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4th June, 1938.

The Special Rates Committee met this day at the Town Clerk's Office at Three o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh, Councillors James Billington and Thomas Hayes.

POOR RATE COLLECTION.

The Meeting carefully examined each item on the Poor Rate Collector's Discharge Sheets, and those which were considered irrecoverable were recommended to be so disposed of by the Corporation, and the Balance carried forward as Collectible arrears.

The Meeting was satisfied that Mr. O'Leary had made a good collection having regard to the fact that he only commenced in December last, and instructed the Town Clerk to have the balance of his commission passed at the Finance Meeting due to be held on the 7th instant, and to apply for the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to its payment.

It was also decided to pay the balance of commission, etc. due to the Reps. of William O'Donohoe in respect of the 1936/7 Collection.

Richard Corish
Mayor of Wexford

7th June, 1938.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past Eight o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Councillor Michael Martin (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Timothy Cashman, James Murphy, James Billington, Phillip McGuire, Patrick Hawkins, James Sinnott, James Gaul, James Crosbie, and Nicholas Connolly.

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the meeting commenced, the Chairman proposed that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to Mr. Henry Doyle, Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk, on the death of his father, the late James Doyle, who was a very old and respected citizen of Wexford.

The motion was seconded by Councillor James Billington, supported by all the members present and the Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2443. 10. 5. were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

Arising out of a payment to Messrs. Cullen & O'Brien, Quantity Surveyors, in connection with the preparation of quantities for the proposed new Town Hall, Councillor James Billington asked what was the expenditure of the Corporation to date in connection with this work apart from the cost of piling the site, and the Town Clerk replied that it was approximately £1500.

POOR RATE ACCOUNTS.

The first business was to close the accounts of the Collector of Poor Rate for the year ended 31st March, 1938, and in this connection it was pointed out that when closing the accounts of this rate for the year 1936/7, it was not possible to strike off any irrecoverable rates owing to the death of the Collector before he could prepare the necessary Schedule on Form 53, and the full amount of arrears shown in his Abstract were carried forward into the Warrant for 1937/38.

The arrears carried forward were-----£4736. 11. 5.
and the Current Year's Rate amounted to----- 8306. 11. 5.

making a total Warrant of-----£13043. 2.10.

Of this there was collected by the

late William O'Donohoe-----	£102. 17. 9.
The Town Clerk-----	1029. 16.11.
John J. O'Leary (Collector)-----	6384. 2. 0½

7516. 16. 8½

Discount allowed----- 609. 16. 0½

Leaving outstanding at 30th April, 1938----- £5433. 6. 9½

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It was further reported that the Special Rates Committee had carefully examined the Schedule of Uncollected Rates and recommended that £4258. 12. 0. be carried into the Warrant for 1938/39, and that £1174. 14. 9½ be written off as irrecoverable.

Regarding the irrecoverables, the Committee called the attention of the Corporation to the fact that, as explained in the beginning of the meeting, no rates had been written off in respect of the year 1936/37, and the amount now recommended was really two years irrecoverables.

The recommendation of the Committee was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, and it was considered that having regard to the fact that Collector O'Leary only took up duty in December last, he had made a very good collection in the time at his disposal. It was also unanimously agreed that, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, he should be paid the balance of the commission due to him.

POOR RATE FOR 1938/39.

The making of a Poor Rate for the year ending 31st March, 1939, was next proceeded with. A rate of Nine Shillings in the Pound had been agreed to on 4th April, 1938, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That a Poor Rate of Nine Shillings in the Pound for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1939, be made on the net assessable valuation of property within the Urban District of Wexford, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on 4th April, 1938."

The Book containing the various items of Poor Rate, was then sealed and signed on behalf of the Council. A Warrant authorising the collection of the Poor Rate, together with arrears of previous years Rates, by Mr. John J. O'Leary, was also sealed and signed on the motion of Councillor James Billington, seconded by Councillor Sinnott.

Richard Connolly
Mayor of Wexford

13th June, 1938.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Timothy Cashman, Phillip McGuire, Thomas Hayes, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Dunne, James Billington, James Murphy, James Gaul, Michael Martin, and Patrick Hawkins.

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for approval and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on 3rd and 16th May and 7th June, 1938; Housing Committee on 29th April and 21st May; Cemetery Committee on 29th April; Special Rates Committee on 4th June (copies of these Minutes had been furnished to members beforehand) and Finance, Etc. Committees on 2nd, 16th, and 30th May, 1938. Arising out of Minutes of Housing Committee on 21st ultimo, it was explained in reply to queries that any selection of tenants by the Committee for the new houses at Whitemill would come before the general body of members for approval. On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, the Minutes of the Corporation were taken as read; Minutes of the various Committees approved, and all the Minutes were signed by the Mayor.

FOREMAN'S WAGES.

Councillor Connolly also referred to a Press report of the meeting of 2nd May last, when the wages of Foreman Byrne had been increased, and stated that members of the public were under the impression from a remark of Alderman Coffey's that the Foreman was not competent.

The Alderman declared that he was not responsible for Press reports or what the public inferred therefrom, but intimated that he did not mean to cast any reflection on the ability of Foreman Byrne. Alderman Coffey's explanation was accepted and the matter dropped.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

The following letters were read from:- Dr. Douglas Hyde acknowledging Vote of Congratulation on his election as President of Ireland; An Taoiseach returning thanks for Vote of Congratulation on the Settlement with England; the Department of Agriculture re Unemployment Assistance for Fishermen; Dr. P.J. Sinnott acknowledging Vote of Sympathy; and the Board of Health re Fever Hospital for Wexford.

SHOPS (CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT) ACT.

On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the following recommendation from the Finance Committee was adopted:-

"That William Kehoe, Town Sergeant, be appointed as Inspector under Part VI of the Shops (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1938, in lieu of his post as Inspector under the Shops Act, 1912, which latter post now ceases."

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DEMOLITION ORDERS.

The Finance Committee also recommended that Demolition Orders be made in respect of the houses occupied by Mrs. Kielty, Talbot Street; Patrick O'Brien, Faythe; and John Busher, King Street. The requirements of Section 23 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, had been complied with in each case, and no undertaking had been accepted with regard to the carrying out of works or the future user of the dwellings. It was therefore agreed on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Alderman Walsh, to adopt the Committee's recommendation, and the Orders were sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

VACANT SEATS.

In accordance with Notice given, Councillor Murphy (on behalf of Councillor Moran who was unavoidably absent) moved that the two seats on the Council formerly held by Thomas Doyle (Deceased) and William Cullimore (Resigned) be declared vacant. Councillor Dunne seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to; and the following two Declarations were sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation:-

APPLICATION OF ENACTMENTS ORDER, 1898.

"Whereas on the 26th day of June, 1934, Thomas Doyle was elected as Councillor for St. Selskar Ward of the Borough of Wexford.

And Whereas since the date of said Election Thomas Doyle has died.

Now Therefore, We, the said Corporation of Wexford, in pursuance of Article 12 (10) of the aforesaid Order hereby declare the office of Councillor for St. Selskar Ward, formerly held by Thomas Doyle, to be vacant.

And we further declare that a Declaration to this effect at, on or near the outer door of the Town Hall, Wexford, shall be deemed to be sufficient notice of the said vacancy for all purposes.

Given under our hands and Corporate Seal this
13th day of June, 1938.

R. Corish, Mayor.)	Three members
) of the said
James Murphy.)	Corporation.
Thomas Dunne.))

Countersigned: John J. Byrne, Town Clerk."

APPLICATION OF ENACTMENTS ORDER 1898

"Whereas on the 26th day of June, 1934, William Cullimore was elected as Alderman for St. Mary's Ward of the Borough of Wexford.

And Whereas since the date of said Election (to wit on the 4th day of April, 1938) Alderman Cullimore tendered his resignation as a member of the St. Mary's Ward of the Borough of Wexford, which resignation was accepted by the Corporation at a Statutory Meeting held on the 3rd day of May, 1938.

Now Therefore, We, the said Corporation of Wexford in pursuance of Article 12 (10) of the aforesaid Order, hereby declare the Office of Alderman for St. Mary's Ward, formerly held by William Cullimore, to be vacant.

