Officer of Health for the County Borough of Limerick.

Pending a full consideration of the position, and the creation of a whole-time post of Medical Superintendent Officer of Health, arrangements should be made on a temporary basis for the discharge of the duties of Tuberculosis & School Medical Officer, a position now vacant since the resignation of Dr. T. W. Moran. Remuneration at the rate of £600 per annum could be offered.

The Parliamentary Secretary had carefully considered the appeal of Dr. McPolin under Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1941, and the Acting City Manager's observations thereon. Under the City Management Act it is the duty of the City Manager and Town Clerk to co-ordinate all the services of the Corporation and to advise the Corporation as to the provision to be made therefor. He is also responsible for the execution of policy and the expenditure of funds made available by the Corporation, but in many matters of a professional or technical nature he should place full reliance on the professional and technical officers and hold them directly responsible for the proper conduct of their respective duties. Normally there should be addressed to them directly the decisions of the Manager on matters concerning their respective spheres of duty or relating to officers under their control.

It was evident from the documents submitted with Dr. McPolin's appeal that the procedure hitherto adopted in connection with Public Health work had been in many respects objectionable and not conducive to efficient administration. It was requested that the course outlined should be given effect.

The Parliamentary Secretary forwarded extracts from the report of his Chief Medical Adviser dealing with matters observed by him at the City Dispensary and the Maternity & Child Welfare Clinic during his recent inspection of Limerick City which called for attention.

The Acting City Manager stated that, having given careful consideration to the suggestions contained in the Department's letter, he had decided to inform the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that he was in entire agreement with the view expressed that the entire Health Services should be placed under the care and supervision of a Medical Superintendent Officer of Health who would devote his whole-time to the task. He was satisfied, however, that if such a whole-time post was created the person appointed would, in addition, be able to discharge the duties of Tuberculosis and School Medical Officer. He recommended an initial salary of £750 per annum to cover all duties.

In accordance with the instruction contained in the Department's letter, he had issued an advertisement inviting applications from qualified candidates for the temporary post of Tuberculosis & School Medical Officer, and as he was anxious that the duties of Medical Superintendent Officer of Health would be entrusted to a whole-time officer at the earliest opportunity he proposed recommending to the Parliamentary Secretary that the person selected for the temporary post of Tuberculosis & School Medical Officer be also appointed temporary Medical Superintendent Officer of Health.

After a discussion, it was decided to place on record that the Committee approved of the City Manager's recommendations.

The Acting City Manager referred to the strictures regarding the City Dispensary and the Maternity & Child Welfare Clinic in the report of the Chief Medical Adviser of the Department and stated that he had visited the City Dispensary and could not agree with certain of the remarks regarding the City Dispensary. He would like that a sub-Committee be appointed to visit the Dispensary.

With regard to the Maternity & Child Welfare Clinic he agreed that efforts should be made to find alternative premises and he would take immediate steps in that direction.

The Committee decided to leave the matter to the Acting City Manager.

VETERINARY SERVICES: Submitted and read report, dated 24th October, 1945, from the Chief Veterinary Officer referring to certain statements made by the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health at a meeting of the City Council held on 9th October, 1945, and which reflected seriously on him. The facts were that he received a request from the Acting City Manager for his observations on a letter from Messrs. O'Keefe Ltd., regarding their contract for the collection and disposal of condemned meat. He naturally forwarded his reply to the source from which the request came. In doing so the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health held that he violated the provisions of the Sanitary (Veterinary Inspection) Order, 1909, which provided that "All reports of Veterinary Inspectors should be forwarded to the Sanitary Authority through the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health". The Medical Superintendent Officer of Health contended that the Chief Veterinary Officer had never complied with that part of the Order.

The Chief Veterinary Officer stated, however, that all his monthly and yearly reports were forwarded to the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health.

The Medical Superintendent Officer of Health considered it a serious matter that the Chief Veterinary Officer had attempted to induce the Corporation to proceed with the erection of a public abattoir and thereby ignore his advice as to the relative necessity of other public health works that were required. The Chief Veterinary Officer stated that he could not understand why the building of an abattoir should rule out any other health schemes and in any event his advocacy of such a project should not constitute a grievance in the mind of any health official. Whilst he was Chief Veterinary Officer, had ~~had~~ no intention of remaining inarticulate on such an important matter as the provision of a public abattoir.

After a short discussion, it was ordered that the Chief Veterinary Officer's report be noted in the minutes and that the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health, if he so desired, could reply thereto.

PALMERSTOWN HOUSING SCHEME: The Acting City Manager and Town Clerk stated that he had enquired from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the position regarding the Corporation's application for a grant of 50%

towards the cost of carrying out the development works in connection with the Palmerstown Housing Scheme and had been informed that grants under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote are payable only in respect of development works which are carried out in advance of actual building schemes, and for the primary purpose of affording employment. As the development of the Palmerstown Site is simply preliminary to the building of the houses the work is not likely to be regarded as eligible for a grant.

After a short discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor McGuire, and resolved:-

That we request Alderman Bourke, T.D., Alderman Reidy, T.D., and Councillor Keyes, T.D., to interview the officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health and endeavour to get the matter re-considered so that a grant may be allocated for the carrying out of the development works in connection with the Palmerstown Housing Scheme.

SHOPS IN CORPORATION HOUSES: The Acting City Manager stated that at a recent meeting reference was made to the fact that Notices to Quit had been served on certain tenants of Corporation dwellings by reason of the fact that they were being used for trade purposes contrary to regulations. In a circular letter issued by the Department of Local Government and Public Health it was pointed out that houses used for trade purposes would be ineligible for subsidy. In the circumstances he had no option but to serve Notices to Quit where the conditions of letting were not complied with. He would be prepared, however, to give consideration to persons who had shops in the slum clearance areas from which they were transferred to Corporation dwellings and whose means of livelihood depended on such shops. In all other cases, however, the Notices to Quit could not be withdrawn.

After a short discussion, it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Acting City Manager.

ISLAND FIELD SHOPS: Alderman Reidy stated that several complaints had been received that there were no protecting walls at the rear of the shops in the Island Field Housing Estate.

The City Engineer stated that he had already submitted a report regarding this matter but in view of the high cost it was decided to defer consideration of the matter until the estimates are under consideration next year.

At the request of several members, the Acting City Manager undertook to go into the matter again and see if anything can be done before the estimates came up for consideration.

WATERGATE HOUSING SCHEME: Alderman Reidy called attention to a proposal to acquire the premises of Messrs. McCarthy & Sons, Hide & Skin Merchants, for the purpose of providing a playground in connection with the Watergate Housing Scheme. This would be a severe hardship on Messrs. McCarthy and the matter should be reconsidered.

Councillor McGuire said that he had discussed the matter with the City Engineer and the difficulty was that Messrs. McCarthy carried on an offensive trade and there might be an objection to having such a trade adjacent to a housing scheme. An early decision regarding the matter should be come to so as to give Messrs. McCarthy adequate time to

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secure alternative premises.

It was decided that the Acting City Manager should submit a report on the matter at the next meeting of the Council.

CONVERSION OF EMPTY HOUSES INTO FLATS: At the request of Councillor Russell, the City Engineer was asked to submit a report to the next meeting of the Council as to the possibility of converting vacant premises in the City into flats.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: The Acting City Manager reported that the special committee appointed by the Council to go into the question of the cost of public lighting and the improvement of the existing system had discussed the matters fully with Mr. Algar of the Electricity Supply Board. Arising out of the discussion he submitted communication, dated 23rd October, 1945, from Mr. Algar giving his comments on the proposals made by the Committee for improving lighting in the City. It was ordered that copies of the letter be circulated amongst the members for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

The Acting City Manager said that Mr. Algar, when he met the Committee, could hold out no hope of an immediate reduction in the cost of public lighting.

RATE COLLECTION: Councillor Whelan proposed, and Councillor Hickey seconded:-

That a sub-Committee be appointed to consider the feasibility of collecting rates by instalments from small ratepayers.

The City Solicitor pointed out that it would be inadvisable to interfere with the Rate Collectors who have a difficult task to collect sufficient rate to meet municipal expenditure. The rate collection was of paramount importance. Under the Public Bodies Order, 1942, the Rate Collectors were authorised to accept payment of rates by instalments, but it was obvious that this concession should apply only in cases of hardship. He was aware that the Rate Collectors were granting this concession where circumstances warranted such a course.

A direct negative to Councillor Whelan's motion having been moved by Councillor O'Malley and seconded by Councillor Cusack, the Mayor put the motion to the meeting and declared it lost on a show of hands.

PROSPECT-O'CONNELL AVENUE PASSAGEWAY: The Acting City Manager reported that he had interviewed Mr. O'Donnell, Solicitor, who agreed, on behalf of his clients, to the Corporation's proposals regarding the Prospect-O'Connell Avenue passageway. He then got in touch with the other interested party, Mr. Bourke and his Solicitor, but was informed that Mr. Bourke was not prepared to enter into any negotiations with the Corporation regarding the matter.

After a short discussion it was agreed that the Acting City Manager should make another effort to prevail on Mr. Bourke to agree to the Corporation's proposal.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSE IN DOWLING'S LANE: Reference was made to the proposed erection of a slaughter-house in Dowling's Lane and it was stated that several of the residents and shopkeepers in the area objected to the proposal. It was decided that the Acting City Manager should submit a report on the matter at the next meeting of the Council.

FIRE BRIGADE: The Mayor stated that it would be necessary to re-appoint the Special Fire Brigade Committee appointed by the former Council to consider the conditions of service of the Fire Brigade Staff.

It was proposed by Councillor Keyes, seconded by Councillor McGuire, and resolved:-

That His Worship, the Mayor; Aldermen Carew and Reidy; and Councillor Russell, be and are hereby appointed to constitute the Special Fire Brigade Committee.

WATERWORKS: Submitted report of the City Engineer referring to the inadequacy of the filtration plant at Clareville Waterworks and stating that with the return of normal conditions a scheme for an extension of the plant should be prepared. He recommended that the services of Professor Purcell, who designed the original plant, should be engaged. Approved.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by His Worship, the Mayor, and unanimously resolved:-

That we desire to place on record an expression of our deep sorrow on the death of His Eminence, Cardinal McRory, and that we extend our sincere sympathy to the Clergy of the Archdiocese of Armagh.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Malley, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. Murphy, Cruise's Hotel, on the death of her mother.

It was proposed by Councillor Keyes, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. T. Dante, St. Joseph Street.

It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Dr. Eoin McNeill, a freeman of the City of Limerick.

It was proposed by Councillor Cusack, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. Costelloe, 2 Summer Street.

It was proposed by Councillor Russell, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. O'Neill, Grennan Villas, St. Joseph Street.

It was proposed by Councillor Keyes, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the widow and family of the late Mr. Bowles, 1 Rosbrien Tee., Limerick.

Confirmed in Council this 13th day of Nov. 1945.

W. St. Hartney
CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

29th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1945,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman M. J. Hartney, Mayor.

Alderman: D. Bourke, T.D.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. J. Cusack, P.C., G. B. Dillon, P. Donnellan, P.C., J. C. Hickey, M. W. McGuire, P. O'Connell, and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The Acting City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Solicitor, the City Engineer, the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health, and the Gas Engineer.

HARBOURS BILL, 1945: Submitted communication, dated 16th November, 1945, from the Department of Industry & Commerce transmitting a copy of the Harbours Bill, 1945, together with a copy of an explanatory Memorandum, and stating that the Minister for Industry & Commerce would be glad to be furnished with any observations or representations in connection with the Bill which the Council may desire to submit for his consideration. It was requested that any representations should be made in writing not later than the 16th December, 1945. In this connection, the following report from the City Solicitor (copies of which had been circulated amongst the members prior to the meeting) was read:-

"21st November, 1945.

Re: Harbour Bill, 1945.

I return enclosures in your letter of the 17th instant.

This Bill contains proposals for legislation which will to a large extent codify the laws existing which govern the constitution functions and powers of the several local bodies which now administer the principal Harbours of Eire. Cork, Dublin, Limerick and Waterford are classed together as principal Harbours and their constitution as Harbour Authorities made identical. The points which appear to concern the Corporation appear to be -

- (1) Constitution of Harbour Authority under Section 7. To consist of 15 members made up of Five appointed by the Corporation, Four appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, Two elected by Harbour Ratepayers and Four nominated by the Minister.

It will be noted that this proposal will alter the present constitution of the Harbour Authority in Limerick which is a Body of 17 made up of The Mayor and President

of Chamber of Commerce ex-officio - 5 members nominated or elected by the Corporation, 5 members elected by the Importers and Exporters and 5 members by the Harbour Ratepayers. The Bill provides Section 22 for election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the new Authority in terms similar to those now governing the election of a Mayor by the Corporation. Quorum fixed at 7 and Casting Vote for Chairman at a Meeting Section 24. The period of office is three years Section 9. Casual Vacancies in their representation are to be filled by the Corporation Section 15. The Statutory Name of the Authority for Limerick which will be a body corporate will be "Limerick Harbour Commissioners" Section 136.

Sections 146 and 147 enable the Harbour Authority to provide facilities for Aircraft using their Harbour or any part thereof as an Aerodrome.

Section 149. The Harbour Authority may lease any of their lands for period not exceeding 200 years. No Lease exceeding 10 years without the consent of the Minister. This Section does not appear to be retrospective in operation and should not therefore effect existing Leases of which there are several held by the Corporation in connection with the Gas Undertaking.

Roads Section 168. The Minister for Industry and Commerce with the consent of the Minister for Local Government may transfer to the Corporation any roads now maintained by the Harbour Authority and on such transfer provide for compensation payment to the Corporation. This Section is very general in terms and it would be to the interest of the Corporation that it should be elaborated to ensure that the cost of subsequent maintenance would not fall on the general body of ratepayers. The Section is silent as to lighting of such roads and where existing lights provide for both roadways and quays there would be complications.

John Dundon,
City Solicitor."

After a discussion, it was decided, on the motion of Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Cusack, to make the following representations to the Minister:-

- (1) That Exporters and Importers should have representation on the Limerick Harbour Board as at present.
- (2) That the Mayor of Limerick should be ex-officio a member of the Board as he is at present. Under local Acts the Mayor as First Citizens is ex-officio a member of local bodies on which the Corporation are entitled to representation.
- (3) That the Minister should give some indication as to the interests to be represented by the members he is to nominate on the Board.
- (4) That the quorum for meetings of the Board should ^{be} 5 instead of 7.
- (5) That the provisions of Section 168 of the Bill should be amended to ensure that the ratepayers generally should be protected from the burden of maintenance and public lighting of roads created and maintainable primarily for harbour purposes.

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It was further decided, on the motion of Councillor McGuire seconded by Councillor Cusack, to suggest to the Limerick Harbour Board that when they are discussing the provisions of the Harbours Bill, 1945, they should consider whether voting by Harbour ratepayers for the election of two persons to represent them on the Harbour Board should be confined to Irish nationals.

COUNTY MANAGEMENT ACT: Submitted communication, dated 27th October, 1945, from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland (copies of which had been previously circulated amongst the members) stating that the Association had been invited by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to prepare a statement showing the divergence in practice amongst Local Authorities in carrying out the provisions of the County Management Act with particular reference to the following matters:-

- (a) as regards the attendance of officers at meetings of the Council,
- (b) the selection of relief works,
- (c) the acceptance of tenders,
- (d) the practice followed when important letters are received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health,
- (e) the extent of the contact maintained by the Manager with the Chairman of the Council.

After a discussion, it was decided to inform the Association that:-

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- (a) The Acting City Manager, the City Solicitor, the City Engineer and the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health attend all meetings of the Council. Other officers attend if and when required.
 - (b) The Council are given an opportunity of examining the City Engineer's proposals for relief works and making recommendations thereon.
 - (c) The Council have adopted, with the approval of the Minister, regulations for the reception and examination of tenders under Section 15 of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934.
 - (d) Important letters received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health are submitted to the Council.
 - (e) There is daily contact between the Mayor and City Manager.

Arising out of (d) it was decided, on the suggestion of Councillor Hickey, that in future copies of important letters and reports be circulated amongst the members, when practicable, prior to the date of the meeting at which they are to be considered.

GAS UNDERTAKING: Submitted lengthy report from Mr. F. K. Thomas, Gas Engineer, regarding (a) price of gas; (b) necessity of getting coal allocations for the Undertaking by direct shipment; (c) the condition of the plant and suggestions for reconstruction and (d) other matters. It was ordered that copies of the report be

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circulated amongst the members for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN PLANNING CONSULTANT AND ARCHITECT FOR HOUSING SCHEMES: Submitted communication, dated 16th November, 1945, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health stating that the procedure to be followed in connection with the appointment of a Town Planning Consultant for Limerick County Borough had been further examined, and it had been decided that the work of the Consultant would be more effectively discharged if he were relieved of the duties as Housing Architect. A temporary Architect might be employed for the latter purpose at an inclusive remuneration of about £8: 8: 0 per week.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Cusack seconded by Alderman Bourke, and resolved:-

That in accordance with the terms of the letter now read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health advertisements be issued inviting applications for the post of Town Planning Consultant for Limerick County Borough, and that further advertisements be issued inviting applications for the temporary post of Housing Architect, and that they be separate and distinct appointments.

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WATERGATE HOUSING SCHEME: Submitted report, dated 13th November, 1945, from the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health, dealing with the question raised at the last meeting of the Council as to whether Messrs. McCarthy & Sons should be permitted to carry on their business as Hide & Skin Merchants when the Watergate Housing Scheme is completed. The Medical Superintendent Officer of Health stated that it would improve the amenities of the scheme if there were no trades handling such articles as hides etc. in the vicinity. It cannot be asserted that such a trade is injurious or dangerous to health but it is desirable that their location should be as remote as possible from residential areas. In carrying out such a policy it should be remembered that such trades are of immense value to the welfare of the community as well as to the owners.

After a short discussion, it was agreed to defer further consideration of this matter until the Acting City Manager has had an opportunity of discussing it with the Housing Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

HOUSING MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT: The Mayor said that while on the question of housing, he desired to state that since the Housing Maintenance Department was set up a tremendous amount of repair works had been carried out. It was only right that a tribute should be paid to the staff for their excellent work. The other members present agreed with the Mayor's Views.

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CAREY'S ROAD HOUSING SCHEME: Submitted communication, dated 16th November, 1945, from Coras Iompair Eireann stating that they proposed to erect a road vehicle garage in a field adjacent to the Railway Station for the purpose of providing adequate facilities for road services in the Limerick area. It was understood, however, that the Corporation proposes carrying out a building scheme which would entirely surround the piece of ground in question, and as it is essential that adequate ingress and egress to

and from the proposed garage should be provided, they enquired whether the Corporation would be prepared to modify their scheme so as to make the small additional piece of ground available to the Company in order to provide the necessary roadway for the site. Their District Engineer has been in touch with the Acting City Manager and the City Engineer and had explained the Company's requirements.

In this connection, the following report was read from the City Engineer:-

"27th November, 1945.

I am in receipt of yours of the 19th instant, containing copy of letter from Coras Iompair Eireann, with reference to the proposed Road Vehicle Garage adjoining the Station, at Limerick. In this connection I have since received a plan from Mr. Ffolliott, which I send you herewith, and which shows, coloured blue, that portion of land which they request from us. The portion coloured green we have already agreed to transfer to them in lieu of the triangular portion of their property, coloured pink, which would eventually be incorporated in the new arterial road. In view of the fact that this proposal of the Company will involve considerable construction work and would give much employment, I will not raise any objection to the suggested transfer. I would suggest, however, that you obtain the Law Agent's views on the matter lest there may be some legal difficulty in making such transfer.

Furthermore, as it is our intention to erect new dwellings on the lands surrounding that land proposed to be acquired by Coras Iompair Eireann for their Garage, etc. I would suggest that you obtain the views of the Council as to whether the proximity of such a garage or depot would prove objectionable to the tenants of such houses.

C. Stenson,
City Engineer."

The City Solicitor stated that it was apparent that the proposals of Coras Iompair Eireann would involve a change in the Corporation's proposals regarding the Carey's Road Housing Scheme. Any such change would be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. His recollection was that the continuation of the arterial road at Prospect referred to in the Town plan was to connect with Davis Street which was to be widened. The Town Planning Committee, however, did not approve of the proposal to widen Davis Street and suggested that the arterial road should connect with Reeves Path.

After a discussion, it was decided to defer further consideration of the matter so as to give the Acting City Manager, the City Solicitor, and the City Engineer, an opportunity of discussing the proposals of Coras Iompair Eireann with the Housing Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

CLANCY'S STRAND HOUSING SCHEME: In reply to Councillor Cusack, the City Engineer stated that the Committee would remember that an alternative site was suggested for the erection of the fishermen's houses at Clancy's Strand. The alternative site contained about half an acre of land

and the owner had asked for £600 for his interest. He (the City Engineer) considered the price exorbitant, and if it was intended to proceed with the scheme it would apparently be necessary for the Corporation to exercise their compulsory powers of acquisition.

At the request of Councillor Cusack, consideration of the matter was adjourned.

ERECTION OF COUNTY AND CITY BUILDINGS ON STRAND HOUSE SITE:

Submitted communication, dated 28th November, 1945, from Mr. P. J. Meghen, Limerick County Manager, stating that his Council at their last Meeting decided to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for a provisional order extending their borrowing powers so as to enable them to proceed with the erection of the County Courthouses and Offices on the Strand House Site. The view was expressed at the meeting that the inquiry which will be held by the Minister into this matter would give all concerned an opportunity of considering any outstanding points. It was felt that the Limerick Corporation could now reach a final decision as to whether the proposed Assembly Hall would be included in the final plans. The County Manager called attention to the fact that a sum of at least £2,500 was now due to the County Council by the Corporation on foot of the purchase of the Strand House Site and the erection of the boundary wall. The Corporation are parties to the conveyance of the site and he asked that arrangements be made for the payment of £2,500 on account. He enclosed an estimate of the all-in cost of the erection of the proposed public buildings on the Strand House Site including Courthouses, County and City Offices, Assembly Hall, etc. The total estimated cost was £195,430: 0: 0 which includes cost of site and development works, and the City's share would be £85,670.

The Acting City Manager stated that, with the City Engineer, he had discussed the matter fully with the County Manager who was anxious that the Corporation would come to an early decision as to whether they proposed to join with the County Council in the erection of the public buildings on the Strand House site. He referred to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28th February, 1944, which gave all the facts in connection with the matter.

The Mayor said that two or three years ago the former City Manager had advised the Council that they were committed to the Strand House Scheme. He was satisfied that the site at Strand House was ideal in every way and it would be a pity if anything should happen to prevent the full scheme being carried out there. It was true that a good deal of confusion had arisen in the public mind by reason of discussions that had taken place at Council Meetings regarding the Arthur's Quay reclamation project.

In reply to the Mayor, the City Engineer said that he would like to have secured a larger site at Strand House. He had expressed that view originally but he wished to make it clear that they had not too little land on the site. The site was capable of accommodating the full County and City building schemes.

After a general discussion, it was proposed by Councillor O'Connell seconded by Alderman Bourke, and resolved:-

That we adhere to the decision already come to to join with the Limerick County Council in the erection of County and City offices and other public buildings on the Strand House site.