And We Further Direct that a Declaration to this effect at, on, or near the outer door of the Town Hall, Wexford, shall be deemed to be sufficient notice of the said vacancy for all purposes.

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Given under our hands and Corporate Seal this 13th day of June, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight.

R. Corish, Mayor,) Three members
Thomas Lunn,) of the said
James Murphy,) Corporation.

Countersigned: John J. Byrne, Town Clerk."

INQUIRY INTO DELAY OF HOUSING SCHEMES ETC.

In accordance with Notice given, Councillor Connolly moved:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to hold an inquiry into the delay and holding-up of Building Schemes; and into the delay in carrying out the work of making and repairing Roads, Streets, and Footpaths."

Councillor Dunne seconded.

At the outset, Councillor Connolly complained that when he handed in his motion, he requested the Town Clerk to furnish the members with copies of the Housing Committee's Minutes for the past three years. This had not been done, and he strongly protested against it. The Town Clerk replied that he had no recollection of the request, and even if it had been made he had not sufficient staff at his disposal to have all these Minutes copied and circulated. No other member present appeared to have any recollection of the Councillor making such a request.

The Councillor thereupon referred to the delay in the erection of the Bungalows and Fire Station at Davitt Road, North, and the houses at William Street. He also referred to the proposal to develop a Housing Site at Green Street, but was informed that sanction to the purchase of the necessary lands had not yet been received.

As regards the Roads, Streets and Footpaths in the Borough, he complained that some of the streets were in a bad condition for want of repair, and that materials should have been prepared for the present Relief Works to permit of them being commenced as soon as sanction was received.

He also asked for details of Estimates, Costs, Etc. of a variety of works over the past few years, but was informed that the information could not be supplied at a moment's notice. If he gave the Town Clerk a note of the information he required, it would be made available as soon as possible.

The Councillor also complained of the brevity of the Minutes of the Housing Committee, and intimated that in his opinion they did not contain sufficient information of the activities of that Body. Councillors Dunne, Billington and the Mayor (members of the Committee) however, totally disagreed with Councillor Connolly's contention, and stated that the Minutes always contained an accurate record of the Committee's deliberations.

The Mayor stated that as regards the Housing Schemes mentioned by Councillor Connolly, the Davitt Road one had been before the Local Government Department for the past twelve months, and as far as he could ascertain the delay was due to the inclusion of the Fire Station with the Bungalows, which was dealt with by a separate section.

As to the William Street Scheme, the Minister had refused last year to sanction the erection of five-roomed dwellings, and then a difference had arisen between the Committee and the Department regarding the type of four-roomed house proposed, but eventually sanction had been accorded to the original proposal to erect five-roomed houses.

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Eventually it was agreed that Councillor Connolly should submit a memo. to the Town Clerk setting out the information he required, and the motion was adjourned.

At this stage the Mayor gave notice he would move that the Winter Relief Grant be expended on the concreting of Rowe Street, Bride Street, and the completion of the concreting of the Faythe.

TENDER FOR HOUSES & FIRE STATION.

Only one tender was submitted in response to a public advertisement for the erection of a Fire Station and Eight Bungalows at Davitt Road, North; and fourteen five-roomed houses at William Street. Before the tender was opened, the Town Clerk read a letter which he had received from the Saorstát Eireann Federation of Building Trades Employers calling attention to the fact that the advertisement made no reference to Bills of Quantities. The Federation had issued instructions that in all cases where the value of work exceeded £2,000 Bills of Quantities should be provided. The letter further stated that the Local Government Department was definitely in favour of the provision of such Bills by Local Authorities.

A letter was also read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 4th instant, No. H.16446, stating with reference to the proposal to erect Eight Bungalows for the members of the Fire Brigade that no subsidy would be payable on the Scheme unless it was related to Section 6 (5) of the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932, and the Regulations made thereunder.

As regards the first letter, the members did not think that Bills of Quantities were necessary for the erection of Working Class Houses, and as to the last communication it was thought that when the time arrived to allocate the Bungalows, there would be no difficulty in relating them to the Section quoted.

The tender was thereupon opened and found to be from Mr. Richard B. Nolan of Waterford, who intimated that the Estimates were submitted subject to both or neither being accepted.

He quoted for:-

(1) Eight Bungalows, Plan G.1, including House Drains, Garden Paths and Divisions, Fences (Front and Back) £2731. 0. 0.

(2) Development, including front Boundary fencing, Footpaths, Main Drain and Water Services----- 226. 0. 0.

Total for Eight Bungalows----- £2957. 0. 0.
or £369. 12. 6 each.

(3) The Fire Station, including Drainage, Water Services, Bituminous Macadam area, kerbing and Fencing-----66----- 717.15. 0.

The Borough Surveyor's original Estimate (made in January 1937) was:-

Eight Bungalows (including development)----- £2644. 0. 0.
Fire Station Do. 365. 0. 0.

Total----- £3009. 0. 0.

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This Estimate was subsequently increased in September, 1937, by Five per cent. to cover increases in the cost of materials, so that the Surveyor's Estimate was £2776 for the Bungalows and £383 for the Fire Station, making a total of £3156. Mr. Nolan's quotation for the erection of Fourteen Five-roomed houses at William Street, including development was £7971. 9. 6. or £569. 7. 10 per house.

The Surveyor's original Estimate for building the houses (made in May, 1937) was £488 per house in solid block walls. Since this Estimate was made, cement has increased by 15/- per ton, which would amount to an increase of approximately £12 per house.

The Corporation considered that the prices quoted by Mr. Nolan were much too high, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was unanimously decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to permit the two Schemes to be carried out by Direct Labour.

WATER WORKS.

With reference to Minutes of the 16th ultimo, when an interim report was received from Messrs. Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers, regarding the proposal to utilise the water from the River Sow to supply the Town, they now forwarded a report of their complete proposals for the purpose.

The following is the Report, a copy of which had been sent to each member before the present meeting:-

"Further to our report of the 12th instant, re the urgency of laying a pipe line from Edenvale to Coolree as part of the proposed waterworks improvement scheme, we now submit the following report and provisional estimate for the scheme as a whole.

There is ample water at present in the River Sow at Edenvale, and we think there will be ample under the worst conditions of drought. We have had four months with very small rainfall and the measured flow was as follows:-

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Measured Flow.</u>
20th April, 1938	10,930,000 gals. per diem.
29th " "	11,085,000 " " "
11th May "	8,941,000 " " "

We think the flow at Edenvale will not fall below 6,000,000 gallons per diem before the Autumn rains come, when the Coolree catchment will a gain yield sufficient to meet the Wexford demand in full.

Wexford may be assumed to want approximately 500,000 gals. per day at present. There is no question of the River Sow falling below this point, and if the worst came to the worst this quantity could be pumped by use of an auxiliary engine.

The River Sow at Edenvale falls approximately 51ft over a distance of some 130 yards. Two mills at the top of the fall use, or have used, all the water for the first 20 ft. or so of the fall, one mill is now derelict. From below the tailraces of the mills a ll the water falls for a further approximate 30ft, and beyond the foot of the falls to tide level no use is made of the River.

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We propose to utilise the waste power of the river, i.e., the bottom 30ft of the falls, to pump the water required by Wexford from the foot of the falls to Coolree Reservoir from where it will be drawn off to Wexford by the existing mains.

To do the pumping, hydrostats will be installed at the falls. A pipeline from the hydrostats across country, crossing the Slaney by Ferrycarrig Bridge, will discharge into Coolree Reservoir, and we propose to keep the reservoir as nearly full as possible so as to take full advantage of the storage to effect preliminary purification.

With 6 million gals/diem. and a 30ft fall, some 378,000 gals. can be automatically pumped to Coolree, and which, coupled with the calculated average minimum inflow at Coolree at 73,000 gals/diem. and 38,700,000 gals. storage, would give $6\frac{1}{2}$ months reserve at a demand of 650,000 gals/diem in Wexford, thus leaving an ample margin for further development.