PLASSY BRIDGE: Submitted letter, dated 28th November, 1945, from Mr. P. J. Meghen, Limerick County Manager, forwarding a copy of communication dated 21st November, 1945, which he had received from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, intimating that the Minister for Finance had authorised the granting of a sum not exceeding £1,795 from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote towards the cost of reconstructing Plassy Bridge, the total estimated cost of which is £3,295, and setting out the conditions under which the grant was made available.

The Committee expressed their satisfaction that the work of reconstructing Plassy Bridge can now be put on hands, and requested the Acting City Manager to enquire from the County Manager if he can arrange that a fair share of City labour will be employed on the work.

ERECTION OF SHOP & DWELLINGHOUSE AT KILLEELY: The City Engineer stated that he was awaiting a communication from Mr. Costelloe's Architect regarding his application for permission to build a shop and dwellinghouse at the Watchhouse Cross, Killeely. It was decided, therefore, to adjourn further consideration of this matter.

HOARDING ON SARSFIELD STREET: Councillor Donnellan again called attention to the unsightly hoarding outside the burnt out premises at Sarsfield Street. It was decided that the City Engineer should communicate with the owners of the property and request them to have a proper hoarding erected.

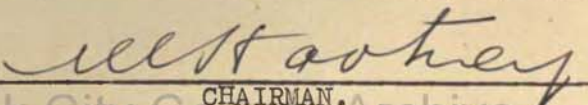
FOOTPATHS: Councillor Dillon enquired if the Corporation would be prepared to take over the railed in piece of ground in Sarsfield Street outside Messrs. E. G. Fitt's premises so as to widen the footpath. The City Engineer said he would be very glad to recommend such a proposal if the owner was willing to meet the Corporation in the matter. Councillor Dillon undertook to discuss it with the owner.

Councillor Dillon called attention to the obstruction caused by the canopied porch outside the County Club, O'Connell Street, and enquired if steps could be taken to have it removed. The Acting City Manager said that this matter was under consideration some years ago and his recollection was that the Corporation could not come to terms with the Committee of the County Club. He would look up the matter and report to a future meeting.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Alderman Bourke, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. J. McCarthy, Wolfe Tone Street, on the death of her mother.

Confirmed in Council this 18th day of December 1945.


CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Monday,

28th DAY OF JANUARY, 1946,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman M. J. Hartney, Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., J. C. Hickey, M. W. McGuire, P. O'Connell, M. B. O'Malley, Solr., and P. Whelan.

Officers present; The Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

The Mayor apologised for the absence of the Acting City Manager, and the City Solicitor owing to illness.

CUSTOMS EXAMINATION OF PARCELS: The Mayor stated that his attention had been called to the fact that parcels from abroad for delivery in Limerick were being diverted to Cork for Customs examination thus causing a considerable delay in delivery. He was at a loss to understand why this should be necessary as ample facilities for Customs examination were available in Limerick. He suggested that strong representations in the matter should be made to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor McGuire, and resolved:-

That we protest against the arrangement whereby parcels from abroad for delivery in Limerick are diverted to Cork for Customs examination and we request the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to make arrangements to have such parcels examined in Limerick.

TOURIST TRAFFIC: Alderman Reidy called attention to the fact that, now that the Emergency has ended, increasing numbers of tourists will be passing through Limerick. The development and expansion of the air traffic at Rineanna was also bound to bring large numbers of visitors to the City. He was of opinion, therefore, that a Branch Office of the Irish Tourist Association should be opened in Limerick.

After a short discussion it was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, and resolved:-

That we request the Irish Tourist Association to open a Branch Office in Limerick.

JANESBORO' HOUSING SCHEME: The Mayor stated that some of the tenants at Janesboro' had approached him and protested against the obligation imposed on them to pay 6d. per week towards the cost of the ranges installed in their houses, particularly as in the past few years their rents had been increased due to the increase in the

City Rates.

After a short discussion, it was decided to put the matter on the Agenda for consideration at the next Council meeting.

PORTUMNA BRIDGE: The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the Acting City Manager had been advised by the Galway County Manager that it was proposed to call a meeting of the Portumna Bridge Committee at an early date to wind up the affairs of the Committee. It was requested, therefore, that the Corporation would appoint four members to represent them on the Committee.

The following were appointed to represent the Corporation on the Portumna Bridge Committee:-

His Worship, the Mayor; Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C., Councillor M. W. McGuire, and Councillor M. B. O'Malley, Solr.

BUS SERVICE: Councillor Cusack called attention to the bus service between Janesboro' and Killeely. He was of opinion that a forty-minute service, as at present provided for these large and populous areas, was altogether inadequate. Furthermore, arrangements should be made to have double-deck buses on the route at peak periods. Frequently around 1 p.m. only single deck buses were provided with the result that large numbers of intending passengers could not be accommodated.

It was decided that the Acting City Manager should make strong representations to Coras Iompair Eireann to make arrangements to improve the Janesboro'-Killeely Bus service at the earliest opportunity, and to put forward Councillor Cusack's suggestion regarding the provision of double-deck buses at the peak periods.

FEILE LUIMNIGHE: Submitted communication, dated 28th January, 1946, from the Secretary, Feile Luimnighe, stating that he had been directed by his Executive Committee to enquire if the Council would present a trophy or a subscription. If the Council would present a trophy they would be at liberty to specify what form of Art they wished it to be competed for. Should it not be possible for the City Council to make such a presentation the Executive Committee suggested that the members individually might join in making a presentation of a trophy or a subscription to Feile Luimnighe.

It was decided to refer the communication to the City Solicitor for a report as to the Council's powers to present a trophy or give a subscription to the Executive Committee of Feile Luimnighe.

ROADS: Alderman Reidy called attention to the condition of certain roads in the City and enquired what were the City Engineer's post-emergency plans for the repair and improvement of roads.

The City Engineer stated that he would like to have all the main roads in the City laid in mastic asphalt and when Road Grants are again available he intended putting forward proposals to utilise the monies available in that way.

CRUCIFIX FOR COUNCIL CHAMBER: The Mayor said that Mr. A. McDonogh, who had done so much for the poor during the Emergency, had written to him suggesting that the Council, by way of thanksgiving for the country having escaped the horrors of war and bombing, should hang a Crucifix in the Council Chamber. If it was not permissible to provide a Crucifix out of public funds Mr. McDonogh would feel privileged to be allowed to make the gift. He also suggested that the Council might consider opening their meetings with a short prayer.

After a discussion, the following sub-Committee was appointed to discuss Mr. McDonogh's suggestions with Very Rev. Dr. Cowpar, Adm., St. Michael's:-

His Worship, the Mayor; Aldermen Carew and Reidy, and Councillor O'Malley.

BUILDING PLANS: Councillor O'Malley stated that he had been approached by Mr. John O'Sullivan, Building Contractor, who complained that plans which he had submitted for a building scheme on the Dublin Road had not yet been approved by the City Engineer. Mr. O'Sullivan was anxious to commence building operations immediately.

The City Engineer stated that Mr. O'Sullivan only submitted the plans to him some days ago. Owing to pressure of work he had not had an opportunity of examining them. He had arranged, however, to inspect the site with Mr. O'Sullivan to-morrow, and, if they were found in order, he would issue approval to the plans in a few days.

DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING SITES: In reply to Councillor O'Malley, the City Engineer stated that work on the development of the Palmerstown Housing site had commenced, and it was hoped to commence work on the Pennywell site in the very near future. He was pushing ahead with the plans for the Watergate, Carey's Road, and other sites so that the development of housing sites would proceed continuously.

It was agreed that Alderman Bourke, T.D., Alderman Reidy, T.D., and Councillor Keyes, T.D., should be advised when housing schemes are forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for approval so that they could approach the Department with a view to having sanction issued at the earliest opportunity.

BANK PLACE: In reply to Councillor Hickey, the City Engineer stated that there were many difficulties in the way of preparing a scheme for Bank Place part of which is now derelict. The principal difficulty was that some of the houses were still occupied and until alternative accommodation could be found for the tenants consideration of the matter must be deferred.

WATERWORKS UNDERTAKING: In reply to Alderman Reidy, the City Engineer stated that he recently had a discussion with Professor Purcell regarding the Waterworks Undertaking when it was arranged that the Professor would prepare and submit plans for the improvement of the Undertaking including the Purification Plant.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Councillor Whelan, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. Thade O'Connor, Ennis Road.

It was proposed by Councillor Cusack, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. John Ryan, Henry Street.

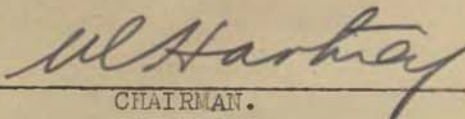
It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. T. O'Brien, John Street.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Connell, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mrs. Haugh, Dock Road.

Confirmed in Council this 18th day of February 1946.


CHAIRMAN.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Monday, 18th day of February, 1946, at 9.30 p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman M. Hartney, Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G.B. Dillon, P. Donnellan, P.C., J. C. Hickey, M. J. Keyes, T.D., P. O'Connell, M. B. O'Malley, Solr., G. E. Russell and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The Acting City Manager, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and the City Solicitor.

OFFERS FOR GRAZING OF LANDS AT CORKANREE AND PLANTING OF CLARE STREET PARK: 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 Acting City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

GRAZING OF LANDS AT CORKANREE.

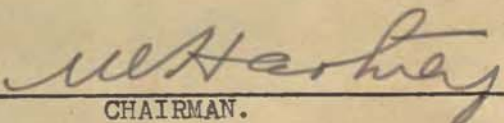
W. J. Hayes, Upper Cecil Street £45: 10: 0

TREES AND SHRUBS FOR PLANTING CLARE STREET PARK.

Messrs. Power & Co., Waterford Prices Various.

Messrs. Galvin Bros., Wexford Do.

Confirmed in Council this 14th day of March 1946.


CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Friday, 15th DAY OF MARCH, 1946.

at 11 o'clock a.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Aldermen M. J. Hartney, Mayor.

Councillors:- J. C. Hickey and G. B. Dillon.
Officers present: The Acting City Manager and Town Clerk, and the Assistant Town Clerk.

TENDERS FOR ANNUAL SUPPLIES, ETC.: In accordance with the regulations adopted by the Council, 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:-

ANNUAL SUPPLIES.

No. of Tender	Name of Person or Firm who tendered	Price
IRONMONGERY, CASTINGS ETC.-		
1.-	T. Hassett, Ltd.	Various
2.-	Shannon Foundry	do.
HORSESHOEING-		
3.-	Mrs. L. Gleeson	do.
4.-	M. P. Mulcahy	do.
HARNES AND REPAIRS-		
5.-	J. Madden and Sons	do.

TENDERS RECEIVED FOR SUPPLIES TO CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL FOR THE SIX MONTHS COMMENCING 1st APRIL, 1946.

No.	Name	Address	Article	Price
1.-	Mr. M. Imallo,	St. Vincent's Convent.	Draping	10/6d. per lb.
2.-	Mr. W. Kelly,	St. Vincent's Convent.	Potatoes	£10 lb. per ton.
3.-	Mr. Alberte,	Quarry Road.	Onions	22/6d. per barrel.
4.-	James Ryan,	Quarry Road.	Onion	22/6d. per barrel.
5.-	John Downes,	Upper Malloy Street.	Turf	55/- per ton.
6.-	Perennial Butcher,	Herbertstown.	Turf	54/- per ton.
7.-	Patrick O'Shea,	Lisdoon, Co. Clare.	Turf	52/6d. per ton.
8.-	John Clancy,	Leaver, Boyle.	Various	1/- per doz.
9.-	Denis O'Connell,	Catherine Street.	Beef	1/3/- per lb.
10.-	Patrick Hall,	Nicholas Street.	Beef	1/8/- per lb.
11.-	John O'Connor,	Wickham Street.	Beef	1/8/- per lb.
12.-	Joseph Barry,	Hartsbooge Street.	Beef	1/8/- per lb.
13.-	D. Joyce,	Thomondgate.	Beef	1/8/- per lb.
14.-	J. Cusack,	Bedford Row.	Whiting	1/6/- per lb.
15.-	James Clancy,	Ellen Street.	Whiting	1/7/- per lb.
16.-	Dowdall O'Mahony Ltd.,	Cork.	Cod	2/- per lb.
17.-	John Griffin & Sons,	Limerick.	Various	1/2/- per lb.
18.-	Thompson & Sons,	Limerick.	Various	1/2/- per lb.
19.-	W. J. Fitzgibbon,	Catharine Street.	Coffins	2/- per lb.
20.-	Michael J. Hartman,	Patrick Street.	Stocktaking	£12 8s. per doz.
21.-	Thomas Nix,	Medrick.	Various	2/8/- per doz.
22.-	Michael J. Hartman,	Patrick Street.	Various	1/4/- per doz.
23.-	Michael J. Hartman,	Patrick Street.	Spectacles	Various

GAS DEPARTMENT INSURANCES.

FIRE INSURANCE-5 YEARS COMMENCING 25th MARCH, 1946.

Name of Firm.	Annual Premium for 5 years contract
1. Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance, Ltd.	£ 4 0
2. Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corp. Ltd.	57 15 0
3. Royal Insurance Company Ltd.	68 9 0
4. McDougall & Boland.	83 7 9
5. P. J. Donohoe, Ltd.	98 2 0
6. Insurance Corporation of Ireland Ltd.	97 4 0
7. London & Lancashire Insurance Co., Ltd.	Did not quote.
8. Hibernian Insurance Co., Ltd.	Did not quote.
9. General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corp. Ltd.	83 8 0
10. General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corp. Ltd.	Quoted for 33 1/2%

PLATE GLASS INSURANCE-5 YEARS COMMENCING 25th MARCH, 1946.

Name of Firm.	Annual Premium for 5 years contract
1. Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance, Ltd.	£ 4 0
2. Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corp. Ltd.	1 2 0
3. Royal Insurance Company Ltd.	Did not quote.
4. McDougall & Boland.	1 2 6
5. P. J. Donohoe, Ltd.	0 15 0
6. Insurance Corporation of Ireland Ltd.	0 15 0
7. London & Lancashire Insurance Co., Ltd.	0 15 0
8. Hibernian Insurance Co., Ltd.	0 15 2
9. General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corp. Ltd.	Did not quote.
10. General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corp. Ltd.	Did not quote.

INSURANCE-STEAM ENGINES, COAL ELEVATOR AND LIFT, CORNISH & LANCASHIRE BOILERS-5 YEARS COMMENCING 25th MARCH, 1946.

Name of Firm.	Annual Premium for 5 years contract
1. Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance, Ltd.	£ 4 0
2. Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corp. Ltd.	50 0 11
3. Royal Insurance Company Ltd.	45 0 11
4. McDougall & Boland.	50 0 11
5. P. J. Donohoe, Ltd.	50 0 11
6. Insurance Corporation of Ireland Ltd.	50 0 11
7. London & Lancashire Insurance Co., Ltd.	Did not quote.
8. Hibernian Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corp. Ltd.	42 10 11
9. General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corp. Ltd.	Did not quote.
10. General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corp. Ltd.	Did not quote.

INSURANCE-DRIVING, ACCIDENTS-5 YEARS COMMENCING 25th MARCH, 1946.

Name of Firm.	Annual Premium for 5 years contract
1. Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance, Ltd.	£ 2 12 6
2. Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corp. Ltd.	2 12 6
3. Royal Insurance Company Ltd.	Did not quote.
4. McDougall & Boland.	2 12 6
5. P. J. Donohoe, Ltd.	2 12 6
6. Insurance Corporation of Ireland Ltd.	2 12 6
7. London & Lancashire Insurance Co., Ltd.	2 4 7
8. Hibernian Insurance Co., Ltd.	Did not quote.
9. General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corp. Ltd.	2 4 7
10. General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corp. Ltd.	Did not quote.

- INSURANCE—CASH IN TRANSIT AND CASH IN SAFE OVER-NIGHT—5 YEARS COMMENCING 25th MARCH, 1946.**
- | Name of Firm. | Annual Premium for 5 years contract |
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| 1. Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. | 8 12 0 |
| 2. Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corp. Ltd. | 8 12 0 |
| 3. Royal Insurance Company Ltd. | 8 12 0 |
| 4. McDonough & Boland. | 8 12 0 |
| 5. P. J. Donohoe, Ltd. | 8 12 0 |
| 6. Insurance Corporation of Ireland Ltd. | 8 12 0 |
| 7. Irish National Insurance Co., Ltd. | 8 12 0 |
| 8. Loddin & Lancashire Insurance Co., Ltd. | Did not quote. |
| 9. Hibernian Insurance Co., Ltd. | 7 6 9 |
| 10. General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corp. Ltd. | Did not quote. |

- INSURANCE—FIDELITY GUARANTEE—5 YEARS COMMENCING 25th MARCH, 1946.**
- | Name of Firm. | Annual Premium for 5 years contract |
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| 1. Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. | 9 16 0 |
| 2. Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corp. Ltd. | Did not quote. |
| 3. Royal Insurance Company Ltd. | 23 16 0 |
| 4. McDonough & Boland. | 9 16 0 |
| 5. P. J. Donohoe, Ltd. | 9 16 0 |
| 6. Insurance Corporation of Ireland Ltd. | 8 16 8 |
| 7. Irish National Insurance Co., Ltd. | 8 16 8 |
| 8. London & Lancashire Insurance Co., Ltd. | Did not quote. |
| 9. Hibernian Insurance Co., Ltd. | 8 6 8 |
| 10. General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corp. Ltd. | Did not quote. |

Confirmed in Council this 16th day of MAY 1946.

W. Stoney
CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

21st DAY OF MARCH, 1946.

at 12.30 p.m. the following members being present:—

In the Chair:— The Right Worshipful, Alderman M. J. Heruney, Mayor.

Councillors:— J. C. Hickey and G. B. Dillon.

Officers present:— The Acting City Manager 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 initialed by him, and delivered to the Acting City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:—

No. of Tender	Name of Person or Firm who Tendered,	Price.
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MILK (SCHOOL MEALS)

- Mrs. E. Butler, Oyliff, Lismagry 2s. 3d. per Gallon (New Milk).
- Thomas O'Regan, Anlibid Bairy, Croon 4s. 4d. per Gallon (Standard Milk).
- Denis O'Connor, 77 Catherine Street 2s. 3d. per Gal. (Pasteurised Milk).
- Martin McNamara, Clonlara 2s. 0d. per Gallon (New Milk).

SCHOOL MEALS BREAD

- Frank Killy, Imperial Bakery, 24 Sarsfield Street 24 (2s. portions of bread sliced and buttered).
- Mrs. M. O'Connor, The People's Bakery, 39 Parnoll Street 1s. 14d. Do.

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE (SPECTACLES)

- C. Cronner, 18 O'Connell Street 16s. per pair.

Confirmed in Council this 14th day of May 1946.

W. Stoney
CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Friday,

29th DAY OF MARCH, 1946

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Alderman M. J. Hartney, Mayor.

Aldermen:- D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors:- P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., G. B. Dillon, P. O'Connell, M. B. O'Malley, Solr., and P. Whelan.

Officers present:- The Acting City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, the City Solicitor, the Gas Engineer and the Chief Officer of the City Fire Brigade.

GAS UNDERTAKING: The Acting City Manager submitted the following report which he received from the Gas Engineer:-

"25th March, 1946.

I enclose herewith Estimate of Revenue Account for year ending 31st March, 1947, and desire to submit the following report and recommendations.

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Last year I recommended a reduction of 20% in the price of gas which was put into operation on the 1st April, and which I estimated would reduce the revenue of the Undertaking by £13,000. It is now evident that the reduction will amount to some £15,000, due to an increased sale of gas over the estimated sales at the reduced price. I estimated a 30% increase in the sale of gas, whereas the actual increase was 55%. Of the above £15,000, £8,206 was in respect of a refund made under Section 9 (4) of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, for gas supplied below the declared calorific value for the year 1943/44. The actual reduction following on this will amount to approximately £7,000.

In addition, the price of coke was reduced by £1. per ton as from 1st April, last, resulting in a reduction of £700 in revenue on the year's working.

It was estimated that the profit for the year would amount to some £6,000, but since this estimate was submitted it was decided to pay the cost for the Sworn Inquiry out of the revenue of the Gas Undertaking. This cost, amounting to £4,613, has now in fact been paid by the Gas Department, and the estimated profit for the year's working is about £1,000. It will be some time, however, before an accurate figure is available.

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Despite the fact that there was an all round increase of 3/6d. per ton in the price of coal on the 1st May last, the actual cost to the Gas Undertaking worked out at 4d. per ton less than the price paid for year ending 31st March 1945. This was due to the fact that we succeeded in obtaining a reasonable quantity of coal direct from the British Exporter, and so cut out the merchants' profit

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and also to the fact that it was possible to pin down most of the merchants to the controlled price. Our coal charges, however, could be substantially reduced if a direct allocation could be arranged.

In my estimate for the coming year, I have provided for increased expenditure on repairs to plant, mains and services and have also included provision for the cost of the mains survey which is at present being carried out, consultant's fees and emergency bonus to workers and staff at a cost of about £3,700 in all. The gross estimated profit for the coming year is then £11,790.

Whilst there is no positive indication of any marked improvement in the coal situation at present, I believe it is only reasonable to assume that such improvement must come during the next twelve months.

In any event I feel that our first obligation as a public utility undertaking is to provide an efficient gas supply at a reasonable price, and hence I recommend that we should reduce the price of gas by 10% as from 1st April, 1946. This would have the effect of reducing our revenue by about £7,300. In addition, I would recommend a reduction of 10/- per ton in the price of Coke, which would account for a further £480, leaving a nett profit on the year's working of £4,000.

Last year, I recommended an increase in the calorific value of the gas from 290 British Thermal Units per cubic foot to 320 as from 1st April. This was increased to 340 B.Th. Us. from 1st July and I now recommend that it is increased to 360 B.Th.U's. per cubic foot gross as from 1st April, next. The increased calorific value would have the effect of alleviating our distribution problem and is a step in the right direction towards getting back to pre war conditions.

It is estimated that the sales of gas will be increased by about 15% over this year during the next twelve months.

Will you kindly let me have your instructions and observations at your convenience.

F. K. Thomas,

City Gas Engineer".

The Mayor said that the report was an excellent review of the finances of the Gas Undertaking. He availed of the opportunity to pay a tribute to Mr. Thomas, Gas Engineer, for the very efficient manner in which he was running the Gas Undertaking under difficult conditions. Other members joined with the Mayor in the tribute to the Gas Engineer.

Councillor Whelan suggested that the members of the Council should visit the Gas Works when they would see for themselves the difficulties under which Mr. Thomas was running the Undertaking and the urgent need for a comprehensive re-organisation of the Concern. It was agreed that the members should visit the works on a date to be fixed.

In reply to Councillor Cusack, the Acting City Manager stated that he had received no written application for an increase in salary from Mr. Thomas since the Gas Inquiry.

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CITY FIRE BRIGADE: The Acting City Manager reported that for some time past he had under consideration a scheme for the re-organisation of the Fire Brigade Service prepared by Captain P. J. Diskin, B.E., Chief Officer of the Brigade, and he would like the members to hear the details of the Scheme from Captain Diskin.

Captain Diskin said that in order to have an efficient Fire Service it would be necessary to have a staff of sixteen, including all ranks. The present strength of the Fire Brigade was Chief Officer, Second Officer, Four permanent Fire Brigade men and three temporary men, which was entirely inadequate. To bring the Brigade up to a strength of sixteen permanent men it would be necessary to appoint ten firemen. When these were appointed, the Brigade would consist of:-

Chief Officer
2nd Officer
2 Sub-Officers
2 Leading Firemen
10 Firemen.

He had recommended to the Acting City Manager the following Conditions of Appointment:-

WAGES:

Sub-Officers: To commence at £4: 0: 0 per week (not including emergency bonus), rising to £4: 15: 0 per week, by six annual increments of two shillings and a final increment of three shillings, the seventh year of service.

Leading Firemen: To commence at £3: 6: 6 per week (not including emergency bonus) rising to £4: 1: 6 per week by six annual increments of two shillings and a final increment of three shillings, the seventh year of service.

Firemen: To commence at £3: 5: 0 per week (not including emergency bonus) rising to £4: 0: 0 per week by six annual increments of two shillings and a final increment of three shillings, the seventh year of service.

DUTIES: By continuing the present duty system of 48 hours on and 24 hours off duty, there would be a total of 10 all ranks on continuous duty and it would be necessary to have this number on duty in order to have an efficient service for the City.

Continuing, Captain Diskin said that a scheme was being worked out under which the City Fire Brigade would undertake Fire Brigade duties for the Limerick County Council and possibly for certain areas in County Clare, but of course, they could not undertake such work with the present staff. He was satisfied, however, that even if the scheme referred to did not materialise, it would still be necessary to raise the strength of the Brigade to sixteen men.

The Acting City Manager said that he had made provision in his Rates Estimate for the coming Financial year for the re-organisation of the Fire Brigade Service on the lines recommended by Captain Diskin. After taking credit for a contribution of £1,000 from the Limerick County Council, which he had reason to believe would be made, the additional cost on the rates would work out at approximately 3d. in the £., and he was perfectly satisfied that the re-organisation scheme recommended by Captain Diskin would have to be put into operation as the present Fire Service was totally inadequate for the needs of the City.

CITY FIRE BRIGADE (Ctd.)

After a general discussion, the Committee approved of the Scheme outlined by Captain Diskin for the re-organisation of the City Fire Brigade Service.

WATERGATE HOUSING SCHEME: The City Solicitor said that he had a discussion recently with the Acting City Manager and the City Engineer regarding the Watergate Housing Scheme. He found that the late Mr. Manning Robertson, Town Planning Consultant had recommended that a playground should form part of the Scheme. This would make it a very costly site as of course the provision of a playground would limit the number of houses that could be built. Furthermore, there were two stores on the site, the property of Messrs. McCarthy & Sons, Fellmongers, which would be expensive to acquire.

The City Engineer said that if the playground were excluded, eighty houses could be built on the site, but with the playground only fifty-eight houses could be built.

After a short discussion, it was decided, on the recommendation of the City Solicitor, to defer further consideration of the matter until the new Town Planning Consultant takes up duty.

EXTENSION TO SACRED HEART COLLEGE: Councillor O'Malley called attention to the fact that the extension to the Sacred Heart College now in progress of erection projected beyond the existing building line. The City Engineer stated that before approving of the plans for the extension he had a consultation with the late Town Planning Consultant and they decided to raise no objection to the projection. When the extension is completed, there would, he considered, be no grounds for complaint.

TRADE DISPUTE: Alderman Reidy said that there was a trade dispute in the firm of Messrs. F. Spaight & Sons Ltd., and the employees were on strike for a considerable time. He suggested that a small Committee should be appointed to endeavour to bring about a settlement of the dispute.

The Mayor said that he had interested himself in this matter and gave details of the discussions, which he had with representatives of the firm and their employees.

After a short discussion, the following Committee was appointed:-

His Worship, the Mayor; Alderman D. Bourke, T.D., Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., P.C. and Councillor M. J. Keyes, T.D.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE: Councillor Cusack called attention to the need for the provision of a public convenience in the vicinity of Clancy Strand or Thomond Bridge, and the matter was referred to the Acting City Manager and the City Engineer.

CONDITION OF LANEWAY: Alderman Carew stated that there was a laneway at the upper end of Denmark Street, which was in a filthy condition and a danger to Public Health. It should be taken over and concreted by the Corporation. The matter was referred to the City Engineer.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Councillor Donnellan, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. P. Moore, a former member of the Borough Council.

CONDOLENCE (Ctd.)

It was proposed by Councillor Donnellan, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. P. O'Farrell, a former member of the Borough Council.

It was proposed by His Worship, the Mayor and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. Frank Kiely on the death of his daughter.

It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. J. M. Dillon, T.D., on the death of his brother.

It was proposed by Councillor P. O'Connell and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. M. Wallace.

Confirmed in Council this 14th day of May 1946.

W. Hartney
CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Rutland Street, on Monday,

29th DAY OF APRIL, 1946

immediately after the meeting of the City Council, the following members being present:-

- In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Alderman M. J. Hartney, Mayor.
 Aldermen:- D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew & J. Reidy, T.D.P.C.
 Councillors:- J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G. B. Dillon, P. Donnellan, P.C., J. C. Hickey, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M.W. McGuire, G. E. Russell, and P. Whehan.

Officers present:- The Acting City Manager, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer and the City Solicitor.

MUNICIPAL ABATTOIR: Submitted following communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, copies of which had been circulated amongst the members prior to the meeting:-

"Department of Local Government and Public Health, Custom House, Dublin.
 12th March, 1946.

A Chara,

With reference to previous correspondence in connection with the proposed provision of a public abattoir in the County Borough, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that these proposals were discussed with the representatives of the local authority by the technical advisers of this Department on the 17th December last. The following facts emerged from the discussions:-

- (1) A modern well-conducted abattoir should not give rise to unpleasant smells or any other form of nuisance.
 - (2) The number of cattle and sheep to be dealt with is not likely to exceed 90 cattle and 300 sheep weekly. The number passing through the streets on any given day would be small and not likely to cause obstruction to traffic.
 - (3) Butchers in Limerick deal mainly with farmers in the adjoining district for their purchases of fat cattle and it would not appear necessary to site the abattoir near the market or the railway station.
 - (4) No advantage would be looked for by the siting of the abattoir in the neighbourhood of a particular road as cattle are brought into Limerick by all roads.
- There is an advantage in having the abattoir near the centre where butcher shops are most general so as to shorten as much as possible the travel from abattoir to shop.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Friday,

29th DAY OF MARCH, 1946.

at 7.30 p.m., the following members being present:-

- In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Alderman M. J. Hartney, Mayor.
 Aldermen:- D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew and J. Reidy, T.D.P.C.
 Councillors:- P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., G. B. Dillon, P. O'Connell, M. B. O'Malley and P. Whehan.

Officers present:- The Acting City Manager 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 Acting City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

ELECTRIC WIRING OF ART GALLERY.

No. of Tender	Name of Person or Firm who Tendered.	Price.
1.	P. Cusack, 40 Roche's Street,	£297 10 2
2.	G. Clancy, 45 O'Connell Street,	£413 9 0
3.	Sinus Electric Co., 12 Sarsfield Street,	£445 10 0
4.	B. French Ltd., 7 Sh. Great George St., Dublin, ...	£388 12 1

FREE MILK SUPPLY.

1. Stobson College, Pallaskey, (Standard Milk) 2/2 per gal.
2. Martin McNamara, Clonlara, (New Milk) 1/11 per gal.
3. Thomas O'Regan, Croom, (Standard Milk) 2/2 per gal.

FREE MILK DISTRIBUTION.

No.	Name of Person or Firm	Price in Bulk		Per Gal. in Pint and Sealed Bots.	
		1 pd.	2d.	1 pd.	2d.
4.	Michael Murphy, 8 New Rd., Thomondgate	3d.	3d.	1 1/2	—
5.	Lawrence McKee, St. Ita Street	3d.	3d.	—	—
6.	Lawrence McKee, 1 John Street	3d.	3d.	—	—
7.	Mrs. M. Barrett, 3 Carey's Road,	3d.	3d.	—	—
8.	Mrs. E. O'Connell, 25 St. Joseph Street,	3d.	3d.	—	—
9.	Margaret Griffin, 83 Clare Street,	3d.	3d.	—	—
10.	Mary Donnellan, 16 Nicholas Street,	3d.	3d.	—	—
11.	Mrs. H. McMahon, 40 Nicholas Street,	3d.	3d.	—	—
12.	Francis McMahon, 40 Nicholas Street,	3d.	3d.	—	—

Confirmed in Council this 14th day of MAY 1946.

M. Hartney
 CHAIRMAN.

MUNICIPAL ABATTOIR (CTD.)

(6) The most essential feature is ease of access, combined with a good water supply and drainage facilities, with sufficient space for lairage and a small paddock.

The site proposed by the Corporation fulfils some of these requirements but it could not be drained into the city sewers without pumping and it is proposed to discharge settled sewage into a branch of the Abbey River. The outfall will be tide locked for a couple of hours daily. Further, the means of access is not satisfactory in its present form, and is not capable of improvement. The Corporation's proposals provide for alternative access by a road from the neighbourhood of Park Bridge over the Abbey River. The estimated cost of providing this road is over £3,400.

The site itself is irregular and if the proposal were to be carried out would require considerable filling and levelling. Site development will accordingly be expensive. The City Engineer was asked to prepare an estimate of the cost of developing up to ground floor level and to revise his estimate of the cost of the approach road. These estimates have since been furnished and they indicate that the additional cost of developing this site, in comparison with a normal level site, would be £2,850. A sum of at least £3,400, as already mentioned, must be added to this figure for the construction of an approach road. It is considered that these development costs amounting to £6,250 are unduly high. It is requested accordingly that the Corporation should re-consider the whole matter and revise their proposals in the light of the City Engineer's estimates. As no danger of nuisance should arise in a well-run abattoir and as there is no need to consider questions of traffic congestion or proximity to market, railway or particular road, it should be possible to select a more suitable site, preferably one on the Northern or North-eastern side of the City.

Mise, le meas,

J. Collins,

Runai Cunta.

Acting City Manager,
Limerick".

The City Engineer said that in view of the Department's letter, an alternative site for the proposed Municipal Abattoir would have to be found. He recommended that Healy's Field, Corbally, be acquired.

Alderman Reidy said that housing was a more pressing problem than the provision of an abattoir. They should devote all their energies to housing. In his opinion, the present system of slaughtering was satisfactory and the provision of an abattoir could be deferred until more urgent needs were satisfied and building costs fell.

After a general discussion, during which alternative sites were suggested, it was decided on the motion of Alderman Carew, seconded by Councillor Hickey, to give the City Engineer authority to select a suitable alternative site which would meet with the approval of the Council, the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

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APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR THE GAS UNDERTAKING:
The Acting City Manager stated that the Gas Engineer was unable to attend the meeting and it was decided, therefore, that the item on the agenda regarding the appointment of a Consulting Engineer for the Gas Undertaking be adjourned to a future meeting.

HOUSING: Alderman Reidy said that as the Builders' Providers did not hold out very much hope of a fall in prices at the Conference which they had with certain members of the Council, the Acting City Manager and the City Engineer, the prospects of embarking on a scheme of "uneconomic" houses were not hopeful. They should, therefore, consider the possibility of building "economic" houses.

Councillor Russell said that if the Corporation built some "economic" houses people, who were at the moment living in cheap houses and who could afford to pay a higher rent, would vacate them and leave them available for the poorer classes.

The Mayor suggested that a census should be taken of persons willing to pay a rent of 20/- to 25/- per week.

The City Engineer stated that there was not a suitable site within the Borough for a scheme of "economic" houses but Alderman Reidy contended that if they could get permission to build a larger number of houses per acre than the present regulations allow, it would be possible to find a suitable site within the Borough.

After a general discussion, it was decided on the motion of Councillor Cusack, seconded by Alderman Carew, that Alderman Bourke, T.D., Alderman Reidy, T.D., P.C., and Councillor Keyes, T.D., should wait on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and urge that permission be granted to increase the number of houses to be built per acre on Corporation housing sites and avail of the opportunity to press for an increase in the Housing subsidy.

It was also decided, on the motion of Councillor Russell, seconded by Alderman Reidy, that the City Engineer should prepare a report as to a suitable site or sites for an "economic" housing scheme.

DUMPING IN FOLEY'S FIELD: Councillor Donnellan protested against the dumping of refuse in Foley's Field, Thomondgate, adjacent to the Killeely Housing Scheme and it was decided that the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health should report on this matter to the next meeting.

VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS: At the request of Councillor Keyes, it was decided that the Council's representatives on the Voluntary Hospitals should investigate the possibility of an agreement being reached with the National Health Insurance Society for hospital benefits for insured persons.

BUS AND TRAIN SERVICE: On the suggestion of Councillor Keyes it was decided to communicate with Coras Iompair Eireann and press for an improved City Bus Service and an extension of the service to the Ballysimon district; also the restoration of Sunday excursion trains to Foynes, Castleconnell, etc. during the Summer months.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Councillor Keyes and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. C. O'Kelly, N.T., President of the Limerick Trades and Labour Council.

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CONDOLENCE: (Ctd.)

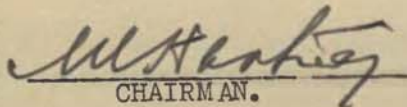
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It was proposed by Councillor Donnellan, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. D. Hayes, Shelbourne Avenue.

It was proposed by Councillor Russell and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. M. J. Hartman, Ballinacurra, on the death of his son.

Confirmed in Council this 14th day of May 1946.


CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Monday,

29th DAY OF APRIL, 1946,

at 9.30 p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Alderman M. Hartney, Mayor.

Aldermen:- D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors:- J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G.B. Dillon, P. Donnellan, P.C., J. C. Hickey, M.J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, M. B. O'Malley, Solr., G.E. Russell and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The Acting City Manager, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and the City Solicitor.

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 Acting City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

OFFERS FOR GRAZING OF TANK FIELD:

1. W. Lawlor, Ballysimon Road £20
2. M. Liston, Mulgrave Street £12
3. P. Long, Blackboy Pike £13


ANNUAL PRINTING CONTRACT:

Messrs. G. McKern & Sons £675: 0: 0

ANNUAL CLOTHING CONTRACT:

Messrs. Cannock & Co., Ltd. Various Prices.

Confirmed in Council this 14th day of May 1946.


CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

14th DAY OF MAY, 1946,

at 9.45 p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Alderman M. Hartney, Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D. and J. Reidy, T.D.P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C. G.B. Dillon, P. Donnellan, P.C., J. C. Hickey, M. W. McGuire, M. B. O'Malley, Solr., G.E. Russell and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The City Manager, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and the City Solicitor.

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

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OFFERS FOR GRAZING OF LANDS AT CORBALLY.

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| 1. | Mr. J. McNamara | £71 |
| 2. | National Bakery Co. | £70 |
| 3. | Mr. Thos. Sheehan | £70 |
| 4. | Mr. S. Clancy | £60 |
| 5. | Mr. J. Nihill | £35 |
| 6. | Mr. J. Flynn | £35 |

Confirmed in Council this 11th day of June 1946.


CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

23rd DAY OF MAY, 1946,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair:- Councillor P. Cusack, P.C.

Councillors:- J. Connery, G. B. Dillon, P. Donnellan, P.C., P. O'Connell, M. B. O'Malley, Solr., and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer and the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health.

Councillor O'Connell thanked the members for their kindness in re-electing him a member of the City Council. He availed of the opportunity to extend a welcome to the new City Manager, and to assure him of his whole-hearted co-operation.

BUS STOP SIGNS: Councillor Dillon stated that a bus stop sign had been erected outside Dr. O'Sullivan's house in William Street. The sign was put up at the narrowest point of the footpath and would cause congestion and be a source of inconvenience to Dr. O'Sullivan. He suggested that representations be made to have this sign transferred a few yards from Dr. O'Sullivan's house.

The City Engineer stated that he had already taken the matter up with Sergeant Morgan of the Garda Siochana and was assured that the sign had been erected at the most convenient point available.

The City Manager said that this matter had also been brought to his notice and he was arranging to meet Supt. Colleran of the Garda Siochana and discuss with him the question of Bus Signs generally.

STREET NAME PLATES: In reply to the Chairman, the City Engineer stated that enamel street plates which he proposed erecting in the Janesboro' Prospect and Killeely Housing Schemes were not yet available due to the emergency. It was decided that the question as to whether such signs were to be in Irish only or bi-lingual be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting of the Council.

HOUSES IN NEED OF REPAIR: Councillor O'Malley enquired as to the powers of the Corporation to compel landlords to keep their houses in a proper state of repair.

The City Manager replied that if a dwellinghouse had fallen into such a state that it was declared unfit for human habitation by the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health the Corporation could carry out repairs to make it fit for habitation at the expense of the owner if the owner had refused to do the work, provided that such repairs could be carried out at reasonable cost; otherwise a Demolition Order would have to be made. It would be appreciated, however, that at the present time, owing to the shortage and high cost of building materials, the carrying out of repairs at "reasonable" cost presented a difficulty. The Corporation could deal with minor defects which were a danger to Public Health by service of Sanitary Notices.

HOUSES IN NEED OF REPAIR:(Ctd.)

At the request of Councillor O'Malley, the City Manager undertook to investigate a complaint which he had made regarding the condition of 46, Lord Edward Street, and to look into a complaint which he had made regarding choking of drain in Naughton's Lane.

Arising out of the foregoing discussion, the City Manager said that in accordance with the Standing Orders it would be desirable that members would give notice of questions or matters which they propose raising at Council or Committee Meetings, so that he would have an opportunity of giving considered replies.

HOUSING:

Pennywell Housing Scheme: In reply to Councillor Whelan, the City Manager stated that the plans of the houses for the Pennywell Housing Scheme had not yet been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. He had been in telephone communication with an official of the Department and had urged that the issue of sanction be expedited.

Housing Site at Ballynantybeg: The City Manager reported that he had received an offer of lands the property of Mr. M. Foley, at Ballynantybeg, Thomondgate, on which it would be possible to erect approximately 500 houses. He had instructed the City Engineer to have the lands surveyed to ascertain if they would be suitable for housing.

Future Housing Schemes: The City Manager stated that he had discussed the question of future housing schemes very fully with the City Engineer and ascertained that schemes were in contemplation for the building of about 2,200 houses. 1,800 to 2,000 of these houses must be built outside the borough boundary. As requested at the last meeting of the Council, the City Engineer had a survey carried out of isolated building sites within the City, and found that only about 52 houses could be built on these sites. This estimate did not refer to sites cleared under Slum Clearance Orders but he did not consider that it would be possible to build more than 250 houses in all within the City. It was apparent, therefore, that if the City housing problem were to be solved the Corporation would have to go outside the borough for building sites. In view of the urgency of the housing problem, it was his policy to proceed with a big scheme at first and build on the cleared sites later.

O'SULLIVAN'S BOW, CLARE STREET: Councillor Donnellan called attention to the dangerous condition of the archway over the entrance to O'Sullivan's Bow, Clare Street and the matter was referred to the City Engineer.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Councillor O'Malley and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. Jerry Geary, Shelbourne Road.

It was proposed by Councillor Connery, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. Noel Donnelly, Janesboro' on the death of his wife.

It was proposed by Councillor Cusack, and unanimously resolved:-

CONDOLENCE:

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. William Murphy, Thomondgate.

It was proposed by Councillor Dillon, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. O'Callaghan, Island Field on the death of her son.

Confirmed in Council this 11th day of June 1946.

W. Hartney
CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

23rd DAY OF MAY, 1946,

at 8.30 p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair:- Councillor P. Cusack, P.C.

Councillors:- J. Connery, G. B. Dillon, P. Donnellan, P.C., M. B. O'Malley, Solr., and P. Whelan.

Officers present:-The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer.

In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council for the reception and examination of Tenders, the following Tender was opened by the Chairman, numbered and initialled by him, and delivered to the City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

HEATING INSTALLATION AT ART GALLERY:

Messrs. Hadens Engineering Co., Ltd., Dublin £363: 0: 0

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Confirmed in Council this 11th day of June 1946.

W. Starnes
CHAIRMAN.

SPECIAL (CORKANREE) COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall,
Rutland Street on Monday,

22nd DAY OF JULY, 1946

at 3.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J.C.
Hickey, Mayor.

Councillors: M. J. Keyes, T.D., and M. W. McGuire.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the
Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer,
and the Gas Engineer.

Also present:- Mr. R. O'Sullivan, Solicitor, and Mr.
T. F. O'Sullivan, B.E., Harbour Engineer.

OFFER FOR THE CORPORATION'S LANDS AT CORKANREE: The City
Manager explained that this Committee was appointed at
a meeting of the City Council held on 14th May, 1946, to
consider the offer made by Mr. Roger O'Sullivan, Solicitor,
on behalf of clients of the sum of £4,000 for the
Corporation's lands at Corkanree, measuring approximately
40 acres, and in connection therewith the representations
that had been made that portions of the lands should be
reserved for the erection of proposed new Gas Works, and
future Harbour development.

Continuing, the City Manager said that he had discussions
with Mr. O'Sullivan, Solicitor, who, in turn, had consulted
his clients regarding the Gas Works and Harbour projects.

Mr. O'Sullivan, Solicitor, stated that his clients required
the entire acreage at Corkanree. They would be prepared,
however, to abandon say 4 to 5 acres required for the new
Gas Works. They must get a filled-up area suitable for
building, as well as the low-lying area, otherwise the
lands would be of no use to them. In addition, they would
require Harbour facilities - say about 300 feet of wharfage,
within two years at the latest. He understood similar
facilities would be required for the new Gas Works. If
under the Harbour Development Scheme it was found necessary
to run a railway line through the lands of Corkanree, his
clients would have no objection, provided they could get a
connection off the line. It would have to be understood,
however, that no railway sidings would be erected but those
required by his clients and the Gas Works. With regard to
the Harbour facilities if these were provided primarily for
the Gas Works his clients would be prepared to pay a rental
for their use, or, alternatively, contribute towards the
cost of erection. In his opinion, however, such facilities
should be provided by the Harbour Board. It was estimated
that the industry to be established by his clients would
give employment to at least 300 people.

In reply to the City Engineer, Mr. O'Sullivan stated that
his clients would be prepared to take over and maintain
the Corkanree River Embankment and allow the Corporation
to continue dumping on the low-lying portions of the lands.

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The Harbour Engineer produced a map showing the tentative
proposals of his Board for the future development of the
Harbour westwards, and sites at their disposal which he

OFFER FOR THE CORPORATION'S LANDS AT CORKANREE (Ctd.)

said it was the policy of the Board to let to industries which would bring revenue to the Board. There was no obligation on the Board to build wharves but if such wharves were made available by private enterprise the Board would maintain them, by reason of the fact that they would be collecting dues from ships using such wharves. He had no doubt, however, that if it could be shown that the wharves would be a source of substantial revenue his Board would be prepared to make a contribution towards the cost of erection. The Board could get compulsory powers to acquire the land needed for the proposed railway line but they would prefer of course to have the matter arranged by agreement.

The Gas Engineer stated that his opinion was that at least 10 acres of the lands at Corkanree would be required for the new Gas Works. He had a discussion recently, however, with an eminent Gas Engineer in England and his opinion was that about twenty acres would be required. The works must have river frontage. In reply to the City Manager the Gas Engineer said that the Gas holders need not necessarily be sited adjacent to the works. In fact, by piping they would be a considerable distance away and the low-lying lands at Corkanree would do for them. It would be understood that the proposal regarding a new Gas Works was still in the preliminary stages. No plans have been prepared and the Corporation have not yet decided whether they would avail of the lands at Corkanree.