The whole scheme we propose consists, therefore, of:-

- (a) A small intake chamber containing a strainer, a weir below the outlets from the mills, and provision of drains from mills to below the weir.
- (b) The hydrostats or automatic pumping machines and their drive pipe or pipes. Housing and tail race.
- (c) The pipeline 7" or 8" dia. and $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles long from Edenvale to Coolree.
- (d) Water rights and wayleaves will have to be acquired, to allow of this work being done.
- (e) The water from Edenvale will have to be filtered; and it has long been recognised that water from Coolree requires filtration.
We propose to deal with all water going to Wexford by means of one set of filters immediately below Coolree dam.
- (f) The 12" main from Coolree to Wexford will have to be cleaned and relined, as will also several branch mains.
- (g) There will be loss of pressure from Coolree, due to the installation of the filters. This will adversely affect the upper parts of the town where pressure is already inadequate.
We propose to meet this by the alteration of mains near, and installation of a hydrostat at, Monument Cross, and the construction of a water tower at some suitable point from which the upper part of the town will be commanded, and the laying of a new main 9" dia. between the hydrostat and the Tower.
- (h) Contemporaneously with the above, the town mains to be sectionalised, services provided with stopcocks, and leakage taken up systematically.

We add herewith an approximate provisional estimate of the cost of the work proposed, amounting to £25,300, inclusive of all expenses, fees and Clerk of Works' Salary.

This sum should cover everything in connection with contract works, but does not include for the work on services in the town recommended to be carried out by the Borough Surveyor estimated

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at £1,100, or for fees and expenses due to the Engineers for reports and plans of alternative schemes made over the past few years, amounting to £933. 10. 3.

These items bring the gross estimated total to £27,333.

It is proposed to carry out certain small works in the streams entering Coolree, involving the building of a concrete measuring weir in the main stream, and concrete proportioning weirs or other device on the secondary stream, to give a fixed amount of compensation water to landowners and others where this stream divides beside the wall road near Mr. Malone's entry. Such work may amount to £100 and has not been included as a separate item in the Estimate, but is covered by "Contingencies".

Owing to the urgent need for the bringing in of a supplementary supply, as set out in our report dated 12th May, 1938, it is proposed that a separate contract be let as soon as possible for Item (c) in the Estimate - the pipeline from Edenvale to Coolree, and a separate estimate is therefore given for same including for pipeline, Water Rights, Wayleaves, and for the hiring (if necessary) of an engine and pump, pending the installation of the hydrostats, amounting to £10,520. 0. 0.

The cost of this contract plus fees and expenses and clerk of Works for 2 months is covered in the general estimate for the whole scheme. The necessary survey, plans, quantities, and specification can be completed within ten days of receipt of sanction which, if received within the next few days, would enable tenders to be obtained by the 10th June and the work to be completed under a penalty and bonus clause by 8th August.

We have information that Asbestos cement pipes, an alternative worthy of consideration, are subject to a delay of 12 weeks after order, and that Staunton concrete lined pipes can be delivered immediately ex stock.

We suggest that, as soon as quantities are prepared, the Council should order the pipes, to avoid delay in delivery, a clause to be inserted in the specification to cover the Contractors taking them over at cost."

PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE.

	£,
(a) A reinforced concrete weir with sluice gates and intake screen, approximately 36' long and averaging 2' high founded on rock-----	250.
Reinforced intake tank approximately 8' x 5' in plan, down stream weir at South end of same, with upward sand strainer and wash-out valve-----	80.
Laying 4" drain pipes for Shortle Mill and Murphy Mill to down stream weir, 90 yds. in all and connecting up-----	50.
(b) Two hydrostats, each capable of taking approximately 3 million gals/diem drive water with 30ft head, pumping 189,250 gals/diem - 378,500 gals/diem total against an overall head of approximately 300ft including friction, with connections, etc.-----	1,000

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	Forward.	£. 1,380
65 yds. of 24" diam. C.I. drive water pipe from Intake Chamber to hydrostats, laid on south bank, carried where necessary on concrete piers-----		250.
House, containing hydrostats complete-----		150.
Tail race, open channel, revetted, 60 yds.-----		80.
(c) 8" dia. concrete lined C.I. pipe.		
1 2/3rds. miles, Class A.) 5 1/2 miles in place, includ-		
3 1/2 miles, Class B.) ing excavation and refill-		
1/3rd miles, Class C.) ing, specials, etc.-----		8,500.
(d) Water rights at Edenvale, and land for pipes and buildings-----		350. ?
Wayleaves for pipeline to Coolree-----		150 ?
(e) Filters at Coolree-----		2,500
(f) Scraping and relining of 12" main-----		3,000
Scraping and relining of subsidiary mains-----		900
(g) Hydrostat at Monument Cross, housed in pit, connected into 12" main, and alterations to mains in John St.--		500
9" main from Hydrostat to Water Tower-----		1,000
Water tower to contain 120/160,000 gals.		2,300
Land for same-----		50
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5% for Contingencies-----		£21,120 1,560.
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Engineering, Legal and General Fees and expenses at 10%-----		22,680 2,268
Clerk of Works: 12 months at 6gns. per week and expenses-----		352
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NOTE: The cost of the works required in the Town and to be carried out by the Borough Surveyor on the sectionalising of the mains system and putting in of stopcocks is not included for above. Estimate: £1,100.

Fees and expenses due to the Engineers for past services in connection with the Waterworks are also not included, amount £933. 10. 3.

These items bring the gross estimated total to £27,333. 10. 3."

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All the members intimated they were satisfied that the Scheme proposed by the Engineers was the best which could be obtained and would give Wexford a plentiful supply of pure water, and they thought that it should be proceeded with as soon as possible. Thereupon, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by the Mayor, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted, viz.:-

"That the scheme proposed by Messrs. Delap and Waller for the improvement of the Wexford Waterworks, as set out above, be, and is hereby, adopted; and for that purpose that the necessary steps to obtain a Provisional Order for the acquisition of lands, etc., be taken; and that application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for approval of the scheme, and for sanction to the raising of a Loan of £27,333 to finance the Scheme."

The Meeting then terminated.

*Richard Cairns T.D.
Mayor of Wexford*

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held this day at the close of the above meeting. The same members (with the exception of Councillor Sinnott and the Mayor) being present.

Councillor Martin (in the absence of the Mayor) presided.

FIRE BRIGADE.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that he had a practice on the 11th instant, when everything worked satisfactorily. It was agreed to instruct him to hold a surprise practice on a couple of occasions in the future.

EMPLOYMENT OF RICHARD KEANE.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when it was agreed, subject to the approval of the Corporation Solicitor, to employ Keane as a carter at a fixed rate per load drawn, the Corporation Solicitor intimated that, having regard to the elasticity of the Workmens' Compensation Law which dealt with independent Contractors, he could not advise the Corporation to employ Keane without having full "Cover". As the Insurance Company had refused to insure Keane, it was seen that nothing further could be done in the matter.

LIGHTING - WHITEMILL.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had now received the quotation from the Electricity Supply Board for the Public Lighting of the Whitemill area, and asked if he should request the Local Gas Company to submit a Tender as well. It was decided to ask the Company to quote for lighting the area in the same manner as by electricity.

LOANS - S.D.A. ACTS.

Mr. Michael Coghlan, who was in arrear with his instalment under the above Acts, asked if the Corporation would permit him to pay the sum due by weekly payments, but the Town Clerk stated this was impossible. If, however, Coghlan paid up the amount now due he (Town Clerk) would be prepared to accept Monthly Instalments in advance of his annual payments.

This course was agreed to.

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LAND - MAUDLINTOWN.

The Town Clerk reported that the Surveyor and himself had inspected some vacant ground at the rear of some of the Maudlintown houses, which was becoming a dumping ground, and they both strongly recommended the Corporation to let it in with the gardens of the adjoining houses so that it could be cultivated.

The members agreed with the suggestion, and instructed the Surveyor to give effect to it.

TEMPERANCE ROW.

With reference to a proposal some time ago that the Corporation should acquire some houses at the West side of Temperance Row in order to widen the street at the junction of Spawell Road and Slaney Street, the Surveyor report against the suggestion as in his opinion it would serve no useful purpose.

He thought, however, that the corner opposite Selskar Church entrance should be widened, and it was agreed that an effort should be made to acquire the necessary land for this purpose.

NEW TOWN HALL.