Councillor Keyes said that they should help Mr. O'Sullivan and his clients in every way possible as they were giving a guarantee of employment for a large number of persons. He suggested that it might be possible to acquire the unused portion of the site held by Messrs. W. F. McNamara & Co., Shannon Foundry at Corkanree as part of the site of the new Gas Works.

Councillor McGuire said that any proposals to bring new industries to the City should receive the most careful consideration, but he could see that in the present instance Mr. O'Sullivan's offer would have to be considered in conjunction with the Gas Works and Harbour Board's requirements.

The Mayor said that it appeared from the trend of the discussion that there was every possibility of being able to reach a satisfactory arrangement whereby all the requirements of the Gas Works, Harbour Board and Mr. O'Sullivan's clients could be met.

Summarising the discussion, the City Manager stated that he agreed with the opinion expressed by the Mayor. The offer of Mr. O'Sullivan's clients was bound up with the Gas Works and Harbour requirements, and with regard to the former he was endeavouring to get a Gas Consultant to come to Limerick as soon as possible so as to determine the exact area of land required for the new Works. With regard to the Harbour Board, he was of opinion that they should erect and maintain the wharves and harbour facilities required by Mr. O'Sullivan's clients and the Gas Works. Mr. O'Sullivan's clients were apparently satisfied as to the suitability of Corkanree for their industry but he considered that before the Committee could come to a definite decision they should have before them the exact requirements of the Gas Works and if the area remaining was acceptable by Mr. O'Sullivan's clients, full details of the nature and scope of the industry should be made available before a conveyance of the property would be effected.

OFFER FOR THE CORPORATION'S LANDS AT CORKANREE (Ctd.)

The Committee agreed that the City Manager should endeavour to get the Gas Consultant to come to Limerick at the earliest possible date and that a lay-out plan of the new Gas Works should be prepared after the visit, and when this was ready a further meeting of the Committee to be summoned. The Gas Engineer estimated that it would take six to eight weeks to prepare the lay-out plan.

Confirmed in Council this 13th day of August 1946.

John C. Murphy
CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday, 23rd day of July, 1946, at 11 a.m. the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G.B. Dillon, M. B. O'Malley, Solr., G.E. Russell, and P. Whelan.

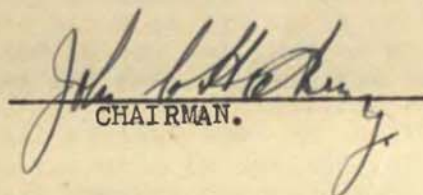
Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and City Engineer.

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:-

PALMERSTOWN HOUSING SCHEME - ERECTION OF 36 HOUSES:

	In Mass Concrete			With Concrete Blocks.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Messrs. T. McInerney & Sons Scarriff	28,153	14	4	29,483	1	4
Messrs. P. Molloy & Sons, Limerick	30,299	10	0	30,395	10	0
Messrs. T. Thornbury & Co., Tullamore	33,582	17	6	34,195	6	6
Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll, Limerick	34,009	0	0	34,192	0	4
Messrs. Lanigan Bros., Limerick	25,310	6	7	25,852	8	3

Confirmed in Council this 13th day of August 1946.


CHAIRMAN.

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall,
Rutland Street, on Monday,

29th DAY OF JULY, 1946

immediately after the Council Meeting, the following members
being present:-

In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C.
Hickey, Mayor.

Aldermen:- D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, and M. J.
Hartney.

Councillors:- J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G. B. Dillon,
P. Donnellan, P.C., M. W. McGuire,
P. O'Connell, M. B. O'Malley, Solr.,
G. E. Russell, and P. Whelan.

Officers present:- The City Manager and Town Clerk, the
Assistant Town Clerk, and the City
Engineer.

MR. VAUGHAN'S LANDS AT CORBALLY: Councillor Donnellan
enquired if the City Manager had considered the offer of
Mr. P. Vaughan to sell his lands at Corbally to the
Corporation.

The City Manager stated that he had received no offer from
Mr. Vaughan and until he did so the matter could not be
considered. He could state, however, that this area was
scheduled as a high-class residential area by the late Town
Planner and it would not appear therefore that Mr. Vaughan's
lands would be suitable for development as a Corporation
housing site.

SHELBOURNE PARK: The City Manager reported that some time
ago an offer was received by the Acting City Manager from
Mr. John McNamara to purchase a strip of Hassett's field
(now known as Shelbourne Park) measuring approximately 19
perches with the object of increasing the depth of the site
which he owns and which he proposes developing as a housing
site. The strip of ground lies between Mr. McNamara's
site and the wall of Shelbourne Park and was not incorporated
in the Park for the reason that the boundary wall of the Park
would have been too irregular if the Corporation had kept
to the actual boundary of Hassett's field. The City Engineer
had reported that the strip of ground in question was useless
to the Corporation and if not acquired by Mr. McNamara,
would become derelict and possibly subject to abuse.

The City Solicitor had advised that the strip of ground
should be advertised for sale in the local press. This had
been done and the City Manager now submitted the only offer
received amounting to £38 from Mr. T. O'B. Kelly, Solicitor
on behalf of Mr. McNamara which he proposed accepting.

After a short discussion, it was proposed by Councillor
Cusack, seconded by Councillor Connery, and resolved:-

That we approve of the acceptance of the offer of £38
received from Mr. T. O'B. Kelly, Solr., on behalf of Mr.
John McNamara for strip of ground at Hassett's Field (now
known as Shelbourne Park) measuring approximately 19 perches.

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TOWN HALL: The City Manager reported that, owing to the dangerous condition of the rear portion of the Town Hall, it had been found necessary as a temporary measure to transfer the typists to the Council Chamber. After consultation with the City Engineer, he was satisfied that the only permanent arrangement that could be made was to use the Public Gallery portion of the Council Chamber as offices. With the reduction in the number of members of the Council he thought that sufficient accommodation for the Council and the public could be found inside the barrier of the Council Chamber, and he submitted a plan prepared by the City Engineer showing the proposed alterations.

The Members, having examined the plan, it was decided on the motion of Councillor Whelan, seconded by Alderman Bourke, to approve of the proposed alterations to the Council Chamber, Councillor Connery dissenting.

CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL: Councillor Dillon asked the City Manager if he could have something done to improve the existing conditions in the Mortuary at the City Home and Hospital.

The City Manager stated that he had the whole question of the conditions at the City Home and Hospital under consideration. He had applied to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for a grant to provide a Children's Hospital. He agreed that the Mortuary required attention and he was considering the possibility of finding an alternative place for it.

GENERAL POST OFFICE: Alderman Hartney referred to the inconvenience caused to the public by the congestion in the General Post Office which was altogether inadequate to serve the needs of the City. Personally, he had to wait twenty minutes to send a telegram last week. All business had to be transacted there without any privacy. Representations should be made to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to have this state of affairs remedied by providing a new building.

Councillor O'Malley called attention to the inadequate and unsatisfactory telephone service. After a short discussion, it was decided on the motion of Alderman Hartney, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that the City Manager should make representations to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs regarding the conditions prevailing in the General Post Office and the unsatisfactory telephone service.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: Attention was called to the need for providing public lamps at Augustinian Lane and the Canal. The City Manager stated that the Electricity Supply Board had refused to provide any additional lamps owing to the present supply position. They undertook, however, to reconsider the matter when the supply position eases.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by His Worship, the Mayor and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. S. Frost, Sanitary Sub-Officer on the death of his son.

It was proposed by Councillor Connery and unanimously resolved:

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. Prosser, Farranshane on the death of her husband.

Confirmed in Council this 13th day of August 1946.

John C. Harty
CHAIRMAN

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, on Thursday,

22nd DAY OF AUGUST, 1946,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Aldermen:- D. Bourke, T.D., M. Hartney, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors:- J. Connery, G. B. Dillon, M. J. Keyes, T.D. P. O'Connell, and M. B. O'Malley, Solr.

Officers present:- The City Solicitor, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and the Acting Medical Superintendent Officer of Health.

The Mayor stated that the City Manager had asked him to apologise for his absence from the meeting, as he had been called out of town.

PARKING BYE-LAWS: As arranged at the last meeting of the Council, the Committee took up consideration of the Limerick (Parking and Waiting) Bye-Laws, 1939. The City Solicitor explained that these bye-laws had been made by the Commissioner of the Garda Siothchana under the Road Traffic Act, 1933 with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health after consultation with the City Council. Owing to emergency conditions, however, and the difficulty experienced in procuring the necessary signs, the bye-laws had not yet been put into operation. It was for the Committee now to review the regulations in the light of any changes in traffic conditions in the City since they were made.

The Mayor submitted a letter from Councillor Russell, who was unable to be present at the meeting, making certain suggestions with regard to the bye-laws.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Alderman Reidy and seconded by Alderman Hartney:-

That the Bye-laws be put into operation and that after a period of six months the Council review them in the light of the experience gained to see if any amendments would be necessary.

It was proposed by Councillor Dillon, and seconded by Councillor O'Malley:-

That the Committee examine the Bye-Laws at this meeting to ascertain if any changes are necessary.

On a show of hands, Alderman Reidy's motion was declared carried.

BUS SIGNS: Submitted communication, dated 21st August, 1946, from Superintendent P. Colleran, Garda Siothchana, stating that, as a result of the representations of the Council, the following matters have been forwarded to the Commissioner of the Garda Siothchana for his consideration and a further report will be sent in due course:-

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BUS SIGNS (Ctd.)

- (a) Removal of Bus Stops from St. Munchin's School to Farranshone Junction.
- (b) Erection of Bus Stops at Quarry Road Junction.
- (c) Removal of Bus Stops from No. 2, O'Connell Street (Moynihan's) to 9, O'Connell Street (Hassett's).
- (d) Erection of further Bus Stops in Sarsfield Street between junction of Henry Street and Sarsfield Street.

The question of the altering of the bus route at Killeely to permit of bus going to "Circle" is one for arrangement by the C.I.E. Company, and any change beneficial to the bus travelling public will be welcomed by the Garda.

Councillor Dillon said that it would not be desirable to remove the Bus Stop from St. Munchin's School to Farranshone junction. What was required was an extra Stop erected at the Junction.

STREET TRADING: In reply to Councillor Connery, the City Solicitor stated that some years ago the Council adopted Street Trading Bye-Laws. As far as he was aware, the Bye-Laws were still in force but he would look into the matter and report to a later meeting.

WATER SUPPLY: In reply to Alderman Hartney, the City Engineer stated that the City Manager was not prepared to make a water supply available at the Corporation's expense for a housing scheme at Little Kilrush undertaken by a private builder, until he was satisfied that a substantial number of houses would be erected. The cost involved would be high, as it would be necessary to lay down about 800 ft. of piping.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Alderman Hartney, seconded by Alderman Bourke, and resolved:-

That we recommend the City Manager to have a water supply made available for the houses being erected at Little Kilrush.

WATER SUPPLY TO KILLEELY HOUSING SCHEME: Councillor O'Malley stated that he had received complaints regarding the inadequate supply of water to the Killeely Housing Scheme. The residents, he understood were for many hours each day without water.

The City Engineer said that the water supply was inadequate but it was not as bad as had been suggested by Councillor O'Malley. A scheme had been sanctioned for the construction of a new 16" water main and this should improve the water pressure in practically all parts of the City.

Replying to Alderman Reidy, the City Engineer stated that it would not be possible to go ahead with the proposed housing scheme at Ballynanty Beg until a new 12" water main was laid, which would take from 12 to 18 months.

HOUSING: Alderman Reidy said that, in view of the City Engineer's statement regarding the water supply for the proposed housing scheme at Ballynanty Beg, every effort should be made to proceed with the building of houses on the cleared and derelict sites in the City, where all services were available. The City Engineer said that he was preparing the necessary maps for the acquisition of derelict sites.

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HOUSING (Ctd.)

In reply to Alderman Hartney, the City Engineer stated that he was waiting for a general clearance of the St. Francis Abbey area before building on the site given to the Corporation by the Very Rev. Fr. Lee, P.P., St. Mary's, so that a scheme as comprehensive as possible might be carried out. Councillor Dillon said that he owned two sites in the area which he was prepared to hand over to the Corporation provided that the occupiers of the houses on the sites would be provided with new houses by the Corporation in the St. Francis Abbey Area. The Committee expressed their appreciation of Councillor Dillon's offer.

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS: The attention of the City Engineer was called to the following dangerous buildings:-

Mr. Barry's old house at Janesboro'; unoccupied house at Bank Place, and house at Corner of Henry Place.

LAYING OF POST OFFICE CABLE: It was proposed by Alderman Hartney, seconded by Alderman Bourke, and resolved:-

That we desire to enter an emphatic protest against the treatment meted out to the City men employed on the work of laying telephone cables from Limerick to the Shannon Airport. These men are compelled to work for a wage of £2: 1: 0 per week out of which they must pay bus fares to and from their work. They are justly entitled to City conditions of employment and we make a strong appeal on their behalf that they be paid the rate of wages prevailing in the City of Limerick, and we direct that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs and to the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

BARRINGTON'S PIER: Arising out of a discussion regarding a recent drowning fatality at Barrington's Pier, it was proposed by Councillor Dillon, seconded by Alderman Reidy, and resolved:-

That we recommend that a railing be provided at Barrington's Pier to safeguard children and that the slip be built up.

BALL COURTS AT PROSPECT: Alderman Hartney stated that children were climbing the side walls of the ball-courts at Prospect and that something should be done to prevent this dangerous practice. The City Engineer was asked to look into this matter.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: The Mayor submitted a memorial which he had received from certain ratepayers of Mill Road, Corbally, requesting that the public lighting of the locality be improved and it was decided, on the motion of Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor Dillon, that the request be granted.

Arising hereout, Councillor O'Malley called attention to the dangerous condition of the river wall at the end of the Mill Road and the remains of the old Mill.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by His Worship, the Mayor and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. Paul Bernard, "Bernardene", O'Connell Avenue, on the death of her husband.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Malley and unanimously resolved:-

CONDOLENCE (Ctd.)

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. P. Barry, Pery Square, on the death of his son.


It was proposed by Councillor Connery and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. S. Prendergast, Killalee, on the death of his wife.

It was proposed by Alderman Bourke and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the family of the late Mr. Frank O'Callaghan, John's Square.

Confirmed in Council this 10th day of September 1946.


CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall,
Rutland Street, on Monday,

23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1946.

at 11.30 o'clock a.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Alderman: J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: P. Cusack, P.C., M. B. O'Malley, and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, and the Assistant Town Clerk.

TENDERS FOR HALF-YEARLY SUPPLIES FOR CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL:

In accordance with the regulations adopted by the Council, 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:-

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TENDERS RECEIVED FOR SUPPLIES TO CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL FOR THE SIX MONTHS COMMENCING 1st OCTOBER, 1946.

No.	Name of Person or Firm who Tendered.	Article.	Price of Article
1-	Dowdall & O'Mahony, Union Quay, Cork.	Butter.	£12 7s. per cwt.
2-	Drombanna Creamery, Four Elms, Limerick	Butter.	£12 4s. per cwt.
3-	Michael Williams, Kildimo.	Various.	Various.
4-	Daniel Clancy, Ellen Street.	Various.	Various.
5-	John Clancy, Lower Park.	Various.	Various.
6-	Alex. Findlater & Co., Ltd., Dublin.	Various.	Various.
7-	Michael Fitzgibbon, Catherine St.	Eggs.	3/3d. per dozen.
8-	Joseph Barry, Hartstonge Street.	Beef.	1/1d. per lb.
		Mutton.	1/8d. per lb.
9-	John O'Connor, Wickham Street.	Beef.	1/0 3d. per lb.
		Mutton.	1/7 3d. per lb.
10-	Dermot Joyce, Thomondgate.	Beef.	11 3d. per lb.
		Mutton.	1/7 per lb.
11-	Fred. Cronin, 6, Catherine Place.	Stocktaking.	£15.
12-	James Finucane, Fitzgerald's Place.	do.	do.
13-	William Barry, Parnell St., Ennis.	do.	do.
14-	Mrs. Julia Cusack, Bedford Row.	Whiting.	1/- per lb.
		Cod.	2/- per lb.
		Plaice.	2/1 per lb.

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& John C. Hickey
CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1946,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G. B. Dillon, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, P. O'Connell, M. B. O'Malley and P. Whelan.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Alderman Hartney, Alderman Carew, and Councillor Russell.

Officers present: The Deputy City Manager, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP HARTY: The Mayor stated that since the last meeting the death had taken place of His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Harty, Archbishop of Cashel. On behalf of the Council and the citizens, and his own behalf he had tendered his sympathy, and he read a letter of acknowledgment which he had received from the new Archbishop (Most Rev. Dr. Kinnane).

© Copy Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor Dillon, and resolved:-

That we recommend the Council to approve of the scheme for the award of scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools pursuant to the provisions of the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) Act, 1944, now submitted to us, copies of which had been previously circulated amongst the members of the Council.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME: On the suggestion of Alderman Reidy it was decided that copies of the University Scholarships Scheme be circulated amongst the members.

LIMERICK CITY MANAGEMENT ACT: It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor Dillon, and resolved:-

That copies of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934, be circulated amongst the members.

PALMERSTOWN HOUSING SCHEME: In reply to Councillor Dillon, the Deputy City Manager stated that the contract documents in connection with the Palmerstown Housing Scheme had not yet been signed by Messrs. Lanigan Bros. With the City Engineer he had a conference to-day with a representative of the Firm and the matter would be the subject of further discussion.

© Copy The City Engineer reported that the Bills of Quantities for the Pennywell Housing Scheme are now almost completed, and he hoped to be in a position to issue the advertisement inviting tenders for the erection of the houses during the coming week.

KILLEELY HOUSING SCHEME: The Deputy City Manager reported that an offer had been received of a plot of ground on the Pilkington Estate containing 0.787 acres adjacent to the Killeely Housing Estate which the owner is prepared to sell to the Corporation for the sum of £146. The City Engineer considered the price reasonable and recommended the purchase of the plot which would be needed for housing purposes when the Corporation come to deal with the Thomondgate area. In the circumstances, the City Manager had decided to purchase the plot of ground, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

It was proposed by Alderman Bourke, seconded by Councillor Cusack, and resolved:-

That we approve of the decision of the City Manager to purchase a plot of ground containing 0.787 acres at Thomondgate on the Pilkington Estate for the sum of £146 subject to the sanction of the Minister.

BARRY'S HOUSE, JANESBORO'. Councillor Dillon, arising out of the foregoing, referred to his previous statements regarding the acquisition of the site of Barry's House, Janesboro', and stated that this should also be purchased for future housing requirements.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Dillon, seconded by Alderman Bourke, and resolved:-

That we request the City Manager to acquire Barry's house, Janesboro', and the lands thereof for future housing requirements.

HOUSES IN NEED OF REPAIR: Councillor O'Malley stated he understood that the landlord of dwellinghouse No. 16 Arthur's Quay had now put it in state of repair. He enquired if the landlords of the other properties in the area could be called upon to carry out similar works.

The Acting City Manager stated that he would ask the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health to arrange for the service of Sanitary Notices. During a discussion which ensued, it was suggested that a survey of houses requiring repair in the City should be carried out and the necessary notices served. Reference was also made to the Act under which Government and local grants could be made for the carrying out of repairs to dwellinghouses.

EVICTION AT ISLAND FIELD: Councillor Connery referred to a recent eviction at the Island Field, and stated that he wished to protest against the action of the City Manager in refusing to grant an extension of time having regard to the special circumstances of the case.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor Connery, and resolved:-

That we protest emphatically against the City Manager's action in having the eviction at the Island Field carried out, and that this Council disassociate itself from the action taken in the special circumstances of the case, and recommends the Deputy City Manager to appoint Mr. Griffin tenant of the house from which he was evicted.

WATER SUPPLY: It was proposed by Councillor Cusack, seconded by Alderman Reidy, and resolved:-

WATER SUPPLY (Contd.):

That the City Manager be informed that it is the wish of the Council that a water supply be made available for the houses being erected on Shelbourne Road by Mr. McInerney.

HARVEST CAMPAIGN: The Mayor stated that he had been informed by the County Agricultural Inspector that sufficient volunteers were not coming forward to help in the campaign to save the harvest. On an average only 240 volunteers were available daily. This number was entirely insufficient as a minimum of 500 volunteers were required. If something was not done to improve the position within the next nine or ten days the harvest would be in a serious condition. The Mayor asked for the Committee's views as to the best steps that could be taken to improve the position.

After a discussion, it was decided that the Mayor should issue an urgent appeal through the public press and mobile loud speaker for additional volunteers.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: In reply to Councillor Connery, the Assistant Town Clerk stated that the Electricity Supply Board had refused recent requests for additional public lamps. It was decided to ask the Board to reconsider the matter. In addition to the lamps already applied for, it was stated that lamps were required in Upr. Cecil Street and Colbert Avenue, Janesboro'.

TRAFFIC CONTROL: Councillor Whelan stated that there were a large number of schools from the Technical Institute, O'Connell Avenue, to Barrington Street and that Gardai should be on point duty in the area.

Other members suggested that Gardai on point duty were required at Mallow Street, Sarsfield Bridge (O'Callaghan Strand side), St. Lelia Street, and Sexton Street in the vicinity of the Christian Brothers' Schools.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Dillon, seconded by Councillor Connery, and resolved:-

That we request the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána to increase the Garda Force in Limerick by at least twelve men so as to carry out effective traffic control.

AIR TRAFFIC: On the suggestion of Councillor Whelan it was decided to call the attention of the Department of Industry and Commerce to the dangerous practice of Air Liners flying at very low altitudes over the City.

SALARIES OF CLERKS OF OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEES: The Committee, acting as the Old Age Pensions Committee for the County Borough of Limerick, considered communication, dated 26th September, 1946, from the Castle Ward Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee recommending that the salary of their Clerk be increased to £25 per annum as the population of the Ward has very much increased owing to the Killeely and Island Field Housing Schemes.

The Assistant Town Clerk stated that the Revenue Commissioners had replied to a similar application on a previous occasion by pointing out that a fixed sum was allocated as remuneration for the Clerks of the Sub-Committees in the County Borough, and that if it was desired to increase the salary of one Clerk a reallocation of the sum fixed

SALARIES OF CLERKS OF OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEES (Ctd.)

would be necessary. The amounts payable to the Clerks was fixed in 1931.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Cusack, seconded by Councillor Whelan, and resolved:-

That, as we are satisfied that the salaries payable to the Clerks of the Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees are altogether inadequate, we recommend the Revenue Commissioners to increase them by at least 50%.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by His Worship, the Mayor, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. C. Cregan, Editor of the "Limerick Leader" on the death of his son.

Confirmed in Council this 8 day of Oct. 1946.

John B. Healy
CHAIRMAN

with last year, and owing to the abnormal wet weather it was very difficult to get supplies out of the bogs.

Mr. J. J. Dundon, President, St. Vincent de Paul Society, said that they would co-operate in every way to have the scheme revived, and he could promise not only moral but financial support towards the carrying on of this scheme.

The City Manager said that it was only recently he had learned of the closing down of the Muintir na Tire fuel scheme and he had immediately discussed the matter with the Mayor, as he felt that in the absence of such a scheme the poor would suffer severely. He would help in every way possible to have the scheme revived, and he had been assured that the Government Grant would be available this year as in the past.

After a general discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Cusack, and resolved:-

That we request Muintir na Tire (Limerick Branch) to revive the Penny in the £ Fuel Scheme, and we undertake that the City Council, the City Manager and the officers of the Corporation will give every possible help and assistance.

MOTOR ASSEMBLY FACTORY: Councillor Russell referred to the proposed Motor Assembly Factory to be established at Bank Place, and to recent statements which appeared in the public press from which it was to be inferred that there was a possibility, owing to the difficulty experienced by the Promoters in acquiring certain property, that the factory would be lost to Limerick. His information was that unless the premises were acquired the industry would not be set up in Bank Place. That being so he felt that it was up to the City Council to take active steps with a view to ascertaining what alternative sites were available.

After a general discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Russell, and seconded by Councillor McGuire:-

That a special Committee be appointed to investigate the possibility of getting an alternative site for the proposed Motor Assembly Factory, and to ensure that every effort is made to hold the industry for Limerick.

As an amendment, Councillor Whelan proposed that as this was a private matter it should be allowed to take the ordinary course of negotiation, but failed to find a seconder.

The Mayor put Councillor Russell's motion from the chair, and declared it passed. The following special Committee was then appointed:-

His Worship, the Mayor, the City Manager, Councillors Connery, Cusack, McGuire, Russell, and Whelan.

It was decided that the Committee should meet on Monday, 28th October, 1946, at 4 o'clock p.m., and to invite the Solicitor and Architect of the Promoters of the Factory to the meeting.

GAS UNDERTAKING: The City Manager stated that the proposal regarding the new Gas Works was before the last meeting of the Council, and referred to this Committee for further consideration. In the meantime, the members had been furnished with his views on the project and copies of a report which he had received from the Gas Engineer.

After a very full discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Cusack, seconded by Councillor Whelan, and resolved:-

That we agree to the proposal to erect a new Gas Works on a new site if necessary, but that the size of the proposed new Works be not finally determined until the whole proposal has been fully examined by the Departments of Local Government and Public Health, and Industry and Commerce.

The City Manager said it had been suggested that the new Gas Works should be erected on portion of the Harbour Board's property at Corkanree and he was of opinion that an option on the property should be secured pending the final decision on the whole proposal. The Committee agreed to this view.

FEAST OF THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST: The Mayor stated that His Lordship, the Bishop, had invited the members and officers of the Corporation to attend High Mass at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday next in honour of the feast of the Kingship of Christ.

HOUSING: The City Manager said that he had been examining the proposal to purchase Blake's lands at Ballinacurra Weston for housing. These lands were outside the borough boundary, but under the Local Government Act, 1946, the Corporation could acquire them, but the consent of the Limerick County Council would be required to the erection of houses thereon. As the Committee were aware, the County Council had refused to give their consent pending a decision regarding the extension of the Borough Boundary. He intended suggesting to the Council that the lands be acquired and developed, pending the outcome of the application for the extension of the borough boundary. He was not asking for a decision at this meeting, but he would like the members to think the matter over, and he would bring it formally before the next meeting of the Council.

Confirmed in Council this 12th day of November 1946.


CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Limerick City Council Archives on Thursday, Rutland Street,

24th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1946.

at 8.30 p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G. B. Dillon, M. W. McGuire, P. O'Connell, M. B. O'Malley, Solr., G. E. Russell and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

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 intitled by him, and delivered to the City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

PENNYWELL HOUSING SCHEME.

Erection of 106 Houses.

	In Mass Concrete	With 8" Concrete Blocks	With 10" concrete in situ - No fines.
Messrs. Murphy Bros. (Cork) Ltd., Cork.	£101,796: 8: 8	£104,797: 5: 0	£103,073: 12: 7
Messrs. Thos. McInerney & Sons, Scariff.	105,494: 4: 4	107,081: 18: 4	107,658: 15: 0
Messrs. Lanigan Bros. Limerick.	109,998: 1: 8½	110,784: 1: 8	112,412: 19: 11
Messrs. Thos. Thornbury & Co., Tulla-more.	124,515: 5: 9	126,093: 8: 11	128,426: 7: 0

EXTENSION TO WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

Messrs. South of Ireland Asphalt Co., Dublin	- £12,753: 16: 8
Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll, Limerick	- £13,743: 6: 5
Messrs. Thos. McInerney & Sons, Scariff	- £13,873: 12: 6
Messrs. John McNally & Co, Galway	- £13,998: 18: 6

PAINTING GAS SHOWROOMS.

Messrs. F. Gilligan & Sons, Limerick	- £25: 0: 0
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Confirmed in Council this 14th day of JANUARY 1946.

J. C. Hickey
CHAIRMAN.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE PROPOSED MOTOR ASSEMBLY FACTORY.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall on the

28th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1946.

at 4 o'clock p.m., the following being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Councillors Connery, Cusack, McGuire, Russell, and Whelan; The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and Mr. D. J. O'Malley, Solr.

The Committee was appointed at the meeting of the City Council held on the 24th October, 1946, -

"To investigate the possibility of getting an alternative site for the proposed Motor Assembly Factory, and to ensure that every effort is made to hold the industry for Limerick."

The Committee had a very full discussion with Mr. D. J. O'Malley, Solicitor for the Promoters, during which several alternative sites in the City were mentioned.

It was agreed that the City Manager should have a map prepared for Mr. O'Malley showing the alternative sites suggested as follows:-

- Strand Barracks.
- The Priory lands, Clancy Strand, property of Mrs. Clune.
- Lady's Lane Clearance Area (including former Shannon Laundry premises).
- Vacant lands between the Jamesboro' and Prospect Housing Schemes.
- Messrs. Loughrey's, Goodbody's and Ebrill's lands, Dock Road.
- Vacant land at Punch's Cross (Rosbrien side).
- McNamara's lands at side of City Home & Hospital, Shelbourne Road.
- Messrs. Ranks vacant Mills (Newtownery Mill and City Mill, Roches Street).
- St. Munchin's College, Henry Street.
- Clare Street Park.

The Committee and the City Manager assured Mr. O'Malley that the Corporation was prepared to facilitate his clients in every way, and to give all possible help and assistance in having the proposed Factory established in Limerick. For that purpose, they would welcome an opportunity of meeting the Promoters.

Confirmed in Council this 12th day of November, 1946.

J. C. Hickey
CHAIRMAN.
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE Re PROPOSED MOTOR ASSEMBLY
FACTORY.

A further meeting of the above Committee was held in the
Town Hall, on the

29th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1946,

at 4.30 p.m., the following being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey,
Mayor.

Councillors: J. Connery, M. W. McGuire, G.E. Russell,
and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk and the
Assistant Town Clerk.

The Mayor stated that the Chamber of Commerce had
entertained Mr. Sachsell and the other promoters of the
proposed industry to dinner the previous evening. After-
wards, there was an exchange of views but no indication
was given as to the exact location of the factory and in
fact no useful information had been supplied.

The City Manager said that he had a discussion with
Mr. Sachsell and was given to understand that an existing
building was required to be available not later than
January, 1947. Mr. Sachsell stated that they had been
offered suitable accommodation in Cork, Waterford and
Dublin. The promoters are prepared to start in Limerick
but want immediately covered accommodation measuring
approximately 300' x 180'. The Chamber of Commerce have
arranged to meet Mr. Sachsell again on Monday next and
in the meantime are to explore the possibilities of
securing premises of the dimensions required. The Horse
Show Buildings at the Race Course had been mentioned.

Councillor Russell stated that he had inspected and
measured the Horse Show Buildings and found their
dimensions as follows:-

150' x 60'.
120' x 95' (triple shed).
94' x 30' (wing off main hall).

They are well lighted and give clear floor space. The
total area, however, is only 19,000 sq. ft. or approximately
 $\frac{1}{3}$ rd. of the area Mr. Sachsell requires. Personally, he
did not believe it was possible to secure accommodation
of the dimensions required at such short notice.

The City Manager suggested that a deputation from the
citizens should approach the Minister for Industry and
Commerce with a view to securing the industry for Limerick.
If the interview was favourable the Chamber of Commerce,
after satisfying themselves as to the bona fides of the
project, could find responsible persons who would be
prepared to take a financial interest in the project but
who should be given an opportunity of making a thorough
investigation of the whole matter.

The Committee agreed with the City Manager's suggestion
but it was decided to defer further action until after
Monday next when, as already stated, Mr. Sachsell is to
meet the Chamber of Commerce again.

Confirmed in Council this 10 day of Dec 1946.

Next meeting 16/11/46

John Hickey CHAIRMAN.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE Re TREATMENT OF STREET ACCIDENT
CASES AT THE CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL.

A Meeting of the Committee was held in the Town Hall, on
6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1946,

the following being present:-

In the Chair: Alderman D. Bourke, T.D.

Alderman J. Reidy, T.D., F.C., and Councillor
Dillon; the City Manager and Town Clerk, the
Assistant Town Clerk, and Dr. A. Humphreys,
R.M.O., City Home & Hospital.

The Committee was appointed -

"To consult with the City Manager regarding the
treatment of street accident cases at the City Home
& Hospital."

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The City Manager stated that he had gone into the
matter fully with Dr. Humphreys and they were satisfied
that if it was decided to treat street accident cases at
the City Home & Hospital it would be necessary to set up
an out-patients department. This would involve the
employment of extra medical and nursing staff who would
have to be on continuous duty. It should be appreciated
that a street accident might necessitate daily attendance
of the patient for dressing and treatment over a long
period. The existing arrangement whereby street accident
cases are treated at the Voluntary Hospitals (to whom the
Corporation make annual contributions) is working
satisfactorily and in all the circumstances it did not
seem desirable to make any change. In any event, no
radical change should be made until the new Regional
Hospital is available.

After a discussion, the Committee agreed with the
views of the City Manager and Dr. Humphreys.

Confirmed in Council this 10 day of Dec 1946.

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John A. Reidy
CHAIRMAN.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE PROPOSED MOTOR ASSEMBLY
FACTORY.

A further meeting of the above Committee was held in the
Town Hall, on Tuesday,

10th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1946,

at 4 o'clock, the following being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C.
Hickey, Mayor.

Councillors J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C.,
M. W. McGuire, and P. Whelan, and the
City Manager.

The City Manager said that he met Mr. H. K. Sachsell
on Saturday, 7th December, 1946, by appointment at 4.30
p.m. having ascertained previously that Mr. Sachsell
did not wish to meet representatives of the Council or
the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Sachsell informed him
that at present the possibility of establishing an
Assembly Factory in Limerick was remote owing to the
fact that he expected to receive early deliveries of
motor car parts and he must have them assembled immediately.
He had been offered a suitable assembly plant at Cork
and it appeared that he would have to accept this offer
if he received the parts as early as he expected. The
arrangement, however, was subject to the approval of some
Czechoslovakian experts whom he expected to have over
in Ireland before Christmas and with whom he promised
to make an appointment to meet him (the City Manager)
He also stated that he was prepared to co-operate with
any industrial Committee that might be set up in Limerick
with a view to opening new factories, but that he had
no plans for the immediate future as regards the
establishment of an industry in Limerick.

A full discussion then took place of the possibility
of getting the Industry for Limerick, and on the
proposition of Councillor Connery, seconded by Councillor
Whelan, it was unanimously decided to invite three
representatives of the Chamber of Commerce to come to a
Meeting of the Committee with a view to exploring the
possibility of getting this industry or some similar
industry for Limerick, and of establishing of small
Committee to meet Mr. Sachsell.

The City Manager read the following letter from
the Department of Industry & Commerce:-

"3rd December, 1946.

P.W.P.226/6.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Industry and
Commerce to refer to your telephonic enquiry to this
Department on Friday last in reference to proposals for
the setting up of an industry in this country for the
assembly of light cars and diesel engines, in which Mr.
H. K. Sachsell is interested. I am to confirm that, as
you have already been informed, proposals in this matter
have been submitted to the Minister who has communicated
his views in writing to Mr. A. J. O'Flynn, Solicitor, Gort,
Co. Galway, who has been acting for Mr. Sachsell in the
matter.

I am to inform you that the Minister will arrange for

senior officers of this Department to meet the deputation from Limerick to which you refer, but I am to suggest that before the deputation comes to Dublin it would be advisable if you would consult with Mr. O'Flynn in the first instance.

Mise, le meas,

J. Cassidy.

City Manager,
Town Hall, Limerick."

It was agreed to defer consideration of this letter until after the meeting of the representatives of the Chamber of Commerce.

Confirmed this 16 day of Dec. 1946.


CHAIRMAN.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE PROPOSED MOTOR ASSEMBLY FACTORY.

A further meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, on Monday,

16th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1946,

at 4 p.m., the following being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Councillors: P. Cusack, P.C., M. W. McGuire, P. Whelan and the City Manager.

Messrs. P. E. O'Malley, M. McMahon and J. O'Keefe attended as representatives of the Chamber of Commerce.

Apologies were received from Councillors Connery and Russell.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

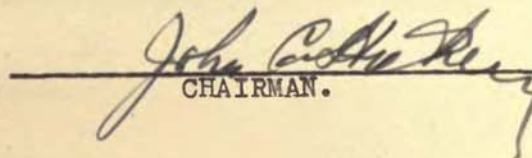
The City Manager said that there were no new developments since the last meeting, and he read the report which he submitted at the previous meeting for the information of the Chamber of Commerce representatives.

Mr. P. E. O'Malley, President of the Chamber of Commerce, made a full statement as to the efforts made by Chamber of Commerce to have the Motor Assembly Factory established in Limerick, and he gave a summary of the discussions and correspondence with Mr. Sachsell on the subject.

After a very full discussion, the Committee decided that there was no further action they could take except to inform Mr. Sachsell that they were prepared to meet him at any time and to assure him of their willingness to examine any proposition which he may put up for the establishment of a Factory in Limerick and to co-operate and assist him in every way possible.

On the motion of Councillor Whelan, seconded by Councillor Cusack, it was decided to report back to the City Council and recommend that an Industrial Development Committee be formed consisting of representatives of the Council and of the Chamber of Commerce.

Confirmed this 14 day of January 1947.


 CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall,
Rutland Street, on Wednesday,

1st DAY OF JANUARY, 1947.

at 11 a.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C.
Hickey, Mayor.

Alderman: J. Carew.

Councillors: J. Connery and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The 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 offers for the purchase of the Corporation's
interest in the dwelling-house known as "St. Rita's",
Corbally, were opened by the Chairman, numbered and
initialled by him, and delivered to the City Manager for
further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

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Mr. Wm. Thornhill, 7a, Davis Street, Limerick - £860.

Mr. P. O'Neill, 1 Mount Vincent Terrace,
O'Connell Avenue, Limerick. - £825.

Mr. P. V. Coman, 96 Lr. Henry St. Limerick - £700.

Mr. R. Parkinson, 8 Broad Street, Limerick - £650.

Confirmed in Council this 17 day of February 1947.


CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall,
Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

14th DAY OF JANUARY, 1947,

at 9 p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey,
Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew and J. Reidy, T.D.,
P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G. B. Dillon,
P. Donnellan, P.C., M. Hartney, M. J. Keyes,
T.D., P. O'Connell, M. B. O'Malley, Solr.,
and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant
Town Clerk, the City Engineer, Medical
Superintendent Officer of Health, City Solicitor
and the City Accountant.

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:-

PALMERSTOWN HOUSING SCHEME:

Electric Wiring of 36 Houses:

Mr. Colman P. Maloillainn, 18 Emmett Place,
Limerick £485: 5: 0
The Egan Electric Co., 12 Sarsfield St. Limerick £349: 0: 0
Mr. W. Shanahan, 49 Athlunkard St., Limerick£377: 0: 0

STONE AND SAND:

	<u>Stone</u>	<u>Sand</u>
Mr. M. Quaine, Sheehan's Cross, Ballyneety	8/- per ton	-
Mr. J. Cregan, Corcamore, Clarina..	14/- " "	-
Mr. J. Keane, Janesboro'	-	5/9d. per ton.
Mr. J. Markham, Cappantymore, Meelick	-	6/- " "

Confirmed in Council this 17 day of February 1947.


CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Friday,

17th DAY OF JANUARY, 1947.

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Abderrmen: D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Carew.

Councillors: J. Connery, G. B. Dillon and M. B. O'Malley, Solr.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the City Engineer, the City Solicitor, and the Assistant Town Clerk.

BOROUGH BOUNDARY EXTENSION: The City Manager explained that, as arranged at the last Council Meeting, this meeting had been summoned to give the members an opportunity of considering the case to be presented at the Sworn Inquiry into the Council's application for an extension of the Borough Boundary. He read a letter dated 11th January, 1947, Ref: F.17708/3/46, C.B. Luimnighe, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that the Minister had instructed his Inspector, Mr. R. N. Hogan, B.E., to hold a public inquiry at the Town Hall, Limerick, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 28th January, 1947, in connection with the application of the Limerick Corporation for a Provisional Order extending the Boundary of the City of Limerick so as to include the City portions of the administrative counties of Limerick and Clare.

Continuing, the City Manager said that the Corporation would be represented at the Inquiry by Mr. K. Liston, S.C., and Mr. J. Miley, B.L., (instructed by Mr. J. J. Dundon, City Solicitor).

The City Manager and the City Solicitor then outlined the case it was proposed to make at the Inquiry on behalf of the Corporation, and the City Engineer submitted and explained the maps which he had prepared.

After a general discussion, the meeting unanimously approved of the documents presented, and the case to be made in support of the Council's application for an extension of the Borough Boundary.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Councillor Dillon, and unanimously resolved:- That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. Denis Glynn, 1 Pery Street, on the death of his father, and to the family of the late Mr. J. H. Roche, "Rocheville", Rosbrien.

It was proposed by Councillor Connery, and unanimously resolved:- That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fenson, Hartstonge St.

It was proposed by Alderman Bourke, and unanimously resolved:- That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. P. F. Quinlan, "Kylmore", Ennis Road, on the death of his aunt, the late Mrs. Fitzgerald, and to the family of the late Mr. James Smyth, Wolfe Tone Sec., Roxboro', Road.

Confirmed in Council this 15th day of April 1947.

CHAI RMAN

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Monday,

27th DAY OF JANUARY, 1947.

at 11 a.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Councillor: J. Connery and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The 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 City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

TENDERS FOR GRAZING.

Tank Field Corkanree

Mr. Patrick Cusack, 20 Warrayowen	£21: 0: 0	-
Mr. P. Long, 12 King's Range, Blackboy Pike	£22:10: 0	-
Mr. J. Hayes, 28 Upr Ceoil Street, Limerick	£45: 10: 0	-

Confirmed in Council this 11 day of July 1947.

CHAI RMAN.

FUEL COMMITTEE.

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A meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday,

19th day of February, 1947,

at 11.30 o'clock a.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, and J. Reidy, T.D.,
P.C.

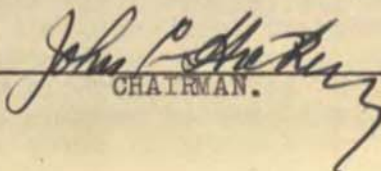
Councillor: M. B. O'Malley, Solr.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, and Miss N. Peppard of the Town Clerk's Department.

The City Manager said that this Committee was appointed by the City Council on the 17th February, 1947, to examine the fuel position in the City which was becoming very acute and to see what steps could be taken with a view to securing supplies of turf and firewood. The members discussed the matter in detail, and it was decided that the City Manager should get in touch with Mr. P. J. Meghen, Co. Manager, to have the turf removed from the bogs in Co. Limerick. It was also agreed that the Committee should meet representatives of the Timber Merchants to discuss with them the question of providing firewood and the purchase of timber.

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It was decided to hold a further meeting on Friday, 21st February, 1947, and to invite the Timber Merchants to send representatives to the meeting. The City Manager was also asked to contact Mr. O'Leary, Bord na Mona, and Mr. O'Carroll, Forestry Inspector, Limerick, and arrange for them to be present.

Confirmed in Council this 21st day of February 1947.


CHAIRMAN.

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FUEL COMMITTEE.

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A meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday,

21st day of February, 1947,

the following members being present:-

- In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.
- Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.
- Councillor: G. E. Russell.
- Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, and Miss N. Peppard, Town Clerk's Department.

Also present were Mr. P. J. Meghen, Co. Manager, Mr. J. O'Leary, Bord na Mona, Mr. T. O'Carroll, Forestry Inspector, and representatives of the local Timber Merchants.

The Mayor said that the fuel position in Limerick at present was very grave and appealed for every possible help to alleviate the position.

Alderman Reidy remarked that the position was barely tolerable and that most of the Fuel Merchants had no turf for sale. He also mentioned that petrol was an all-important factor in this fuel crisis and that representations should be made to the Department of Industry and Commerce with a view to having petrol supplies made available for the haulage of turf. The City Manager undertook to look into this matter and see what can be done.

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Mr. O'Leary, representative of Bord na Mona, explained that the scarcity of turf was due to the bad weather conditions and that nothing could be done until about a week after the snow had gone, when sufficient supplies would be made available. He suggested that an appeal be made to private householders not to purchase lorry loads of turf for the time being as this was causing a shortage and if the people could wait for a few weeks they would be able to buy better turf at a lower price.

Mr. O'Carroll of the Forestry Department, said that there was about 1,000 tons of timber at Broadford, Co. Clare, which could be made available for firewood, and said that he would get in touch with the Department to have some of it released immediately. The Timber Merchants agreed to purchase this timber at the controlled price of 7/6d. per ton and have it cut and transported to the City, where it could be sold in the timber yards or through the Fuel Merchants.

Mr. Meghen, Co. Manager, said that, in the present circumstances, he regretted he was not in a position to do anything to help but that he was available to give all possible assistance, if called upon.

Confirmed in Council this 15th day of April 1947.

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John C. Hickey
CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Friday,

28th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1947,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G. B. Dillon, P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Keyes, T.D., and M. B. O'Malley, Solr.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and Miss N. Peppard, Town Clerk's Department.

TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS: The City Manager read letter, dated 31st January, 1947, which he had received from the Commissioner, Garda Síochána, Dublin, regarding the provision of traffic light signals for the control of traffic at certain intersections of the City. These signals he explained would cost approximately £1,050 for each intersection and there would also be a charge for maintenance. The members considered the cost too high and enquired if the Department of Local Government would be prepared to make a grant from the Road Fund, to which the City Manager replied that he had written to the Department in this connection but had not yet received a reply.

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In the circumstances, it was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor Cusack, and resolved:-

That consideration of the matter be deferred until a reply is received from the Department concerning the grant.

BYE-LAWS RE LOUDSPEAKERS, ETC: Circular letter, dated 24th January, 1947, from the Department of Local Government regarding the use of loudspeakers or other amplifying apparatus on premises and on moving vehicles for advertising and other purposes, and recommending the adoption of an appropriate bye-law, if necessary, was considered, and it was agreed that it was not necessary to take any action in the matter.

INCREASE IN SALARIES AND WAGES OF CORPORATION STAFFS: Councillor Keyes referred to the proposed increases in salaries and wages of the Corporation staff and urged that the increases be made retrospective to the 1st October 1946. The City Manager stated that he had this in mind but owing to the high rate to be struck for the coming financial year he could not agree to this suggestion. He would, however, make the increases retrospective to the 1st January, 1947. The matter was not further discussed.

Councillor Cusack enquired if it was proposed to increase the Home Assistance allowances. The City Manager said that this matter would be discussed at the Estimates Meeting when he would consider any recommendation the Council had to make.