It was reported that Mr. T. J. Millar, Clerk of Works (who was also Clerk of Works on the piling of the site for the proposed new Town Hall) and who had priced a Bill of Quantities for the erection of the building by Direct Labour, had been required to visit the offices of the Department in Dublin on two occasions in connection with the building. He had also received a request to have a consultation with the Architect and Quantity Surveyor on the 14th instant in Dublin. This made three journeys to Dublin in respect of which he had received no out-of-pocket expenses, so it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Connolly, that he should be paid the usual expenses of First Class Rail Fare and 10/- per day in respect of the three journeys, and for any others he might have to make in connection with the job.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The Meat Inspector applied for his usual 21 days annual leave as from the 5th prox., and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Coffey, this was granted and Mr. B. Hickey, V.S. appointed as locum at £8. 8. 0. per week; two-thirds of which would be recouped by the Department of Agriculture for work under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts and the Pigs and Bacon Acts.

On the recommendation of Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, it was agreed to serve notice on the owner of a house at William Street, occupied by James McGuire, requiring a Water Closet to be provided within one month.

The Sanitary Sub-Officer was asked to make a report on the sanitary condition of the yards of houses in Thomas Clarke Street, and the Medical Officer of Health was to be asked for a report on a house at Trinity Street occupied by Mary E. Connolly.

Under date of the 7th instant, by letter No. M.C.16338, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarded extracts from the Return Form "L" showing the number of vaccination defaulters in the Borough, and requested that necessary action be taken thereon. No action was taken on the communication.

It was agreed to serve notices fixing the time and place when any offer would be received regarding the future users of houses occupied by Patrick Sinnott, Talbot Street; William Barr, Faythe; Margaret Sane and Mary Hayes, Allen Street; and John Lacey, Faythe.

27th June, 1938.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Hall at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, Robert Coffey, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Timothy Cashman, Thomas Hayes, Phillip McGuire, James Billington, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, James McMahon, Michael Martin, James Gaul, John Billington, Patrick Hawkins, and Nicholas Connolly.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of Meeting of the Corporation on 13th instant (a copy of which had been sent to each member prior to the present meeting) were taken as read, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor McMahon, and signed by the Mayor.

ELECTION OF MAYOR.

The first business was the election of a Mayor to hold office until Quarterly Meeting to be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1939, and until his successor was appointed and had made a declaration of acceptance of office.

As on previous occasions when the Election was being carried out, Alderman Corish intimated his desire to vacate the Chair, being a candidate for the office.

Thereupon Councillor Hayes proposed that Councillor Martin should preside, and Councillor McGuire seconded.

Some members questioned the legality of this course, as for some years past, up to 1936, the second Alderman presided, but in 1937, Alderman Flusk (who was second Alderman) refused to occupy the Chair, and Councillor Martin had acted as Chairman during the Election.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk stated that the only person who had a legal right to occupy the Chair was the Mayor; in his absence the members present could appoint any Chairman they choose. The proposal that Councillor Martin take the Chair was unanimously agreed to, and Alderman Corish vacated it.

Councillor Martin then occupied the Chair, and invited nominations for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor McMahon moved that Alderman Richard Corish, T.D., be re-elected Mayor of Wexford for the Nineteenth successive year; to hold office until Quarterly Meeting to be held between the 23rd June and 1st July, 1939, and until his successor had been appointed and made a Declaration of acceptance of office.

Councillor Gaul seconded.

The motion was supported by Alderman Coffey, who congratulated Alderman Corish on his re-election to Dail Eireann, and by Councillor James Billington, who made a plea for a smaller Corporation.

The motion was also supported by Councillors Sinnott, Hayes, and Connolly.

The latter referred to the motion moved by him on the 13th instant in regard to alleged delays in carrying out Housing Schemes and Street Works, and stated that a considerable quantity of water pipes were in stock for some time past and should be used to replace worn-out mains.

As there was no other nomination, Councillor Martin declared Alderman Corish re-elected amidst applause from the members and the General Public present.

Alderman Corish then made and subscribed the Declaration of Office prescribed by Section 85 of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland)

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Act, 1840, and re-occupied the Chair.

In returning thanks for his re-election, he stated it was a pity that certain members had absented themselves from this meeting. He had always tried, with the assistance of the members, to keep Party Politics out of the Corporation, and those members, by staying away, had left the impression that it was their desire to bring politics into the administration of Municipal affairs. He reviewed the activities of the Corporation for the past twelve months and indicated the causes of the increased rate for 1938/39. With regard to Councillor Connolly's complaint that works were being unduly delayed, he suggested that a Committee should be set up to consult with the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk to see if there was any undue delay, and to try and devise means to expedite any work which had to be done. He also referred to the Winter Relief Grants, and suggested that an effort should be made to have the Government release this money before the Winter period.

At this stage a member of the Unemployed asked the Mayor and Corporation to receive a deputation regarding the alleged holding up of Works, and stated that members of the Council, when outside, were placing the blame on the Borough Surveyor. The Mayor, however, intimated that no useful purpose could be served by receiving a deputation at this stage, or until the Committee he had suggested earlier had consulted with the officials on the complaints, and intimated that the deputation would be heard at the July Statutory Meeting on the 3rd prox.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

Councillor Connolly stated that he wished to congratulate the Vocational Education Committee and their staff on the splendid work being done in the Schools, which he had an opportunity of visiting that day.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

On the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, to fix Monday, October 3rd, 1938, at 7.30 p.m.; Monday, January 2nd, 1939, at 7.30 p.m.; and Monday, April 3rd, 1939, at 7.30 p.m. as the days and hours of three Quarterly Meetings.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was agreed that the existing Committees be re-elected. They were as follows:-

FINANCE AND WORKS, WATERWORKS, AND OLD AGE PENSIONS, AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEES, of the entire Council; the latter Committee being empowered to deal with all sanitary matters arising in the Borough in pursuance of Section 5 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

HOUSING COMMITTEE: Councillors Moran, Sinnott, Crosbie, Dunne, James Billington, Hayes, Buckland, and John Billington, Aldermen Flusk, Walsh, and the Mayor.

FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE: Councillors James Billington, Connolly, Buckland, Moran, McGuire, Alderman Walsh and the Mayor.

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- CEMETERY COMMITTEE: Councillors Cashman, Murphy, Dunne, Sinnott, Buckland, McGuire, Alderman Tobin and the Mayor.
- SPECIAL RATES COMMITTEE: Councillors James Billington, Buckland, Hayes, Aldermen Flusk, Walsh and the Mayor.
- SCHOOL MEALS COMMITTEE: Councillors Crosbie, Connolly, McMahon, Alderman Walsh, Mrs. McTaminey, Miss Alice Fennell, Mrs. English, Mrs. O'Connor, and Mr. Myles Bergin.
- MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councillors Moran, Hayes, James Billington, Aldermen Walsh and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. Dowse, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. McTaminey, Mrs. English, Mrs. Kavanagh, and Miss Furlong.

As regards the Special Committee suggested by the Mayor to consult with the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk regarding the alleged holding up of works, the following were appointed to act thereon:- Councillors Moran, Sinnott, Connolly, Hayes, James Billington, with Alderman Walsh, Flusk and the Mayor.

It was also agreed that the Committee should meet on Saturday, the 2nd proximo at 3.0. p.m.

Richard J. J. 17
Mayor

A meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting. The same members being in attendance.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES INSURANCE.

It was reported that the annual General Meeting of the above would take place on the 30th instant, and it was agreed that Councillor Moran, the Corporation Delegate should attend.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

The Town Clerk reported that the audit of the accounts of the Corporation for the two years ended 31st March, 1938, would be opened at the Town Hall on Wednesday, July 6th, 1938, at 11-0 a. m. by P. Fraher, Esq., Local Government Auditor.

ASSOCIATION OF IRISH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

The Secretary of the above intimated that the Annual Conference would be held in Galway on the 13th & 14th September, 1938, and asked to have two Delegates appointed. The executive committee of the Association suggested that one of the Delegates should be the Town Clerk.

Councillor Cashman gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that two Delegates be appointed.

PUBLIC PARK.