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© Copy TELEPHONE KIOSKS: Councillor Dillon referred to the need for telephone kiosks in Thomondgate and outlying districts and the City Manager undertook to make representations to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

PALMERSTOWN HOUSING SCHEME: Councillor Dillon referred to the stoppage of work on the Palmerstown Housing Scheme and said that something should be done to bring this important matter to a head.

The City Manager stated that he wrote to Messrs. Lanigan some time ago but did not receive any reply. He had met Messrs. Lanigan in every way possible even on the question of arbitration. After a discussion, the City Manager said that if he did not receive a reply from Messrs. Lanigan in the near future he would be compelled to enforce the Corporation's legal rights under the contract.

TOWN PLANNING: Councillor O'Malley said that the citizens were not clear as to the number of houses allowed to the acre and would like to know the Town Planning Consultant's requirements as regards building in the City.

The City Manager explained that the Corporation had an interim control in the City, and that this interim control must be exercised until a definite Town Plan was adopted.

He was not aware of any building schemes being held up in this connection.

TIMBER SUPPLIES: Alderman Reidy referred to the Conference held recently in regard to the fuel situation and said that there was still a hold-up due to lack of co-operation from the Forestry Department.

© Copy The City Manager said that he was in touch with this Department about the matter and they promised to give an early decision. He was also informed that 530 tons of timber at Woodford would definitely be made available.

MISCELLANEOUS: The City Engineer's attention was called to the following matters:-

1. Delay in the carrying out of repairs to Corporation property.
2. Broken footpaths at Sarsfield Bridge and Hall's Range.
3. Extension of sewer pipe at Barrington's Pier.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Alderman Bourke, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to our esteemed colleague, Councillor Whelan, on the death of his wife.

It was proposed by His Worship, the Mayor, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. L. Gough, Clare Street, on the death of her mother.

Confirmed in Council this 15th day of April 1947.

John C. Buckley
CHAI RMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Friday,

28th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1947,

at 8.30 p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G. B. Dillon, P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Keyes, T.D., and M. B. O'Malley, Solr.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and Miss N. Peppard, Town Clerk's Department.

In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council for the reception and examination of Tenders, the following tenders for the reconstruction of Davis Street in concrete and mastic asphalt and the surfacing of portion of Glentworth Street with mastic asphalt were opened by the Chairman, numbered and initialled by him, and delivered to the City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

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The South of Ireland Asphalt Co., Ltd. - £4,522: 18: 3

Messrs. T. J. Moran & Co., Ltd. - £4,672: 12: 3

Confirmed in Council this 15th day of April 1947.

John C. Hickey
CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

11th DAY OF MARCH, 1947,

at 9 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, M. Hartney, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: M. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G. B. Dillon, P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, P. O'Connell, and M. B. O'Malley, Solr.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the City Engineer, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the Gas Engineer.

TENDERS FOR ANNUAL SUPPLIES ETC: In accordance with the regulations adopted by the Council, 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:-

ANNUAL SUPPLIES.

<u>No. of Tender.</u>	<u>Name of Person or Firm who tendered.</u>	<u>Price</u>
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IRONMONGERY, CASTINGS, ETC.

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| 1. | Messrs. F. Spaight & Sons Ltd., | Various |
| 2. | Shannon Foundry | do. |

HORSESHOEING AND CART WHEELS.

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| 3. | Mrs. L. Gleeson | do. |
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BRUSHES, OILS, PAINTS, ETC.

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| 4. | Padraig MacSuibne | do. |
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TIMBER, SEWER AND DRAIN PIPES, PORTLAND CEMENT BRICKS, SLATES:

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| 5. | Messrs. F. Spaight & Sons Ltd. | do. |
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Confirmed in Council this 15th day of April 1947.



CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

© Copy A Special Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Wednesday,

19th DAY OF MARCH, 1947,

at 7.30 p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G. B. Dillon, M. W. McGuire, P. O'Connell, and M. B. O'Malley, Solr.

Officers present: The Deputy City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Alderman Bourke, T.D., and Councillors Keyes, T.D., and Russell.

At the invitation of His Worship, the Mayor, the following were also present:-

Representing the Chamber of Commerce: Messrs. P. E. O'Malley and A. E. Goodwin.

Representing the Limerick County Council: Mr. P. J. Meghen, B.E., County Manager.

© Copy Representing the Limerick Trades and Labour Council: Mr. T. O'Dowd.

Representing the Department of Agriculture: Messrs. Kilcoyle, and Carolan, Tillage Inspectors.

Opening the meeting, the Mayor said -

"This meeting has been summoned to consider the very grave position which has arisen in regard to tillage operations as a result of the recent abnormal weather. Whilst it may be said that we in Limerick have not suffered the full rigours and hardships experienced in other parts of the country, nevertheless, as a result of the abnormal weather we did experience, it cannot be denied that tillage and sowing operations are very much in arrears. The position is very critical, and the harvest to put us through next Winter is in jeopardy unless immediate and vigorous steps are taken to make up for the valuable time lost. I have called you together, therefore, to review the position and consider what practical steps we in the City can take to help the farmers of the County in their difficulties.

I think we can recall with pride the magnificent response of the citizens to "Save the Harvest", last year, and I have no doubt that if the call has to go out again the response will be no less generous. We have here to-night representatives of employers and employees, and they, I am sure, will give the lead if called upon.

© Copy A suggestion has been made that a scheme of voluntary labour similar to the "Save the Harvest" campaign might be helpful. A discussion on that aspect of the matter might be fruitful. The County Manager has mentioned to

to me the possibility of procuring tractors and other mechanical implements to help. We could also discuss that suggestion.

Of course, I realise that it is difficult to draw up a plan of campaign until we are told what is required of us.

I would put before you, therefore, for discussion a suggestion that the Limerick County Council and the County Committee of Agriculture should meet and discuss the whole position and make known if there is any way in which we, the citizens of Limerick, can help them in their difficulties. If so, I am sure the very fine organisation which Mr. Gleeson so ably directed last year, could be revived, and, as I have already said, I have no doubt that the citizens will do all in their power to help.

I would like now, gentlemen, to hear your views on the suggestions I have put forward."

Councillor McGuire said that he was afraid the citizens could give little help in the tillage campaign, which was a very different proposition to reaping the harvest. What farmers needed now, apart from favourable weather, was skilled labour. Needless to say, what help could be given by the citizens would be given very freely.

Mr. P. E. O'Malley said he had discussed the matter with friends of his in the country and they more or less bore out the opinion of Councillor McGuire, that what was needed was skilled labour and machinery. If, however, the farmers needed aid from the citizens of Limerick he felt sure it would be willingly forthcoming. So far as the employers of Limerick were concerned, anything and everything that could be done to give aid to the farmers would be done freely and willingly. The Chamber of Commerce would give full co-operation.

Alderman Reidy said that some time must elapse before ploughs and tractors could go on the land. In the absence of tractors, farmers would have to fall back on horse ploughs and in that connection he thought City firms might lend horses if necessary. If the County Agricultural Committee would indicate what assistance was required, he believed the citizens would willingly co-operate. If the meeting served no other purpose, it at least would have the effect of focussing attention on the very serious position confronting the country.

Mr. O'Dowd said that ploughing and harrowing of land required skilled labour. There was other work that City volunteers might do and he knew that if the farmers required aid it would be willingly forthcoming from the citizens. The Trades Council was most anxious and willing to give full co-operation.

The County Manager said that he wished to congratulate the Mayor on calling the meeting, because he thought it would do good. He thought there would be opportunities to help the farmers in the immediate future, and he thought that if tractors were made available it would be a big help in solving the problem. The land at the present time was in a very sodden condition, and there would have to be very much more work done this year by horses on account of the heaviness of the soil. There was provision to make road workers available if they were required by the farmers, and the County Council would help in that direction as far

© Copy as possible. If men employed in the City could plough, employers might release them during the next three weeks, and by so doing they would be contributing greatly to solving the problem. It would be very necessary to ensure that a much greater potato crop would be sown, and then the County Committee of Agriculture might find ways and means of utilising the organisation if it was needed. He would discuss the whole question with the County Council on Saturday and as a result of what then transpired he (Manager) would be in a position to indicate to the City Committee what help could be given to further the tillage campaign. So far as County Council labour was concerned all men required for farm work would be released forthwith. That had always been the policy of the Co. Council, but this year the Department had given instructions that road workers and turf workers should be released as required for farm work up to 1st May. That would be done.

Mr. Kilcoyne, Tillage Inspector, said that provided the weather was favourable the tillage campaign could be got through if tractors worked day and night. If it were possible to get extra tractors from industry the campaign would be all the more successful. Tractors could work day and night as they were provided with head lamps. It was absolutely essential that priority be given to the sowing of wheat.

After a general discussion, the following resolution which was proposed by His Worship, the Mayor, was unanimously adopted:-

© Copy That this meeting, representative of all sections of the citizens, realising the gravity of the situation that had arisen as a result of the delay in commencing tillage operations owing to the recent abnormal weather, pledges all possible help and assistance to the farmers. If called on by the County Council and Committee of Agriculture, the citizens will co-operate in any way required.

Confirmed in Council this 15th day of April 1947.

John C. Hickey
CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Wednesday,

19th DAY OF MARCH, 1947,

at 8.30 o'clock, p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G. B. Dillon, M. W. McGuire, P. O'Connell and M. B. O'Malley, Solr.

Officers present: The Deputy City Manager and the Assistant Town Clerk.

TENDERS FOR ANNUAL SUPPLIES FOR CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL:

In accordance with the regulations adopted by the Council, 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:-

TENDERS RECEIVED FOR SUPPLIES TO CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL
COMMENCING 1st APRIL, 1947.

No.	Name.	Address.	Article.	Price.
1.	Michael Fitzgibbon.	Catherine Street.	Eggs.	2s. 10d. per doz.
2.	Alex. Findlater, Dublin.	O'Connell Street, Dublin.	Various.	£25 8s. per ton.
3.	John Kelly.	Upper William Street.	Flour.	2s. 2½d. per lb.
			Butter.	
4.	Richard Ray, Ltd.	Roche's Street.	Various.	1s. per lb.
5.	C. Marsella.	11, Roche's Street.	Dripping.	Various.
6.	Mrs. J. Cusack.	Belford Row.	Fish.	63/6 per sack of 280 lbs
7.	James H. Roche & Sons.	William Street.	Flour.	Various.
8.	John Clancy.	Lower Park.	Vegetables.	
9.	Daniel Clancy.	Ellen Street.	Various.	
10.	Dermot Joyce	Thomondgate.	Beef.	1s. 5½d. per lb.
			Mutton.	2s. 3½d. per lb.
11.	John Ford.	Garryowen Cafe.	Dripping.	1s. per lb.
12.	Joseph Barry.	Hartstonge Street.	Beef.	1s. 5d. per lb.
			Mutton.	2s. 6d. per lb.
13.	John O'Connor.	Wickham Street	Beef.	1s. 3d. per lb.
			Mutton.	1s. 11½d. per lb.
14.	Michael Williams.	Kildimo.	Potatoes.	Various.
15.	Dowdall O'Mahony.	Cork.	Butter.	£12 8s. per cwt.
16.	Michael Abern.	Quarry Road.	Offal.	22s 6d. per barrel.
17.	John J. Griffin & Sons.	Gerald Griffin Street.	Coffins	Various.
18.	C. Thompson & Sons.	Roche's Street.	Coffins.	Various.
19.	James Finucane.	Fitzgerald's Place.	Stocktaking.	£15.

Confirmed in Council this 15th day of April 1947.

John C. Hickey
CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

27th DAY OF MARCH, 1947,

at 10 p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., G. B. Dillon, G. E. Russell, P. O'Connell, M. B. O'Malley, M. W. McGuire, and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The City Manager 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 City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

FREE MILK SUPPLY.

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| 1. Salesian College, Pallaskenry, | (Standard Milk) 2/6 per gal. |
| 2. Martin McNamara, Clonlara, | (New Milk) 2/- per gal. |
| 3. Thomas O'Regan, Croom, | (Standard Milk) 2/8 per gal. |

FREE MILK DISTRIBUTION.

	Price in Bulk	Per Gal. In Pint and H. Pint Sealed Botts.
4. Michael Murphy, 8 New Rd., Thomondgate	3d.	1½d.
5. Lawrence McKeon, St. Ita Street	... 3d.	3d.
6. Lawrence McKeon, 1 John Street	... 3d.	3d.
7. Mrs. M. Barrett, 3 Carey's Road	... 3d.	2d.
8. Margaret Griffin, 33 Denmark Street	... 3d.	3d.
9. Mary Donnellan, 84 Clare Street	... 3d.	2d.
10. May Hayes, 16 Nicholas Street	... 2d.	2d.

MILK (SCHOOL MEALS).

	For period 1/4/47 to 30/9/47.	For Period 1/4/47 to 31/3/48.
1. Denis O'Connor, 77 Catherine Street, (Pasteurised Milk)	... 2/-	per gal. 2/2.
2. Martin McNamara, Derryfada, Clonlara, (New Milk)	... 1/10.	per gal. 2/2.

SCHOOL MEALS BREAD.

3. Frank Kiely, Imperial Bakery, 24 Sarsfield Street ... 2½ ozs. portions of bread sliced and buttered.
1s. 3d per dozen portions.

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE (SPECTACLES).

4. C. Cromer, 18 O'Connell Street ... 17/6 per pair.

SCRAP METAL AT STRAND BARRACKS.

1. E. Hughes & Sons, 1 Upper Denmark St.—
£5 per ton for Metal Scrap.
£23 ... Lead Scrap.
£35 ... Copper Scrap.
£18 ... Brass Scrap.

STOCKTAKING.

1. James Finnucane, 17 Fitzgerald Place ... £15.

Confirmed in Council this 15th day of April 1947.

John C. Hickey
CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

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A Special Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Saturday,

26th DAY OF APRIL, 1947,

at 4 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew M. J. Hartney, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: P. Cusack, P.C., M. J. Keyes, T.D., G. B. Dillon, M. B. O'Malley, Solr., and G. E. Russell.

Officers present: The City Manager, and Mr. F. K. Thomas, Gas Engineer.


GAS UNDERTAKING: The Mayor explained the purpose in calling the meeting, which was to draw the attention of the City Council to the fact that, owing to the shortage of coking coal, 60% of the Gas Works was now out of commission, and unless some help was forthcoming over the week-end the Works would be closed down by Monday.

It was decided to get in touch with the Lord Mayor of Dublin with a view to contacting the Directors of the Dublin Gas Works and asking them to send on coke. It was also agreed to get in touch with the Chairman of the Cork Gas Works and ask for some coke, lorries to be despatched, if necessary, either to Dublin or Cork that night. During the course of the meeting, an effort was made to get into telephone communication with the Lord Mayor of Dublin but as there was no reply, the Mayor was requested to get in touch with him during the evening. Mr. Thomas was directed to get in touch with the Cork Gas Works.

The following deputation was appointed to wait on the Minister for Industry and Commerce on Monday morning, 28th April, 1947:-

His Worship, the Mayor; Aldermen Reidy and Bourke; Councillor Keyes, the City Manager and the Gas Engineer.

Confirmed in Council this 13th day of May 1947.


CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the
Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Monday,

28th DAY OF APRIL, 1947,

at 11 a.m., the following members being present:—

In the Chair: Councillor P. Cusack, P.C.

Councillors:— M. B. O'Malley, Solr., and P. Whelan,
with 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 referred to the City Manager
for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:—


ANNUAL PRINTING CONTRACT.

Messrs. G. McKern & Sons £825: 0: 0

LAYING OF SEWER AT GLENMORE AVENUE.

Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll £3,780: 9: 0

Confirmed in Council this 13th day of May 1947.


CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall,
Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

13th DAY OF MAY, 1947,

at 9 p.m., the following members being present:-

- In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.
- Aldermen: J. Carew, M. Hartney and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.
- Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G. B. Dillon, P. Donnellah, P.C., M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, P. O'Connell, P.C., M. B. O'Malley, Solr., and P. Whelan.
- Officers present: The 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 referred to the City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

**ANNUAL CLOTHING CONTRACT.
FIRE BRIGADE.**

	Messrs. Wm. Todd & Co. Ltd.	Messrs. Cannock & Co. Ltd.
	£ s d	£ s d
Chief Officer:		
One Tunic	8 0 0	6 16 6
Two pairs of Pants ...	6 0 0	6 6 0
One Pair of Shoes ...	1 13 5	1 14 6
	and	
	1 13 11	
Shirts—Two with collars (Colour sky-blue) (each)	0 16 11	1 5 0
Neckties Two (Blue) (each)	0 3 11	0 5 6
	and	
	0 4 0	
Second Officer:		
One Tunic	8 0 0	6 16 6
Two Pair of Pants ...	6 0 0	6 6 0
One Cap	0 15 6	1 15 0
One pair of shoes ...	1 13 5	1 10 3
	and	
	1 13 11	
Shirts— 2 with collars (each)	0 16 11	1 5 0
Neckties—2 (blue) ...	0 3 11	0 5 6
(each)	and	
	0 4 0	
Firemen:		
One Tunic each	6 0 0	6 16 6
Pants—2 Pairs (each)	5 0 0	6 6 0
One Cap each	0 12 6	1 0 0
Shoes—One pair each ...	1 13 5	1 10 3
	and	
	1 13 11	
Mayor's Sergeant:		
One suit of uniform— with extra pants—Blue Irish Vicuna	11 0 0	13 2 6
One Cap	0 12 6	1 0 0
Drawers—Two pairs of best Irish Flannel ...	0 17 6	1 11 0
Boots—One pair of or- dinary boots	1 16 6	1 11 0

Confirmed in Council this 10th day of June 1947.


CHAIRMAN.

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Monday,

19th DAY OF MAY, 1947.

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair:- The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G. B. Dillon, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. B. O'Malley, Solr., G. E. Russell and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Solicitor, and the City Accountant.

RENTS OF CORPORATION DWELLINGS: The Mayor explained that, as arranged at the last meeting of the City Council, this special meeting of the General Purposes Committee had been summoned to consider the position that had arisen as a result of the service of notices on the tenants of Corporation dwellings increasing their rents, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928.

Continuing, the Mayor said that a deputation representing the tenants of Quin's Cottages were anxious to put their views before the Committee. It was unanimously decided to hear the deputation.

Mr. C. G. Carey, acting as spokesman of the deputation, said that they represented the tenants of 48 Corporation dwellings known as Quin's Cottages, Prospect. The original rents of these houses were 4/6d. and 4/-. In 1920, the Corporation were in financial difficulties and the tenants were asked to purchase the houses for £300 each. Owing to the high Bank rate of interest prevailing at the time, the tenants could not see their way to agree. They made an offer, however, to pay 1/- per week increase in rent, and after negotiations an increase of 1/9 per week was fixed. They felt, therefore, that they should not now be called upon to pay another increase. Mr. Carey called attention to the fact that Quin's Cottages had not been painted externally since 1920.

The deputation having withdrawn, the City Manager read the following extract from the MacLysaght Report of 1932:-

"At a meeting of the Artizans' Dwellings Committee of 8th December, 1920, the Surveyor submitted a Report showing that the Council were losing a sum of £991 per annum on the letting of the Corporation cottages and he suggested that the rents be increased to the legal limit of the Rents Act, 1920. It was decided to instruct the Law Adviser to serve the necessary legal notices on the tenants for an increase of rent.

The notices were accordingly served by the tenants refused to pay the increase demanded and the Corporation in April, 1921, decided to bring the matter before a Local Rents Adjustment Board which had been formed in Limerick for the purposes of adjusting differences of this nature. This Board met on 16th June, 1921, and made the following awards:-

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In the case of houses in Prospect and Garryowen they decided that houses let at 4/6d. per week were to be increased to 6/3d. per week, and in the case of houses let at 4/- per week, they were to be increased to 5/9d. The increases were to count from 1st April, 1921, and remain in force until 31st March, 1922. The increased rents looked for by the Corporation were to 8/- and 7/6d. respectively.

In July, 1921, The Corporation decided to seek an increase of rent on their older property (Nolan's Cottages, Sir Harry's Mall, John Street, etc.) and to ask the Rent Adjustment Board to adjudicate, but as this Board failed to deal with the matter, the Law Agent of the Corporation was instructed to proceed against the tenants in the Republican Courts for an increase of rent allowed under the Dail Eireann Rent Award. The Decree of the Court allowed the following increases:-

Rent of 3/- increased to 4/4d. per week.
Rent of 3/6 increased to 5/- per week.
Rent of 4/6d. increased to 6/3 per week.

These increases were subsequently reduced by the Corporation to 4/-, 4/8d. and 6/- respectively, on representations made by the Tenants."

The City Manager said that the argument advanced by the deputation regarding the increase in the rents of Quin's Cottages in 1920 or 1921, had no bearing on the notices recently served.

After a discussion it was decided that the City Manager should look up the Minutes of 1920 for confirmation of Mr. Carey's statement.

Continuing, the City Manager said that this question of increasing the rents of dwellings the property of local authorities was brought to a head by the issue on 25th November, 1946, of a circular letter by the Department of Local Government and Public Health in which it was pointed out that no rate is leviable in respect of houses owned by local authorities, but the rents of such houses must nevertheless be varied as if the rate were made and levied. The Act of 1928 was intended to facilitate the collection of rates in respect of small dwellings but did not exempt the occupiers from ultimate responsibility for the payment of rates by way of rent. Copies of this circular letter had been circulated amongst the members.

It had been the practice to apply the provisions of the Act to some of the Corporation houses of the "economic" type but the responsibility of applying them to all houses could not be evaded.

The City Manager then made the following statement, copies of which had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting:-

STATEMENT IN RELATION TO THE INCREASED RENTS OF CORPORATION HOUSES.

As there appears to be considerable misunderstanding in relation to the recent increases in the rents of Corporation houses, it appears necessary to give an explanation as to the reasons why these increases have been made.

It will be appreciated that the object of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, was to facilitate the collection of rates and it did not empower any Local Authority to relieve an occupier of any dwelling or hereditament of the obligation to pay rates. What it did do was:— It enabled a Local Authority, in lieu of collecting rates by way of demand, to collect rates by weekly instalments by way of increased rent. It did not exempt occupiers from the ultimate responsibility for the payment of rates. Consequently, all Corporation rents may be divided into two sections:—

- (1) the basic rent which is at a very low level so that people who have been cleared from slum areas would be able to pay it;
- (2) the addition to the rent in lieu of rates due on the dwelling.

Here it must be stressed that the basic rent is not an economic rent and that a very heavy burden falls annually on the rates to subsidise these basic rents so as to enable the Local Authority to pay the annual amount due for loan charges after taking credit for the annual grant towards the repayment of these charges, which is made available out of Government funds. The tenants of Corporation houses, therefore, are relieved very substantially as far as the payment of the basic rent is concerned but they are not relieved of their responsibility for rates. This also applies to tenants of all dwellings as well as Corporation tenants, and an annual addition can be made to rents in accordance with the increase in rates. Similarly, a reduction must be given in accordance with reduction in rates.