The town Clerk intimated that he had looked up the correspondence in connection with a proposal a few years ago to establish a Public Park

and found that there were a number of interests involved, so he was asked to make a memorandum on the matter for the information of the members at his convenience.

VACANT SEATS.

The town Clerk requested two electors from St. ~~Isidore~~ Mary's and St. Selskar Wards to sign formal request to have the two seats there vacant filled, but it was agreed to adjourn the matter for the attendance of Councillor Moran who had moved the motion declaring them vacant.

WEXFORD PAINT.

With reference to the interview which a representative of the Wexford Paint Company had with the Corporation on the 30th ultimo regarding complaints of the paint used at Maudlintown, the Company now offered to paint the exterior woodwork of two houses at Maudlintown with paint of a similar price to that being supplied by the combined Purchasing Department, but on the suggestion of the Borough Surveyor it was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance until the houses at William Street and Davitt Road were being erected by Direct Labour, and then to let a sub-contract for the paintwork specifying the use of Wexford Paints.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the Month of May showed that he had examined 118 cattle, 1 calf, 387 sheep and 39 swine.

Of the cattle, one whole carcase, 13 heads and 5 fore quarters, together with 24 organs had been destrpyed for tuberculosis, and 1 partial carcase with 18 organs for other diseases. Of the calf, one organ had been destroyed for tuberculosis, and of the sheep, 8 organs were destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis. Of the swine, one head was destroyed for tuberculosis and one organ for another disease.

HOUSES UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

The Town Clerk reported that notice had been served on the owner of a house at Faythe occupied by Ambrose Stafford, intimating that the condition of the house and its future user would be considered, but no representations had been received, so it was agreed to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order in respect of it.

As regard a house at Maudlintown occupied by Sarah Doyle, the owner had been informed that in the opinion of the Corporation it could not be made fit for human habitation economically, and no offer had been received so it was also decided in this case to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order.

MILK AND DAIRIES ACT, 1935.

With reference to Minutes of the 25th April last, when the Town Clerk had been requested to communicate with a number of milk vendors whom the C. M. O. H. recommended should be refused Registration, he now reported that eight of the persons to whom he had written stated that they had carried out the recommendations made to them by the Medical officer and/or the Veterinary Inspector. These he had referred to the C. M. O. H. for a further report, and the remainedr of the applicants had not replied.

It was then decided to recommend the Corporation to make refusal Orders in the case of those who had not replied, and to await the further report of the Medical Officer on the remaining eight.

2nd July, 1938.

A meeting of the Special Committee appointed on the 27th ultime to confer with the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk regarding the alleged holding up of Work and to ascertain if there was any work waiting to be carried out, was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at three o'clock p. m.

the members present being:-

The Mayor, in the Chair, with Alderman Walsh, Councillors James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly and James Sinnott.

At the outset, the Mayor inquired from the Borough Surveyor if there was any work held up and if so for what reason.

The Surveyor replied that the only work held up was the erection of houses at William Street and Davitt Road North and the development of a housing site at Green Street. These were not held up through any fault locally as no sanction had been received from the Local Government Department to there proceeding.

He (Surveyor) however intimated that the Relief Grant Work would be held up in the coming week owing to Mr. Flood having removed the Stone-crusher to Ennisworthy.

This intimation caused grave concern to all present and a number of methods were suggested to overcome the difficulty, but none of them were considered feasible. Amongst them was one that the stones be broken by hand, but after consideration it was seen that it would be impossible to have them hand-broken to anything like an even grade.

The Surveyor, however, stated that he had been referred that morning to a man named Cleary of Tinahely who had stone crushers for hire and the meeting urged him to get in touch with this person on Monday and if necessary to go to Tinahely and try to hire one of his machines.

A suggestion was also made that the Corporation should have a crusher of their own and the Surveyor was asked to make a report on the cost of procuring and operating one.

As regards the three housing Schemes referred to above, the Town Clerk produced copies of the correspondence between the Department of Local Government and Public Health and himself since their inception and it was seen therefrom that any delay was not due to the Local Officials, and the Mayor explained that he had been speaking to the Department Officials in the past two weeks and had received a promise that some work would be sent out by Monday next. He also undertook to phone the Department on Monday if work was not received.

Reference was also made to the Completion of a road at the new Whitemill Housing Site, but the Surveyor stated that this was at present the subject of correspondence between himself and the Contractor and he would make a report to the Corporation as soon as possible. In these circumstances the matter was not further discussed.

Complaint was made about the non-completion of a footpath in front of the new houses from Windmills Hill to St. John's Road, and the Surveyor was asked to employ a mason immediately to do this work.

As regards the condition of the streets generally and the filling of pot-holes, the Surveyor suggested that a patching outfit at a cost of approximately £60 would be necessary to have this work done properly, and it was agreed to recommend the Corporation to purchase this plant.

R. Curran T.D.
Mayor

4th July, 1938.

A Statutory meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven O'clock p. m. The members present were:-
Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor, in the Chair.

Aldermen Robert Coffey, Patrick Tobin, Thomas Walsh, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors Patrick Atkins, James McMahon, Phillip McGuire, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, Patrick Hawkins, Thomas Dunne, James Sinnott, James Billington, Robert Moran, James Murphy, Nicholas Connolly, Timothy Cashman, and James Gaul.

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for approval, namely, Minutes of meeting of the Corporation on 27th ultimo (copy of which had been sent to each member beforehand) and minutes of the Finance, Etc., Committees on the 13th and 27th June, 1938.

Alderman Coffey thereupon moved that the Minutes be approved and signed. Councillor McMahon seconded.

With reference to Minutes of the Corporation on the 27th ultimo, Alderman Flusk stated he saw a statement to the effect that by certain members absenting themselves from the meeting they had brought politics into the business of the Council, and protested that the members of the Fianna Fail Party had no intention of such.

The Mayor in reply said he stated at the time that he thought it was a pity the Fianna Fail members were absent and it looked like dragging in politics.

The matter dropped and the Minutes as submitted were approved and signed.

ACCOUNTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £1,744 - 13 - 6, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved and an Advice note signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

TOWN PLANNING.

Under date of the 29th ultimo, by letter No. S(b)/1938, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health asked for a report on the progress made in connection with the preparation of a Draft Scheme.

The Mayor stated that it was very desirable that something should be done in this matter, but at the same time thought that the extension of the Borough was now due, and both could be done simultaneously, so he proposed that the matter be referred to the Special Rates Committee for a report. Alderman Coffey seconded the proposition which was adopted unanimously.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES CONFERENCE.

The Secretary of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities under date of the 16th ultimo intimated that the annual Conference of the Association would be held in Galway on the 13th & 14th September, 1938, and requested the Corporation to appoint Representatives to attend. The Executive Committee, he said, suggested that one of the Delegates ought to be the Town Clerk.

Notice of intention to appoint two Delegates had been given in accordance with the provisions of the Local Conferences Order, 1928.

Aldermen Coffey proposed that Councillors James Billington and Thomas Hayes be appointed to represent the Corporation. Councillor McMahon seconded.

Councillor Moran, however, proposed that the Mayor and Town Clerk be appointed, and Alderman Flusk seconded.

Councillor Hayes intimated that he would like to withdraw, and thereupon Councillor Sinnott proposed that the Mayor and Councillor James Billington be the two Delegates. Councillor Murphy seconded.

On a show of hands five voted for the Mayor and Town Clerk and nine for the Mayor and Councillor Billington.

The Mayor and Councillor James Billington were thereupon appointed and it was further agreed that if any of the two gentlemen were elected as members of the Executive Committee, they be authorized to attend the number of meetings of that Committee permitted by the Local Conferences Order.

DEMOLITION ORDERS.

The next business was the making of Demolition Orders in respect of two houses at Faythe and Maudlintown occupied by Ambrose Stafford and Sarah Doyle. Notice had been served on the owners in accordance with the requirements of Section 23 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, and no undertaking had been accepted with regard to the carrying out of works or the future user of the houses, so on the Motion of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Atkins, the Orders were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

MILK AND DAIRIES ACT, 1935.