Taking Killeely as an example, we find that when the original rents were fixed, the rates portion was based on an estimated valuation of £5 10s. 0d. and on a rate of 22/6 in the £. The actual valuation of these houses, as subsequently valued by the Commissioners of Valuation, was £6 15s. 0d. For the year 1946/47 the following rents were charged, still based on an estimated valuation of £5 10s. 0d. and a rate of 22/6 in the £:—

Basic Rent.	Addition for Rates.	Total Rent.
5/7d	2/5d	8/-
3/1d	2/5d	5/6d
2/1d	2/5d	4/6d

It will be observed that for some reason or other, adjustments were not made in these rents in accordance with the Act of 1928, and this matter was brought to the attention of the Corporation by a circular letter dated 25/11/1946, which was received from the Department of Local Government. The rents which were legally applicable to these houses for the year 1946/47 (based on the proper valuation, £6 15s. 0d. and the current rate, 28/3 in the £) were:—

Basic Rent.	Addition for Rates.	Total Rent.
5/7d	3/8d	9/3d
3/1d	3/8d	6/9d
2/1d	3/8d	5/9d

The rents legally applicable for year 1947/48, based on a valuation of £6 15s. 0d. and a rate of 34/6 in the £, are as follows:—

Basic Rent.	Addition for Rates.	Total Rent.
5/7d	4/6d	10/1d
3/1d	4/6d	7/7d
2/1d	4/6d	6/7d

While it is admitted that the increase this year is steeper than the increase would normally be had these rents been increased in accordance with the law in previous years, it must be recognised that these tenants, owing to the fact that the application of this Act to them was overlooked by the Corporation, have been getting their houses at rents below those which they were entitled to pay since the rates were increased above 22/6 in the £ and the final valuations fixed. It must also be appreciated that there is no legal instrument whereby the amount due in respect of rates can be reduced, and even though the rents now are increased somewhat, they are still far below the rents paid by people who are living in houses of a similar type owned by private individuals. It should also be appreciated that a very large number of the tenants of Corporation houses are in receipt of substantial family incomes and it would be inequitable to have these people freed from the responsibility of paying rates while those who were not lucky enough to be in Corporation houses were compelled to pay rates."

The City Manager next gave the following particulars of the losses incurred by the Corporation for housing purposes:—

1943/44	-	Loss	£8,528: 19: 2	-	equal to a rate of	1/9	in £.
1944/45	-	"	£10,922: 1: 10	-	"	"	"
1945/46	-	"	£11,892: 8: 11	-	"	"	"
1946/47	-	"	£16,723: 0: 0	-	"	"	"
1947/48	-	"	£15,647: 0: 0	-	"	"	"

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In reply to Councillor Keyes, the City Solicitor stated that the Act of 1928 applied to all Corporation houses and the Council and the City Manager had a statutory obligation to see that the provisions of the Act were fully applied.

After a very full discussion, it was proposed by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Alderman Reidy, and resolved:-

That having considered the statement prepared by the City Manager and heard the legal position explained by the City Solicitor, we are satisfied that the provisions of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, must be applied to dwellings the property of the Corporation.

The City Manager said he was in correspondence with the Department of Local Government and had asked for permission to vary the basic rent in individual cases where the family incomes were extremely low, such as families solely dependent on Home Assistance, etc.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Confirmed in Council this 10th day of June 1947.

John L. ...
 CHAIRMAN.

RETRENCHMENT COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee which was appointed by Council on 15th April, 1947, was held in the City Manager's Office, Town Hall, on Monday,

19th DAY OF MAY, 1947.

at 11 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillor: M. J. Keyes, T.D.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Accountant.

The City Accountant stated that the Revenue Expenditure for the month of April, 1947, amounted to £10,487: 4: 10 and he gave particulars of the amounts expended under the different heads of service.

A general discussion took place regarding Municipal expenditure and in particular the contributions made from the rates towards state or semi-state services e.g. Unemployment Assistance, upkeep of Courthouses, etc. It was suggested that the deputation recently appointed to wait on the Minister for Local Government might include this in the matters for discussion.

The Committee decided to meet monthly on a Monday to be arranged by the City Manager at 4 o'clock p.m., and it was agreed that the City Accountant would submit details of the receipts and expenditure for the previous month.

Confirmed 17th this 17th day of May 1947.

P. O'Sullivan
Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Friday,

23rd DAY OF MAY, 1947.

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor J. C. Hickey, Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, F. Cusack, P.C., G. E. Dillon, M. J. Keyes, T.D., and M. B. O'Malley, Solr.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

TOWN PLANNING: The Mayor explained that this meeting had been specially summoned to give Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald, B.Arch, M.T.P. I Town Planning Consultant, an opportunity of meeting the members and having a preliminary discussion with them regarding the town plan which he was preparing for the County Borough of Limerick and the contiguous areas added thereto. He desired to extend a very cordial welcome to Mr. Fitzgerald who held an eminent place in his profession. He was sure that the members would be able to give Mr. Fitzgerald invaluable help by putting forward their own views and opinions based on their local knowledge of the citizens requirements. The other members present joined with the Mayor in extending a welcome to Mr. Fitzgerald, and the City Manager said that Mr. Fitzgerald could rest assured that he would get his full co-operation and the co-operation of the officials of the Corporation.

Mr. Fitzgerald thanked the Mayor and members for their kind reception, and said that before he proceeded to prepare his draft report and sketch plan he was anxious to get the views of the members of the Council. From a preliminary examination of the City he had come to the conclusion that it could be divided into three parts for Town Planning purposes. Part I. would represent the ancient portion of the City which was now rapidly falling into ruin. Part II. was that part of the City which was built about 150 years ago and which could be described as 18th Century Limerick. This part of the City had been very well planned and it was not his intention to interfere with it to any extent. The third section was that part of the City which had developed during the past 100 years. It would be his aim to restore, as far as possible, the old part of the City by connecting it up with 18th Century Limerick by means of new roads. Limerick did not present any great difficulty in relation to Town Planning and he felt sure that they would be able to prepare a scheme that would commend itself to the citizens.

The traffic problem was one that called for immediate solution in Limerick. The natural centre of the City was the junction of O'Connell Street and Sarsfield St. and the surrounding area of a few hundred square yards. It was his idea that the traffic problem could be solved by the building and widening of roads through the dilapidated parts of the City to connect up with the main Dublin road at Pennywell. He had also in mind the reclamation of Arthur's Quay, and the construction of a road via the Custom House to connect up with Bank Place. The construction of a road via Denmark Street to run parallel with

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William Street and possibly a second road lower down would be desirable. These new thoroughfares would open up large areas of the older city that were now almost inaccessible with the result that the sites of dilapidated property would become valuable once again. He was also of opinion that the City should be ringed round by a main road. Such a road would have the effect of opening up for building considerable stretches of land that were now very difficult to approach. As he had said, Limerick did not present any great difficulty in respect of Town Planning, and he had no doubt that they would succeed in evolving a scheme that would add to the dignity and amenities of the City, thus affording greater pleasure and enjoyment to the citizens.

A general discussion then took place, and the members present put their views before Mr. Fitzgerald.

Replying to the points raised, Mr. Fitzgerald said that he proposed to deal with the Town Planning problems in sections as the Council and the citizens would in that way get a better grasp of what was being done rather than if the whole City was taken as a unit. When they had overcome the bigger problems it would be a comparatively easy matter to deal with such questions as Airport, Swimming Baths, Parks, density zones, etc. He would, of course, bear in mind the question of cost, but as development would be spread over a period of fifty years or so, the burden would not be very onerous. He would come before the Council again when he had some draft maps and an outline of his report prepared, which he thought would take about three months.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Councillor Dillon, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to our esteemed colleague, Councillor P. O'Connell, on the death of his brother.

Confirmed in Council this 10th day of June 1947.

John L. Murray
CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall,
Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

23rd DAY OF JUNE, 1947.

at 11 a.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: Alderman D. Bourke, T.D.

Councillors: M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. E. O'Malley, Solr.,
and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The 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 referred to the City Manager for further consideration
and any necessary action thereon.

SUPPLIES OF BEEF AND MUTTON TO CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL:

<u>NAME</u>		<u>PRICE</u>
Dermot Joyce, Thomondgate	- Beef	1/4d. per lb.
	- Mutton	2/3d. " "
John O'Connor, 7 Wickham St.	- Beef	1/4 " "
	- Mutton	2/6 7/2 " "
Joseph Barry, 3 Lr. Hartstonge St.	- Beef	1/9d. " "
	- Mutton	2/6d. " "

Confirmed in Council this 8th day of July 1947.

Patrick Connell
Chairman.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

8th DAY OF JULY, 1947,

at 9.30 p.m. the following members being present:-

- In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor P. O'Connell, Mayor.
- Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, M. Hartney, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.
- Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G. B. Dillon, P. Donnellan, P.C., J. C. Hickey, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, M. E. O'Malley, Solr., G. E. Russell and P. Whelan.
- Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the City Engineer, the City Accountant, and Miss N. Peppard of the Town Clerk's Department.

In accordance with the regulations adopted by the Council, 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: ⁵/₄

SUPPLY OF TURF TO CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL.

No.	Name and Address	Price per Ton
1.	Martin Kelly, Kilmurry McMahon, Ennis...	£3: 0: 0
2.	Messrs. Cronin, Bros., Convent St. Abbeyfeale	£2: 15: 0
3.	Michael McGrath, New Park, Kilkishen ...	£3: 5: 0
4.	George McCrealy, Abbeyfeale	£2: 15: 0
5.	James Collins, Convent Tce., Abbeyfeale.	£2: 14: 0

CLANCY'S STRAND (GOODWIN'S LANE) HOUSING SCHEME.

1. Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll, O'Connell Avenue. £10,688: 0: 0

Confirmed in Council this 12th day of August 1947.

Don Bourke TD

CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall,
Rutland Street, on Thursday,

10th DAY OF JULY, 1947,

at 11.30 a.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor P. O'Connell,
Mayor.

Alderman: D. Bourke, T.D.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, and the
City Engineer.

In accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council
for the reception and examination of Tenders, the following
tender for Clancy Strand (Goodwin's Lane) Housing Scheme, which
was delivered in error to the wrong Department, on the 8th
instant, and not received by His Worship, the Mayor, for meeting
held on same date, was opened by the Chairman, numbered and
initialled by him, and delivered to the City Manager for further
consideration and any necessary action thereon:³

Messrs. G. K. Nevin & Co., Ltd., Tullamore - £9,392: 0: 0

Confirmed in Council this 12th day of August 1947.

Don Bourke T.D.
CHAIRMAN.

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

24th DAY OF JULY, 1947,

at 7.30 o'clock, p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor P. O'Connell P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: J. Carew, D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., M. E. O'Malley, Solr., G. E. Russell, and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the City Engineer, and Miss N. Peppard of the Town Clerk's Department.

Also present: Superintendent J. Fleming, Superintendent P. Colleran, and Sergeant M. Morgan of the Garda Siochana.

TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS: The Mayor explained that Superintendent Fleming of the Garda Siochana, Dublin, had kindly consented to attend the meeting to put his views before the Committee, and to give the members an opportunity of discussing the question of the erection of traffic light signals in Limerick.

After a short explanation by Supt. Fleming regarding the working and functions of traffic signals, a discussion took place with regard to the points at which the signals might be placed. It was the opinion of the Committee that it would be more advantageous if traffic light signals were erected at approaches to the City, as it was considered that the traffic was heaviest at these points. The Superintendent pointed out that traffic signals should only be placed on the main traffic arteries such as O'Connell Street, as he considered that there was not so much convergent traffic at intersections, such as Baal's Bridge, Mary Street, etc. Alderman Carew stressed the importance of having traffic signals erected at Punch's Cross, and said that a speed limit should be enforced for traffic coming into the City.

The Superintendent stated that the Garda Authorities have had under consideration for some time the question of introducing a speed limit but found that there would be considerable difficulty in enforcing it. Alderman Reidy suggested that "warning" signs might be erected at the approaches to the City and asked that the matter be referred to the Garda Siochana.

In regard to the expenditure in the erection of the traffic light signals, the City Manager said that the four sets of traffic signals would cost about £4,000 which would be borne by the State and that it would cost the Corporation approximately £300 per annum for maintenance. The members considered that this expense was too much to put on the Corporation. Alderman Reidy suggested that the State should bear the cost of maintenance, as the erection of these traffic lights would mean a saving of over £600 to the State with no benefit accruing to the rates. Superintendent Colleran pointed out that ultimately the Corporation could be compelled to provide traffic light signals at their own expense.

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After a full discussion, it was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor Cusack, and resolved (Councillor Russell dissenting as regards the erection of traffic lights at William Street):-

That we approve of the installation of four Traffic Light Signals at the following intersections:-

- (1) O'Connell Street/William Street.
- (2) O'Connell Street/Roche's Street.
- (3) O'Connell Avenue/Barrington Street/Newenham St.
- (4) O'Connell Street/Mallow Street, provided the State bears the cost of maintenance of these lights.

MOTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND: Submitted communication, dated 21st April, 1947, from the Association of the Municipal Authorities of Ireland requesting that any motions for discussion at the next annual Conference to be held on the 17th, 18th and 19th September, 1947, should be forwarded as soon as possible.

It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, and seconded by Councillor Connery:-

That the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland be asked to consider the desirability of inserting a clause in the terms of appointment of City and County Managers whereby they would be required to remain for a minimum period of five years unless the Council concerned agreed to release them before the expiration of that period.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor Russell and seconded by Alderman Bourke:-

That the Association request the Minister for Local Government to make the conditions of appointment for City and County Managers and senior officials equally attractive so as to ensure continuity of service of such officials under the same Local Authorities.

A poll was taken and the voting resulted as follows:-

For Councillor Russell's amendment - His Worship, the Mayor; Alderman Bourke, Councillors Donnellan, O'Malley and Russell (5).

Against - Alderman Carew and Reidy, Councillors Connery and Whelan (4).

The Mayor accordingly declared Councillor Russell's amendment carried, and put it to the meeting as a substantive motion and declared it passed, no further poll having being demanded.

It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor Russell, and resolved:-

That the Association be asked to make representations to the Government to remedy the following grievances of local authorities in relation to expenditure with which they are burdened, but which in the opinion of the Municipal Authorities Association is appropriate to Central Funds:-

- (1) That the contribution under the Unemployment Assistance Acts which is payable by the larger Municipal Authorities is an unjust charge and should not be demanded off the rate-paying community of each of these authorities; or, alternatively, that the total contribution which is now raised from these

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authorities should be raised equally over the whole country, both urban and rural areas.

- (ii) That the recipients of Home Assistance should rank equally with recipients of Unemployment Assistance for work on Unemployment Relief Schemes.
- (iii) That, when a person is convicted of an offence by a Court of Justice, no additional penalty should be imposed on him under the Unemployment Assistance Acts with the effect of making himself and his dependents a charge upon the rates instead of on Central Funds.
- (iv) That the Association is of opinion that the grants given for Public Assistance Institutions and for certain Public Assistance Schemes are inadequate, and that the grants in respect of Public Assistance Institutions have not kept step with the increased cost of the services given by such institutions and with the improvements made in these services since the year 1898, the year in which these grants were last reviewed.
- (v) That grant payable to Mental Hospitals is totally inadequate and that this grant should be substantially increased; alternatively, that a grant should be given to Municipal Authorities to correspond with the increased Agricultural Grants being made available for rural areas.
- (vi) That the practice of not paying Old Age Pensions to inmates of Mental Hospitals should be discontinued forthwith as the Association are of opinion that the State, which benefits to the extent of at least 11/- per head per week, should not so benefit at the expense of the rates, and the Association are also of opinion that the National Health Personal Benefit should be made available to inmates of Mental Hospitals and County Homes.

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HOUSING - PALMERSTOWN HOUSING SCHEME: In reply to Councillor Connery, the City Manager said that Messrs. Lanigan Bros., had resumed work on the Palmerstown Housing Scheme.

With reference to a statement by Councillor Connery that it was reported in the "Limerick Chronicle" that the Press was refused permission to be present at the recent Arbitration proceedings in connection with the Palmerstown Housing Scheme, the City Manager said that such a report was altogether untrue if it did appear in the local paper. He undertook to investigate the matter and report to the next meeting.

CLANCY'S STRAND HOUSING SCHEME: The City Manager said that two tenders were received for the Clancy's Strand (Goodwin's Lane) Housing Scheme and that the amounts of the tenders were exceptionally high. He had made representations to the Department of Local Government to have the work carried out by direct labour and, if approval is granted, he proposed to proceed with the work as soon as possible.

MISCELLANEOUS: The following matters were referred to the City Engineer for his attention:-

- (1) Flooding of Sir Harry's Mall.
- (2) Flooding of Clancy's Strand.
- (3) Flooding of basement at 22 Upper Cecil Street.

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CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Councillor Russell, and
unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to
Mr. P. Duggan, Ennis Road, on the death of his mother.

It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to
Mrs. Mullane, Mungret Street, on the death of her husband; to
Miss O'Brien, Mitchell Street, on the death of her brother.

It was proposed by Alderman Bourke, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to
Mr. D. O'Carroll, 28 Pennywell, on the death of his mother.

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Don Bourke TD

CHAIRMAN.

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SPECIAL (CORKANREE) COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the City Manager's Office, Town Hall, on Monday,

28th DAY OF JULY, 1947,

at 11.30 o'clock a.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor P. O'Connell, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillor: M. W. McGuire.

Also present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the City Engineer, the Harbour Engineer and Mr. Roger O'Sullivan, Solicitor.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July, 1946, was submitted and confirmed.

The City Manager reported the result of discussions which he had with Mr. O'Sullivan, Solicitor, the Gas Engineer and the Harbour Engineer. After making provision for a suitable site for the new Gas Works and providing for future harbour development, an area of approximately 17 acres would be available for Mr. O'Sullivan's clients at Corkanree. He submitted a report from Mr. A. J. Sexton, Auctioneer, who had been asked to value the property on behalf of the Corporation. Mr. Sexton fixed the letting value of the 17 acres of land at £350 per annum. Mr. O'Sullivan had informed him (the City Manager) that his clients would be prepared to take a letting of the area at a rent of £350 per annum excluding rates and all other outgoings provided they got a reasonably long lease - say for 200 years. He had been assured by Mr. O'Sullivan that his clients required the land at Corkanree for the establishment of a genuine industry. Having given careful consideration to the matter and satisfied himself that adequate provision had been made for the new Gas Works, he recommended acceptance of Mr. O'Sullivan's offer on condition that the entire area to be rented will be used for industrial purposes. To square off the area there was a small piece of land measuring 300 ft. x 137 ft. - part of the site earmarked for the Gas Works which could also be let to Mr. O'Sullivan's clients.

During a general discussion which ensued Councillor McGuire said that whilst he welcomed the opportunity of having a valuable industry established at Corkanree he would like to be assured that land which might be required for development as water frontage by the Harbour Board was not being leased. The Harbour Engineer said that he was satisfied that ample provision had been made for future harbour development.

The City Manager said that provision would be made in the lease that all the area being let to Mr. O'Sullivan's clients would be used for the purpose of their industry.

It was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Alderman Bourke, and resolved:-

That we recommend to the City Council that an area at Corkanree containing 17 acres 0 roods 14 perches, as shown on the map,

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produced to us be leased to Mr. O'Sullivan's clients at a rent of £350 per annum; they paying rates and all other outgoings and that if required the piece of ground measuring 300 ft. x 137 ft. be also leased at a pro rata rent.

Confirmed this 12th day of August 1947.

Don Bourke TD

CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall,
Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

12th DAY OF AUGUST, 1947,

at 9.30 p.m. the following members being present:-

- In the Chair: Alderman D. Bourke, T.D.
- Alderman: J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.
- Councillors: J. Connery, P.C., Cusack, P.C., P. Donnellan, P.C., J. C. Hickey, M. W. McGuire, M. B. O'Malley, Solr., G. E. Russell and P. Whelan.
- Officers present: The 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 referred to the City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

PENNYWELL HOUSING SCHEME - ELECTRIC WIRING OF HOUSES.

- 1. Messrs. Cusack & Shanahan,
9 Bedford Row, Limerick. - £1,564: 12: 0
- 2. Messrs. Electrical Household
Suppliers,
18 Emmett Place, Limerick. - £1,514: 10: 0

Confirmed in Council this 9th day of September 1947.

Patrick O'Connell
CHAIRMAN.

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Friday,

29th DAY OF AUGUST, 1947,

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor P. O'Connell, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: M. J. Hartney, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., G. B. Dillon, P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. B. O'Malley, Solr., G. E. Russell, and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The Deputy City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, the Acting City Engineer, and the Gas Engineer.

PURCHASE OF TOWN HALL: The Deputy City Manager stated that at the last meeting of the Council a short discussion took place regarding a proposal to purchase the Town Hall, and it was agreed that the matter should be gone into in greater detail at this meeting. The Corporation hold the premises under a yearly tenancy at a rent of £100, arising out of an expired lease, one of the conditions of which was that the Corporation should keep the premises in good order, repair, and condition. For some time past the City Manager and the City Engineer were seriously perturbed about the dangerous condition of the rear portion of the Town Hall, and, in fact, the offices in that section had to be closed up. It was not beyond doubt that the part of the premises which had become dangerous had reached that condition because of the failure of the Corporation to maintain it properly in discharge of their covenant, and the Corporation would probably have to incur heavy expenditure in making it safe.

Continuing the Deputy City Manager said that the City Manager had investigated the possibility of purchasing the premises and had been informed by Messrs. Nash & Sons, Agents, that the premises could be purchased for the sum of £2,000 with Commission of 5% to them as Agents. A valuation had been made by Mr. A. J. Sexton, Auctioneer, on behalf of the Corporation and he valued the premises at £1,781: 5: 0 plus £11: 9: 2 to purchase the ground rent of 9/2d. per annum.

The City Manager, therefore, requested that he be authorised to negotiate for the purchase in fee simple of the entire Town Hall premises for a sum not exceeding £2,000, plus Commission.

After a general discussion, it was proposed by Alderman Reidy, seconded by Councillor Cusack, and resolved:-

That we approve of the proposal to purchase the Town Hall premises for a sum not exceeding £2,000, and Commission.

NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS: Arising out of the foregoing matter, several members expressed the opinion that the proposal to purchase the Town Hall should not interfere with the project for the erection of the new City and County buildings on the Strand House site, and it was agreed that this matter should be put on the Agenda for discussion at the next meeting of the Council.

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CLANCY STRAND HOUSING SCHEME: The Deputy City Manager reported that the Minister for Local Government had authorised the erection of six houses on the Clancy Strand (Goodwin's Lane) Housing site by direct labour. He had asked, however, for particulars of the plant, scaffolding, etc. at the disposal of the Corporation for the carrying out of the work and the Acting City Engineer was preparing a report. Noted.

GAS SHOWROOMS: The Deputy City Manager reported that for some time past the City Manager and the Gas Engineer had been investigating the possibility of procuring premises in O'Connell Street for Gas Showrooms and Offices. Premises at the Junction of O'Connell Street and Thomas Street had offered which could be purchased for the sum of £5,025 plus usual 5% Commission. A fairly substantial amount would, however, have to be expended in repairing and renovating the premises. He submitted a report which he had received from the Gas Engineer stressing the desirability of providing central Showrooms and Offices for the Gas Undertaking and stating that the premises at the corner of O'Connell Street and Thomas Street would be admirably suited for this purpose and that on no account should the opportunity to purchase them be missed.

Continuing, the Deputy City Manager said that he had communicated with the City Manager, who was on annual leave, and he also was of opinion that the Corporation should avail of the opportunity of procuring central Showrooms and Offices.