There were submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a number of Refusal Orders under the above Act on the recommendation of the County Medical Officer of Health. This matter was before the Public Health Committee some time ago when the Town Clerk was directed to write to all the vendors pointing out that unless they carried out the recommendations made by the Medical Officer and Veterinary Inspector within 14 days the Corporation would be compelled to make the Orders. Only 8 of those to whom he had written replied, and they stated that they had carried out the recommendations made, so he (Town Clerk) explained that he had referred the eight applications back to the C. M. O. H. for a further report, and it was in respect of those applicants who had not replied that the meeting was asked to make the Orders.

Some members considered that to make the Orders suggested would be a great hardship on some of the applicants, although the Town Clerk pointed out that each person had the right to appeal against the decision of the Corporation to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and that such an appeal could be made without expense.

Alderman Walsh proposed that the making of the Orders be adjourned and in the Meantime the Public Health Committee consult with the C. M. O. H. and the Veterinary Inspector as to what instructions they had given to the different applicants regarding the improvements necessary to comply with the provisions of the Statute.

Councillor Connolly seconded the motion which was agreed to.

WINTER RELIEF GRANTS.

Under date of the 10th ultimo, by letter No. RU/205/8, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health requested the submission of a Scheme of Works to cost £4,826 - of which the Corporation would be required to contribute £665 the balance of £4,161 being met by the State.

In this connection the Mayor had given notice that he would move that the money be expended on the re-surfacing of Rowe Street, Bride Street, and the completion of the Faythe, in concrete, and the following report from the Borough Surveyor was submitted.

"I have gone into the matter of providing a Scheme along the lines suggested by the Mayor in his notice of motion and I wish to report as follows:-

1. Surface in reinforced concrete the remaining part of Faythe and Castle Hill Street (4600 sup. yds. approx.) £3,326.
 2. Surface in reinforced concrete Bride Street from Junction with Roche's Road to Main Street ----- £ 750
 3. Surface in reinforced concrete Upper & Lower Rowe St. _____ 750
- Total ----- £4,826.

In regard to 3. I suggest as an alternative - surfacing in concrete Roche's Road and the provision of a concrete footpath on the east side of Road at an inclusive cost of £750.

My reason for making this suggestion is that I consider Rowe Street Lower too steep for concrete, having regard to the fact that horse-drawn traffic has such a sharp turn at the junction with Main Street.

With regard to No. 1. it will be necessary to relay the sewer in Castlehill Street and it will also be necessary to make some alterations in the watermains at Swan View (Faythe).

In the case of No. 2. it will be necessary to provide a new sewer instead of the existing one.

Accordingly it will be necessary for the Corporation to provide a sum of approximately £200 to carry out these necessary repairs before the concreting work could be commenced.

(Signed) P. K. McNally.

The Mayor then moved the adoption of the Surveyor's Report with the alternative suggested for No. 3, namely that Bride Street, Roche's Road and Castlehill Street be surfaced in reinforced concrete and that the resurfacing of the Faythe in concrete be completed. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

It was further agreed, in view of the large numbers of unemployed, that the Department be asked to release this money immediately and not to wait until the winter months.

As regards the Surveyor's Report on the renewal of sewers and watermains, the Mayor gave notice that he would move that this work be carried out and the Surveyor was instructed to prepare plans, and estimates as soon as possible, and a Special Meeting of the Corporation was to be convened to consider those as soon as they were ready.

ALLEGED HOLDING-UP OF WORK.

With reference to Minutes of the 27th ultimo when a special Committee had been appointed to consult with the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk regarding the alleged holding-up of work and to ascertain if there was any work waiting to be carried out, the Town Clerk reported that the Committee had met on the 2nd instant, the members present being:- The Mayor, in the Chair, with Aldermen Walsh, Councillors James Billington, Thomas ~~Hayes~~ Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, and James Sinnott.

At the outset the Mayor inquired from the Surveyor if there was any work held up and if so for what reason. The Surveyor replied that the only work held up was the erection of houses at William Street and Davitt Rd. North, and the Development of a Housing site at Green Street. These were not held up through any fault locally as no sanction had been received from the Local Government Department to their proceeding.

He (Surveyor) however intimated that the relief Grant work would be held up during the coming week owing to Mr. Flood having removed the stone-crusher to Enniscorthy.

This intimation caused grave concern to all present and a number of methods were suggested to overcome the difficulty but none of them were considered feasible. Amongst them was one that the stones be broken by hand, but after consideration it was seen that it would be impossible to have them hand-broken to anything like an even grade.

The surveyor, however, stated that he had been referred that morning to a man named Cleary of Tinahely who had stone-crushers for hire and the meeting urged him to get in touch with this person on Monday and if necessary to go to Tinahely and try to hire one of his machines. A suggestion was also made that the Corporation should have a crusher of their own and the Surveyor was asked to make a report on the cost of procuring and operating one.

As regards the three housing schemes referred to above, the Town Clerk produced copies of the correspondence between the Department of Local Government and Public Health and himself since their inception and it was seen therefrom that any delay was not due to the local officials. The Mayor also explained that he had been speaking to the Officials of the Department in the past two weeks and had received a promise that some word would be sent out by Monday next. He also undertook to 'phone the Department on Monday if word was not received.

Reference was also made to the completion of a road at the new Whitemill housing site, but the Surveyor stated that this was at present the subject of correspondence between himself and the contractor and he would make a report to the Corporation as soon as possible. In these circumstances the matter was not further discussed.

Complaint was then made about the non-completion of a footpath in front of the new houses on the Road from Windmills Hill to St. John's Road and the Surveyor was asked to employ a mason immediately to do this work.

As regards the condition of the streets generally and the filling of potholes, the Surveyor suggested that a patching outfit at a cost of approximately £60 would be necessary to have this work done properly, so it was agreed to recommend the Corporation to purchase this plant,

The members of the Committee present agreed that the foregoing report was an accurate record of the proceedings.

As to the stone-crusher, the Town Clerk intimated that he had telegraphed to Mr. Cleary of Tinahely that morning and had received a reply that the crushers were at present working, but that they would be ready soon and he was writing.

The Mayor also intimated that he had got in touch with the County Surveyor but he was unable to lend the Corporation a crusher at present.

As to the Housing Schemes, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 2nd instant, by letter No. H.6547/3/38, stated he would raise no objection to the proposal of the Corporation to erect 14 five-roomed houses at William Street by direct labour. The work should not be commenced until the loan was available and the form of application for sanction to the Loan was returned for amendment in accordance with the Engineer's revised estimate.

This was considered satisfactory and the Surveyor was instructed to make any amendments necessary in his estimate with the least possible delay.

As to the Davitt Road and Green Street Schemes, the Mayor stated that he had 'phoned the Department that Morning and had been informed that they were being dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

As to the Committee recommendation regarding the purchase of a patching plant, it was agreed to adopt same on the Motion of Ald. Walsh seconded by Councillor James Billington.

At the request of Councillor Connolly a complaint from some of the residents of Cornmarket about the condition of the roadway was read and it was agreed to have it repaired.

WAGES REDUCTION.

At this stage Alderman Flusk referred to a statement made by the Mayor during the recent General Election campaign to the effect that the Fianna Fail members of the Corporation had voted for a reduction in the wages of the Corporation employees, and asked the Town Clerk to produce the minute relating thereto.

The Town Clerk replied that he had no recollection of it, and the Mayor stated it happened in connection with the rate estimates in 1929, so after a little delay the Town Clerk produced the Minutes of a meeting of the Corporation on 2nd April, 1929, when Councillor James Murphy proposed, and Councillor Connick seconded a motion to reduce the estimate for the maintenance of Streets and Footpaths by twopence following a discussion as to the advisability of reducing the wages of the workmen which, it was then contended, were higher than they should have been.

The Alderman held on the one hand that these two men were acting as private individuals and not as members of the Fianna Fail Party, while the Mayor, on the other hand, held that they were elected as members of that Party, and consequently were acting as such.

After some further discussion the matter was dropped.

UNEMPLOYED DEPUTATION.

The agenda for the meeting having been finished it was agreed to receive a deputation representing the unemployed of the Town who were waiting outside, and four men entered the room.

Mr. John Kinsella who acted as spokesman for the deputation protested against the presence of members of the Garda Siochana in the building, but was informed that they were not there with the wishes of the Corporation.

Proceeding Mr. Kinsella, stated their principal object was to try and ascertain who was responsible for the holding up of work. They had information from the Government Department that money and sites were available for the erection of houses at Maudlintown, Davitt Road, and the new Town Hall.

He also stated that members of the Corporation outside the meetings were blaming the Borough Surveyor, but when pressed to give the names of the members refused to do so, as he did not consider it the proper time and place.

It was explained to the deputation that the Corporation were doing their utmost to have the schemes on hand put through the Department with as little delay as possible and they had passed a resolution calling on the Government to issue the winter relief grant immediately. It was also explained to them that the Special Committee appointed on the 27th Ultimo had met on Saturday last and had ascertained that there was no delay locally in regard to the works mentioned. The Corporation had done everything they were asked to do by the Department, and could not start any of them until sanction was received.

The Deputation also asked that all men should be employed through the Local Labour Exchange and that those longest idle be given first preference with 25% of single men, and that all be given the same period of employment. They were assured that no member of the Corporation had any desire to be engaged in the work of selecting men for employment and that when work was available they would be employed.

Councillor Dunne suggested that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health should again be asked to sanction the employment of an assistant to the Borough Surveyor in order to expedite the work, but no action was taken on it.

The discussion with the Deputation was prolonged for over an hour, but eventually they left with the assurance that the Corporation were doing everything possible to have work started.

The meeting then terminated.

R. C. C. T-1
mayor

4th July, 1938.

At a meeting of the Finance & Works Committee held at the close of the above meeting (The same members being in attendance) the Sanitary sub-Officer applied for and was granted his usual two weeks leave of absence.

R. C. C. T-1
mayor

12th July, 1938.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past Eight o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Walsh and Flusk, and Councillors Cosbie, James Billington, Dunne, Moran, and Hayes.

WHITEMILL HOUSES.

The Town Clerk submitted a Statement of costs, and Estimate of rents required to be charged in connection with the 62 houses nearing completion at Whitemill, but a final decision was adjourned to enable him to re-cast the figures having regard to the fact that subsidy would only be payable up to a maximum cost of £300 per house.

VACANT HOUSES.

The Town Clerk also reported that there were three houses vacant at Maudlintown, and to allocate them to tenants he proposed to convene a Special Meeting of the Corporation for the 18th instant, and asked if the Committee wished to make any recommendations as to the tenants.

He submitted a list of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders had been made, but the most of them were in Talbot Street, and the members thought that the occupants would prefer to wait for the Whitemill houses instead of going to Maudlintown, so it was decided to recommend a Frank Kehoe, who was living in an overcrowded house at Parnell Street; John Gaul, who was living in lodgings at Faythe; and Patrick O'Brien, who was living in a condemned house at Faythe, for the three vacancies.

ARREARS OF RENT.

Arising out of this, a question was asked if any of the three tenants, who had left those houses, were in arrear, and it was pointed out that they were all in arrear, so the Rent Collector was to be instructed to take all necessary steps to recover the sums due up to the time they gave up possession of the houses, and enquiries were also to be made as to where Thomas Dalton had gone to reside as members seemed to be under the impression that he had gone to live in a house that had already been condemned.

GREEN STREET SCHEME.

As regards the Green Street Scheme, the Town Clerk again read all the correspondence which had passed between himself and the Department of Local Government and Public Health in relation to this scheme, and pointed out that everything required to be done had been done by the local officials, and that no further progress could be made until sanction to the purchase of the site had been received.

COMPLETION OF WHITEMILL HOUSES.

The Town Clerk also read correspondence which had passed between himself and the Contractors for the Whitemill houses, during which he pointed out to the Contractors that they were over their time and were liable to a penalty of £25 per week. The Contractors pointed out that certain delays had occurred, but had failed to give particulars of these delays when asked by the Town Clerk.

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It was decided to take no action on the correspondence for the moment.

It was also agreed that a Meeting of the Committee should be held on Monday, 18th instant, after the usual Committee Meetings, if time permitted, and in the meantime the Town Clerk was to re-cast the figures for the Whitemill houses and submit a copy of them to the members before the next meeting.

Councillors: James Billington, Nicholas Connolly, John Billington, Patrick Atkins, James Walsh, Thomas Doyle, James Gault, Thomas Doyle, and James Gault.

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ALLOCATION OF VACANT HOUSES

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The first business was a recommendation from the Housing Committee that three houses at Whitemill be allocated to Frank Laker, Barnall Street; Thomas Gault, The Faythe (who were residing in overcrowded houses) and Patrick O'Brien, Faythe, who was residing in a house which had been condemned as unfit for human habitation. As regards the recommendation of Laker, he withdrew his application and asked for consideration for a house at Whitemill. His reason was that his wife, who was a maternity nurse, would prefer to be living in the Whitemill Area where there was no other nurse, whereas there was at least four of them residing in the Whitemill Area.

Whereupon Councillor Connolly moved that the request of Laker be granted, and that the Housing Committee's recommendation regarding Laker and O'Brien be adopted, and Councillor Gault assented. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

It will now then be taken in the applications received for the vacant houses, and these were:-

For Lawrence Doyle, Councillors Gault, Doyle, Gault, Atkins, Connolly, Connolly, James Billington, Alderman Tobin, Walsh, and the Mayor---2H.

For Peter Murphy, Councillors Laker, Moran, Atkins, and Gault Quayt Alderman Fluck---2H.

For Patrick Connolly: Councillor John Billington-----1.

As, having a majority of the members present, was declared the result.

Councillor Martin attended at this stage.

SEWERS AND ALTERNATES.

The next business was to consider a motion to be moved by the Mayor "That new sewers be laid at Bride Street and Castlehill Street, with alterations to sewer at Rose Street, and that new sewers be laid at Rose Street and Bride Street, with alterations to sewer at Rose View, Castlehill Street, and Rose Street (junction with Rose Street)".

In reference to this matter, the following report from the Borough Surveyor was read:-

"In view of the proposed widening of Bride Street, The Faythe, and Castlehill Street, I find that improvements to existing Sewer and Water Services in these streets are

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A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, Michael Flusk, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: James Billington, Nicholas Connolly, John Billington, Patrick Atkins, James McMahon, Patrick Hawkins, James Gaul, Thomas Hayes, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, and James Crosbie.

ALLOCATION OF VACANT HOUSES.

The first business was a recommendation from the Housing Committee that three houses at Maudlintown be allocated to Frank Kehoe, Parnell Street; Thomas Gaul, The Faythe (who were residing in overcrowded houses) and Patrick O'Brien, Faythe, who was residing in a house which had been condemned as unfit for human habitation. As regards the recommendation of Kehoe, he withdrew his application and asked for consideration for a house at Whitemill. His reason was that his wife, who was a maternity nurse, would prefer to be living in the Whitemill Area where there was no other nurse, whereas there was at least four of them residing in the Maudlintown area.

Thereupon Councillor Connolly moved that the request of Kehoe be granted, and that the Housing Committee's recommendation regarding Gaul and O'Brien be adopted, and Councillor Crosbie seconded.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

A poll was then taken on the applications received for the vacant houses, when there voted:-

For Laurence Doyle, The Faythe:	Councillors Crosbie, Hayes, Gaul, Hawkins, McMahon, Connolly, James Billington, Aldermen Tobin, Walsh, and the Mayor-----10.
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For Peter Murphy, Paul Quay:	Councillors Dunne, Moran, Atkins, and Alderman Flusk----- 4.
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For Patrick Connolly:	Councillor John Billington----- 1.
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Doyle, having a majority of the members present, was declared the tenant.

Councillor Martin attended at this stage.

SEWERS AND WATERMAINS.

The next business was to consider a motion to be moved by the Mayor "That new sewers be laid at Bride Street and Castlehill Street, with alterations to sewer at Rowe Street, and that new watermains be laid at Rowe Street and Bride Street, with alterations to mains at Swan View, Castlehill Street, and Main Street (junction with Rowe Street)"

In reference to this matter, the following report from the Borough Surveyor was read:-

"In view of the proposed concreting of Bride Street, The Faythe, and Castlehill Street, I find that improvements to existing Sewer and Water Services in these streets are

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necessary. I wish to report on the necessary improvements, and estimate the costs as follows:-

BRIDE STREET:

217 lin. yds. 9" sewer with manholes, etc.	£430. 0. 0.
217 " " 5" Watermain with services, etc.	210. 0. 0.