During a general discussion which ensued the view was expressed that the existing Showrooms at William Street were situated in the best business centre of the City, and having regard to the probably heavy expenditure in renovating and fitting up the premises at the corner of O'Connell Street and Thomas Street a change at this stage was not desirable.

Finally, it was decided on the motion of Councillor Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Cusack, not to proceed with the negotiations for the purchase of the premises at the corner of O'Connell Street and Thomas Street. An amendment by Councillor Russell that the negotiations proceed was not seconded.

GAS UNDERTAKING: The Mayor mentioned that he had been informed that a dispute had arisen with the Dockers' section of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union regarding the discharge of a cargo of coal for the Gas Works.

The Gas Engineer having given particulars of the dispute, it was agreed that the Mayor should arrange a conference to bring about an amicable settlement.

BATHING FACILITIES: Councillor Connery enquired as to the present position regarding the provision of a Swimming Pool for the City and the Acting City Engineer reported that proposals had been forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for the carrying out of improvements at Corbally.

Alderman Reidy suggested that adequate bathing facilities could be provided by improving the river embankment and providing amenities at various points on the Shannon in the Thomondgate and Corbally districts. It was decided to refer the suggestion to the City Engineer for consideration.

BUS STOP SIGNS: At the request of Councillor Donnellan, it was decided to again communicate with the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, and suggest that the Bus Stop sign outside the Munster and Leinster Bank, O'Connell Street, be changed so as

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to facilitate the public transacting business in the Bank. In reply to Councillor Whelan, the Deputy City Manager stated that it would be unreasonable to ask Coras Iompair Eireann to attach a notice to the Bus Stop signs calling attention to the fact that it was illegal to park motor vehicles within a specified distance of such signs.

At the request of Councillor Connery, it was decided to make representations to Coras Iompair Eireann regarding connection between the Killeely Bus service and the O'Connell Street bus service.

HOME ASSISTANCE: Councillor Cusack stated that, as the result of an unofficial strike at the Housing Scheme at Corbally being undertaken by Messrs. Irish Estates Ltd., the families of some of the men involved were destitute as they were not receiving strike pay from their Union or benefit at the Employment Exchange. Furthermore, he understood that they had been refused Home Assistance.

The Deputy City Manager stated that he had carefully considered applications for Home Assistance from some of the men involved in the strike but on the information before him he was compelled to refuse the applications.

During the course of a short discussion which ensued the Deputy City Manager said that he had discharged his duty in this matter to the best of his ability. It was entirely a matter for him and he did not consider it reasonable that he should be cross-examined at length as to his action.

The Mayor having stated that a conference was being held the next day as a result of which he was hopeful that work would be resumed, it was proposed by Councillor Dillon, seconded by Councillor Connery, and resolved:-

That we recommend the Deputy City Manager to re-consider his decision and grant Home Assistance to the families of the men concerned.

MILK SUPPLY: At the request of Alderman Reidy, it was decided to ask the Chief Veterinary Officer to investigate the position regarding the milk supply for the Thomondgate area where it was understood a depot for the sale of pasteurised milk had been closed recently.

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by Councillor Keyes, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. Mulcahy, Dublin Road, and Mr. William Keane, Fair Green.

It was proposed by Councillor Connery, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. Ledger, O'Connell Street, on the death of her son.

It was proposed by Councillor Cusack, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mr. P. Kennedy, Sexton Street North, on the death of his brother.

Confirmed in Council this 9th day of September 1947.

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Peter O'Connell
CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Thursday,

25th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1947,

the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor P. O'Connell
P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, and J. Reidy,
T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., J. C. Hickey,
M. B. O'Malley, Solr., and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the
Assistant Town Clerk, the City Solicitor,
the City Engineer and the Gas Engineer.

GAS UNDERTAKING: The City Manager said that at the last meeting of the Council, Councillor Whelan had raised certain matters in connection with the Gas Undertaking. He had submitted the points raised to the Gas Engineer who had reported as follows:-

20th September, 1947.

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant regarding the discussion about the Gas Works at the last meeting of the City Council, I desire to report as follows:-

The total quantity of coal received at this Works during the four months May to August inclusive, amounted to 4,918 tons against an allocation of approximately 3,000 tons, and was made up as follows—

Slurry.	British Coal.	American Coal.
2,372 tons.	1,141 tons.	1,405 tons.

Only a small proportion of this coal was of the coking variety and it was generally of poor quality.

I am satisfied that this undertaking received more than its full allocation of all available coals and, in the case of British coal and slurry the quality was as good as that delivered to any other works. It was disappointing, however, to receive a substantial quantity of non coking American coal, but I understand that steps are being taken to guard against a repetition of this occurrence. Furthermore, I expect that we shall receive a large allocation of suitable American coal very soon.

As regards notifying the public in the case of a breakdown of plant, this is not quite as easy as it may appear to be. Obviously it is not possible to know in advance when a breakdown is likely to occur, and I find from experience that there are so many contributory factors to be taken into account due to the poor condition of the plant, that it is not always possible to say how long such breakdown may last. Since there is no reserve of plant or storage capacity at the Gas Works, the effects of a breakdown are felt immediately and any attempt to predict the probable duration might mislead the public. If, for instance, there is a breakdown of retort machinery necessitating the emptying of the retort, the actual repairs might be carried out in say, 24 hours, but it might take a week to get the retort back into operation due to other subsidiary causes. This has happened on several occasions. As you are aware I always make a point of notifying you whenever a major breakdown occurs and I shall endeavour to give as much information to the public as can be reliably given in future. As has been agreed already, the provision of an auxiliary plant is the only safe solution to this difficulty.

With reference to the third paragraph of your letter in which you mention that a member of the Council stated that he was informed that the recent breakdown was not due to the causes reported by me, I am at a loss to understand this statement. The inference is that the information emanated from a member of the Gas Works staff. The only members of the

staff who would be competent to hold authoritative views on such a matter are either the foreman or myself, and I am quite satisfied that neither of us imparted the information quoted by the Councillor in question. Consequently it must have come from someone who had neither the requisite knowledge or training to know the cause (or remedy) of the trouble. In these circumstances it is a pity that the Councillor in question did not verify the accuracy of his information before using same in public. Apart altogether from the fact that such utterances are a reflection upon the ability and veracity of my foreman and myself the assistance of every member of the City Council is vital in helping to maintain public confidence in the efforts that are being made to improve the Gas supply to the city.

"The cause of the breakdown is as stated by me, i.e., the breakdown of Nos. 5 and 6 retorts following close on the scurfing of No. 7 retort, and was not influenced by the wrong mixing of coal. To minimise and overcome the trouble, however, it was necessary to use a special mixture of the best coking coals in stock but this course could only be adopted for a few days when it was necessary to again revert to the original mixture which is now in use

"There is no fitter from Messrs Wests employed at the Gas Works, nor was one employed here during the last seven years at least. There is, however, a steel erector, Mr. J. Kelly, who has a specialised knowledge of Gas Works steel erection and repairs and who has carried out invaluable work in preserving the life of the present retort installation. I am at present negotiating with Messrs. Wests for the supply of steel parts with which to support the retort house roof and superstructure, and to carry out vital repairs to coal bunkers, and it is intended that Mr. J. Kelly will erect this material as soon as it arrives. He has also carried out necessary maintenance and repairs to our gas holder and other parts of the works. I would recommend that Mr. Kelly's services be retained especially in view of the work which it is proposed to go ahead with as soon as the necessary materials are available."

Councillor Whelan stated he had been informed that the Gas Engineer and his foreman had approached an employee named McInerney at the Gas Works and accused him of giving the information regarding coal mixtures to which he (Councillor Whelan) had referred at the last Council meeting. He did not get any information from the employee concerned and in his opinion it was most unfair and improper for the Gas Engineer to make a charge against this man. He would like the City Manager to investigate the matter. He was still of opinion that a local man could be employed to carry out the work on which the fitter from Messrs. Wests was engaged.

The Gas Engineer emphatically denied that he had made any charge or allegation against the employee McInerney. He had merely asked him a question. As stated in his report, Mr. Kelly was a steel erector and not a fitter. He was doing a very special job which was of vital importance for the maintenance of the plant. If this job was not done by a representative of Messrs. Wests then Messrs. Wests would accept no responsibility for it.

The City Manager said that it would be a bad policy if the members of the Council attempted to range a member or members of the staff against the Gas Engineer who was responsible for the undertaking. The administration of the staff was a matter for him and he would not like to have questions like the one raised by Councillor Whelan dealt with by questions and answers. He would look into the point mentioned by Councillor Whelan regarding the employee McInerney. With regard to the steel erector he was bound by the recommendations of the Gas Engineer in such matters. The Committee should remember that the plant at the Gas Works was in a very bad state and that as a result the Gas Engineer was carrying a very heavy responsibility.

Alderman Reidy said that the Gas Engineer in his report had referred to a very important matter as regards the quality of the coal which he was receiving. Greater care should be exercised when coal was being allocated from Dublin to ensure that the right type of coal was sent to the Gas Works.

GAS UNDERTAKING (CONTD.):

The Manager stated that as a result of representations which he had made to the Department of Industry and Commerce he anticipated an improvement in the quality of the coal being supplied.

The matter was not further discussed.

HOUSING - CLANCY STRAND (GOODWIN'S LANE) HOUSING SCHEME:

In reply to Councillor Connery, the City Engineer stated that an advertisement had been issued inviting applications for the position of foreman to superintend the erection of the six houses in this scheme by direct labour. Work could not commence until this position was filled and the necessary building licence issued by the Department of Industry and Commerce.

PENNYWELL AND PALMERSTOWN HOUSING SCHEMES: In reply to Alderman Reidy, the City Manager stated that the slum areas from which the tenants for the houses in course of erection at Pennywell and Palmerstown were to be transferred were selected some time ago by the Council. It may, however, be necessary to revise the areas and he proposed bringing the matter forward for discussion at a future meeting.

CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL - T.B. SECTION: Councillor Connery stated that he had received a complaint as to the manner in which food was served in the Tuberculosis Section of the City Home and Hospital. The City Manager said that he saw the meals being served that day and it was done to his entire satisfaction. He protested against anonymous accusations against a public institution. If people who had grievances wanted to make complaints he was prepared to go into them.

PUBLIC ABATTOIR: The City Manager submitted for the Committee's inspection, copies of the sketch plans of the proposed public abattoir to be erected at the Tank Field, Blackboy Pike, and the plans were explained by the City Engineer.

SWIMMING POOL AT CORBALLY: The City Manager submitted, for the Committee's inspection, copies of the plans prepared by the City Engineer for the improvement of the swimming facilities at Corbally and intimated that application had been made for a grant from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote towards the cost of carrying out the work.

RELIEF SCHEMES AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT: The City Manager stated that he had received notification of the provisional allocation of a grant of £14,500 from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote to which a local contribution of £2,900 would have to be added. The following were the Schemes which the City Engineer recommended should be carried out:-

AMENITY SCHEMES:

3 Park Shelters	£1,218.	
Bathing facilities at Corbally	5,754	
Prevention of flooding at Sir Harry's Mall	200	£7,172

ROAD SCHEMES:

Concreting of Dock Road (Continuation)	£3,075	
Concreting of St. Gerard St.	1,012	
Concreting of O'Callaghan's Strand	4,995	
Repairs to Clare Street	1,026	
Concreting of landway off St. Upr. Henry	208	£10,316
TOTAL		£17,488

RELIEF SCHEMES &c. (Contd.):

A grant of 98,000 had been allocated from the Road Improvement Fund and the following were the works which the City Engineer recommended should be carried out:-

Installation of Automatic Road Traffic Signals	- £ 4,200
Mastic Asphaltting of Glentworth St. (completion)	2,961
Mastic asphaltting of Patrick St. - from O'Connell Street to Bank Place	- 840
Total	£ 8,001

MILK SUPPLY+KILLEELY DISTRICT: The City Manager stated that at the last Council meeting attention was called to the danger of a shortage of milk in the Killeely district. He submitted a letter which he had received from Mr. R. O'Donoghue, High Road, Thomondgate, Limerick, stating that he has a surplus of milk at the present time. He is delivering milk in the Killeely area, and is satisfied there is no cause for anxiety.

Alderman Reidy and other members appealed to the City Manager to allow the sale of milk in the kiosk attached to one of the Corporation houses at Killeely to be re-started but the City Manager stated that such permission could not be granted as the use of Corporation dwellings for trade purposes was contrary to the terms of the letting agreements.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: Requests were made by members to have additional public lamps provided in the following places:-

Laneway off Catherine Street between the Commercial Hotel and Henratty's Hotel.

Laneway in Henry Street opposite the Franciscan Church.

Councillor Whelan mentioned that the public lamp in Verona Esplanade off O'Connell Avenue could with advantage be transferred from its present position to the opposite corner.

BUS STRIKE: After a short discussion it was proposed by Councillor Cusack, seconded by Councillor Whelan, and resolved:-

"That the Limerick Corporation suggest to the Mayor that he convene a meeting of the Lord Mayors and Mayors of the 26 Counties with a view to mediating in the strike of bus workers and endeavouring to bring about a settlement."

CONDOLENCE: It was proposed by His Worship, the Mayor, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to Mrs. Kennedy, Dublin, on the death of her husband, Senator T. Kennedy, General Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union; to Mrs. Geary, South Circular Road, on the death of her husband, and to Mr. J. Geary, Corbally, on the death of his daughter.

It was proposed by Alderman Bourke, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the widow and family of the late Mr. J. Byrne, Janesboro and to the relatives of the late Mr. J. Murray, Sarsfield Street.

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CONDOLENCE (CONTD.):

It was proposed by Councillor Connery, and unanimously resolved:-

That the sympathy and condolence of the Council be tendered to the family of the late Mr. O'Flynn, Athlunkard Street.

Confirmed in Council this 14th day of October 1947.

Patrick Connell
CHAIRMAN.

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TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall,
Rutland Street, on Thursday,

25th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1947,

at 9 p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor P.
O'Connell, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, and J.
Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, P. Cusack, P.C., J. C.
Hickey, M. B. O'Malley, Solr., and
P. Whelan.

Officers present: The 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 referred to the City Manager for
further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

CITY HOME AND HOSPITAL - LIST OF TENDERS RECEIVED FOR
HALF YEAR COMMENCING 1st OCTOBER, 1947.

NAME OF ARTICLE. PARTICULARS OF TENDERS RECEIVED

FRESH MILK

G. McInerney.
From 1/10/47 to 31/12/47 @ 2/6d p.g.
From 1/1/48 to 31/3/48 @ 2/8 p.g.
Thomas Nix.
From 1/10/47 to 31/3/48 @ 3/-d p.g.

BEEF.

Three months—J. O'Connor, 1/4 per lb.
Six months—J. O'Connor, 1/5½ per lb.
Three months—D. Joyce, 1/2¼ per lb.
Six months—D. Joyce, 1/9 per lb.

MUTTON.

Three months—J. O'Connor, 2/2 per lb.
Six months—J. O'Connor, 2/4½ per lb.
Three months—D. Joyce, 2/5 per lb.
Six months—D. Joyce, 2/11 per lb.

SUGAR.

Daniel Clancy—52/- per cwt.

FLOUR (Baker's).

John Kelly—£25 10s. 0d. per ton, less 8/4 p. ton disc't.
J. H. Roche—£3 3s. 6d. per sack.

EGGS.

M. Fitzgibbon @ 3/11 per doz.
Kantohr Creamery @ 4/- per dozen.

BUTTER.

Kantohr Co-op.—2/6¼d. per lb. or £14 2s. 4d. per cwt.
Less boxes.
Dowdall & Co.—£14 5s. 0d. per cwt., less boxes.
John Kelly—£13 13s. 6d. per cwt., plus boxes, 10/-.

CABBAGE.

John Clancy—5/3 per stone.
Michael Williams—5/11 per stone.

TURNIPS (Best Quality).

John Clancy (swede)—£5 10s. 0d. per ton.
John Clancy (white)—4/2 per stone.
Michael Williams—8/10 per cwt.

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POTATOES (Table, Best Quality).

John Clancy (Kerr's Pinks) £11 per stone.
Michael Williams (Kerr's Pinks) £16 10s. 0d. per ton.
Michael Williams (Sprys Abundance) £15 18s per ton.
Michael Williams (Champions)—£17 0s. 0d. per ton.

CARRUTS.

John Clancy—5/6 per stone.

PARSNIPS.

John Clancy—4/3 per stone.

ONIONS.

John Clancy—4/10 per stone, up to 1/12/47.
John Clancy—5/10 per stone, up to 31/3/48.
Michael Williams—5/11 per stone.

APPLES (Cooking).

Michael Williams—4/10 per doz.

APPLES (Eating).

Michael Williams—4/10 per doz.

MINERALS (Large).

Daniel Clancy—3/11½ per dozen.

XX STOUT (in bottles).

Daniel Clancy—7/- per doz.

PORT WINE (Sandemans) XXX.

Daniel Clancy—118/- per doz.

COFFEE.

Daniel Clancy—(large), 2/3.
Daniel Clancy—(small), 1/3.

TAPIOCA.

Daniel Clancy—1/6 per lb.

WASHING SODA.

Daniel Clancy—9/3 per cwt.

FLAKE MEAL.

Daniel Clancy—6/11 per stone.
John Kelly—52/- per cwt.

OATMEAL.

Daniel Clancy—6/5 per stone.

OATS.

J. H. Roche—3/9 per stone.

SALT (fine).

Daniel Clancy—9/6 per cwt.

SALT (coarse).

Daniel Clancy—9/6 per cwt.

PEPPER (Peppo).

Daniel Clancy—2/6 per lb.

CORN FLOUR.

Daniel Clancy—1/3 per lb.

ICE CREAM.

George O'Sullivan—1/6 per lb. block.

Confirmed in Council this 14th day of October 1947.

Patrick Flanagan
CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday, 14th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1947, at 9 p.m., the following members being present:-

- In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor P. O'Connell, P.C., Mayor.
- Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.
- Councillors: J. Connery, G. B. Dillon, P. Donnellan, P.C., M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. B. O'Malley, Solr., G. E. Russell, and P. Whelan.
- Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

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 referred to the City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

BALLINACURRA (WESTON) HOUSING SCHEME - ERECTION OF 128 HOUSES

- 1. Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll £213,246: 12: 10
- 2. Messrs. G. K. Nevin & Co. Ltd., £195,806: 3: 7
- 3. Messrs. P. Molloy & Sons £193,910: 19: 7
- 4. Messrs. Lanigan Bros. £294,254: 5: 2
- 5. Mr. J. J. Murphy £215,542: 7: 8
- 6. Messrs. Murphy Bros. (Cork) Ltd. ... £184,105: 16: 1

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Confirmed in Council this 13th day of January 1948.

Peter Donnell
CHAIRMAN.

TENDERS COMMITTEE.

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A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the

Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Tuesday,

11th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1947,

at 9 p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor P. O'Connell, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, G. B. Dillon, P. Donnellan, P.C., J. C. Hickey, M. J. Keyes, T.D., M. W. McGuire, M. B. O'Malley, Solr., G. E. Russell and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the City Engineer.

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 referred to the City Manager for further consideration and any necessary action thereon:-

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PROVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC.

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| 1. Messrs. P. Molloy and Sons | £2,729: 10: 6 |
| 2. Mr. J. Leahy, Thomondgste | £2,602: 6: 0 |

Confirmed in Council this 13th day of January 1948.

Patrick O'Connell
CHAIRMAN.

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the above Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Rutland Street, on Friday,

5th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1947.

at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following members being present:-

In the Chair: The Right Worshipful, Councillor P. O'Connell, P.C., Mayor.

Aldermen: D. Bourke, T.D., J. Carew, M. J. Hartney, and J. Reidy, T.D., P.C.

Councillors: J. Connery, J. C. Hickey, M. B. O'Malley, Solr., G. E. Russell, and P. Whelan.

Officers present: The City Manager and Town Clerk, and the Assistant Town Clerk.

HEALTH SERVICES: The City Manager stated that this special meeting had been summoned to consider the Government White Paper entitled "Outline of Proposals for the Improvement of the Health Services" and his comments thereon which were embodied in his report of the 1st December, 1947, copies of which, together with the White Paper, had been circulated amongst the members prior to the meeting. Before taking up this matter, however, he asked the members to consider the following Resolution adopted by the Limerick County Council at a meeting held on 8th November, 1947, at which the White Paper was under consideration:-

"We ask the Minister to meet local representatives and examine in detail the financial and social implications of the Bill and White Paper, and further that Limerick City and County Institutions be retained under control of the local bodies and that we repudiate the handing over of the Regional Hospital."

Continuing, the City Manager said that Dr. Ryan, Minister for Health, had agreed to attend a special meeting of the Limerick County Council to be held on 6th December, 1947. It was for the Committee to decide whether all the members, or a deputation, would attend this meeting. After a short discussion, it was decided that all the members of the City Council should attend the meeting of the Limerick County Council.

The Committee then took up consideration of the White Paper and the comments of the City Manager thereon, and after a very full discussion it was proposed by Alderman D. Bourke, T.D., seconded by Councillor G. E. Russell, and resolved:-

That having considered the Government White Paper entitled "Outline of Proposals for the Improvement of the Health Services" and the comments thereon submitted by the City Manager at our request as contained in his report dated 1st December, 1947, now submitted to us, we are of opinion that the improvements in the Health Services envisaged in the White Paper should be implemented under the direct control of the existing County and County Borough Councils, and that having considered letter dated 10th November, 1947, from the Secretary to the Limerick County Council, we hereby approve of the terms of the resolution passed by the County Council at their meeting held on 8th November, 1947.

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The City Manager submitted letter dated 26th November, 1947, which he had received from Dr. Michael Roberts, Hon. Secretary, City of Limerick Medical Association, stating that at a General Meeting of the Association held recently the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we the members of the Limerick Medical Association note with regret and the greatest disapproval that under the White Paper on Health Services, Limerick would be only allocated an Auxiliary Regional Centre or Hospital which apparently will be under the control of some other Region. Furthermore, we wish to protest in the strongest possible manner against this proposal and we hold that Limerick should be a Regional Centre administered by its own Regional Board".

The Committee were of opinion that the Resolution which they had adopted covered the matter referred to in the Resolution from the Medical Association and consequently no further action was called for.

TENANCY OF CORPORATION DWELLING: Alderman Reidy said that he desired to call attention to what was in his opinion ~~was~~ a case of severe hardship in the Prospect Housing Scheme. A Mr. Hehir, who for a number of years with the permission of the former City Manager (Mr. Berkery) was the sub-tenant of one of the Corporation dwellings at Prospect was about to be evicted. He appealed to the City Manager not to proceed with the eviction but to appoint Mr. Hehir tenant of the house. This was a genuine case as Mr. Hehir had permission to reside in the house and it would be a hardship to disturb this man.

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The City Manager said that if it was at all possible for him to do so he would like to leave Mr. Hehir in possession of the house. He did not contest the fact that Mr. Hehir was a sub-tenant of the house for a number of years but the Council were well aware that he had made a definite rule that under no circumstances would sub-tenants be granted the tenancies of the houses in which they resided. It was obvious that unless this Rule was strictly enforced the Corporation would find themselves in the position of being deprived of the right of selecting the tenants for houses as they became vacant. The Corporation had recently acquired a vacant house for the purpose of the Clancy Strand Housing Scheme and he had offered this house to Mr. Hehir but he had refused to accept it. He could not go further in the matter.

Confirmed in Council this 13th day of January 1948.

Patrick Donnell
CHAIRMAN.

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