CASTLEHILL STREET:

80 lin. yds. 12" sewer with manholes, etc.	200. 0. 0.
Alterations to watermains at Castlehill Street/Barrack Street junction-----	40. 0. 0.

THE FAYTHE:

Alteration to 4" Watermain at Swan View	30. 0. 0.
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ROWE STREET:

174 lin. yds. 5" watermain with services, etc.	200. 0. 0.
Alteration to 4" watermain at junction of North Main Street and Rowe Street-----	40. 0. 0.
Alterations to sewer in Rowe Street-----	20. 0. 0.

Total Estimate-----	£1170. 0. 0.
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The Mayor thereupon moved his motion in accordance with the report of the Borough Surveyor, and Councillor Gaul seconded.

The motion was unanimously agreed to, and it was further agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, to seek the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the raising of a Loan of £1170 from the Local Loans Fund to finance the improvements detailed above.

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Mayor

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the same members being in attendance.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

The Town Clerk referred to a decision of the Corporation on the 4th instant to send delegates to the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities, and stated he was under the impression at the time that the Mayor and Councillor James Billington had been appointed to represent the Corporation and that Councillor Hayes had withdrawn his nomination. According to the press report the Town Clerk's impression was incorrect and Councillors James Billington and Hayes were the delegates selected. The members present agreed that the press report was correct, and the Town Clerk was asked to make the necessary alteration in the nomination.

TEMPORARY TYPIST.

With reference to the proposal made some time ago to appoint a temporary typist to relieve pressure of work in the Town Clerk's Office in connection with Relief Grants, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 14th instant, by letter No. RU/205/32, intimated that no objection would be raised to the employment of a temporary Clerk-Typist with remuneration at the rate of 30/- per week up to the 31st March next. Recruitment should be by way of Competitive Examination in the Technical Schools, and he enclosed model Conditions of Appointment.

The members agreed that the position should be advertised, and the Town Clerk was to make arrangements for the conducting of the examination.

PUBLIC LIGHTING AT WHITEMILL.

The Town Clerk reported that the Five Years Contract with the Wexford Gas Company for the lighting of the Wolfe Tone Villas Area expired this year, and tenders had been asked from the Gas Company and the Electricity Supply Board for the continuance of the lighting, together with the lighting of the new Housing Site adjoining.

The number of lights required for the two estates would be seven, four of which would be lighting from sunset to midnight, and three from sunset to dawn.

The Gas Company quoted on the basis of a Five Year Contract at £3. per lamp for midnight lights, and £4. 5. 0. for all-night lights, which amounted to £24. 15. 0. per annum.

The Electricity Supply Board asked, in the first instance, for a sum of £78. 2. 5. to cover the cost of extending the Board's network. This could be paid by instalments of £15. 9. 9. per annum over the balance of the Corporation's Contract period for the General Lighting System.

The cost of the lights would be:- Midnight lights £3. per annum, and All-night lights £5.6. 2.

This showed that the Board's price for the lighting would be £27. 18. 6 plus £15. 9.9. for the extension, making a total of £43. 8.3. per annum as against £24. 15. 0. by the Gas Company.

As regards the lighting standard, the Town Clerk intimated that he had informed the Gas Company that they would be required to quote against the equivalent of a 200 watt electric lamp, which was, according to British Standard Specification, 231 Mean Spherical Candle power. It was thereupon unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to accept the tender of the Gas Company for the public lighting at Whitemill.

MILK BONUS.

It was agreed to pay the usual bonus of 5% to the Town Clerk, Miss K. Lacey, and Miss F. M. Daly, for the administration of the National Free Milk Supply Scheme in the Borough for 1937/38.

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DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

The Town Clerk intimated that the Drinking Fountain, which had recently been presented by the Corporation was in transit to Wexford, and asked for instructions as to where it was to be placed.

A number of suggestions were made, but it appeared that most of them would interfere with traffic arrangements, so the matter was adjourned to enable the Borough Surveyor to consult with the local Superintendent of the Garda Soichana as to where would be the most suitable place for the fountain in which it would not interfere with the traffic.

STONEBRIDGE RIVER.

Councillor Connolly asked the Borough Surveyor to inspect and make a report on the condition of the Stonebridge River.

AMOUNT OF PETROL USED.

The Town Clerk reported that during the course of the audit of the accounts of the Corporation the Auditor had called his attention to the fact that there did not seem to be any check on the use of petrol by the lorry drivers, and the Borough Surveyor had also been called into consultation on the matter. They were both compelled to agree with the Auditor that there was not a sufficient check on this commodity, and the only way in which it could be checked was by the erection of an underground tank with a pump which could be locked and which would show at any time the quantity of petrol in the tank, and the amount taken out within a given period. Over the week-end he (Town Clerk) had come across a petrol pump which had been removed to make way for an electric one at the garage of Mr. Richard Roche, Redmond Road, and he believed the pump could be purchased for approximately £15 to £20. He had discussed the matter with the Borough Surveyor, who was in favour of the erection of a pump, and the members were in thorough agreement that a pump of some description should be procured. The Surveyor and Town Clerk were asked to go into the matter of procuring the pump referred to, together with a tank, and to make a report as soon as possible.

Under date of the 14th instant, by letter No. P.H.13611, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarded an extract from a letter received from the Secretary of the Wexford Ratepayers Association in regard to the scavenging arrangements in Wexford Urban District, and requested to be furnished with the observations of the Corporation in the matter.

The letter from the Association intimated that according to a report made by the Borough Surveyor the full scavenging should be carried out at a cost of £700 per annum, whereas the estimated cost in the current year was £1766, less estimated receipts of £120.

It was decided to inform the Minister that in the first instance the Association were entirely wrong in the figures given, and secondly that they had been requested some time ago to appoint a deputation to confer with the Corporation regarding the administration of the Borough generally, and that they had refused to attend.

PAYMENT OF RATES.

Under date of the 30th ultimo, by letter No. G.13768, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he had no power to give effect to the Council's proposal regarding the payment of rates by instalments.

TRANSFERS.

With reference to a discussion some time ago at a meeting of the Corporation in connection with the transfer of Corporation tenants from one house to another, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 28th ultimo, by letter No. H.17712, intimated

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that whilst he considered the question was one for decision by the Corporation, subject to the regulations made by him governing the letting of houses in respect of which subsidy was payable, he was of opinion that such transfers should only be allowed in exceptional circumstances.

PETROLEUM LICENCES.

Licences under the Petroleum Act, 1871, and to maintain Petrol Pumps under the Local Government Act, 1925, were signed in respect of the premises of Messrs. Kavanagh Brothers, Bullring; and Messrs. Statham's, Westgate,

DAMAGE TO WINDOWS.

A complaint that that windows had been broken in the house, No. 17 the Faythe, occupied by Kate Carty, through blasting operations on 4th July, was referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report.

UNIFORM AND BOOTS FOR TOWN SERGEANT.

Only one tender was received for the supply of a uniform and cap for the Town Sergeant, and this was from Messrs. Healy & Collins, who quoted for a uniform and cap complete £3. 12. 6, £3. 15. 0., £3. 19. 6, and £4. 2. 6, and 13/9 for a pair of boots, so it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Tobin, to accept the tender for the uniform at £4. 2. 6, and the boots as quoted.

EXTENSION OF SEWERAGE.

The Mayor called attention to the fact that a new house was being erected at the North end of St. Ibar's Villas and asked the Corporation to extend the sewerage and watermain towards it, so it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Hayes, that the sewer and watermain be extended.

NUMBERING OF STREETS.

Attention was called to the chaotic condition of the numbering of certain streets in the town, and in particular Carrigeen Street, so the Town Clerk was asked to make arrangements to have this street numbered in accordance with the Statutory provisions in that behalf.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

With reference to Minutes of Corporation on the 4th instant, when the question of Refusal Orders under the Milk and Dairies Act, 1935, was under consideration, Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, and Mr. Staples, Veterinary Inspector, attended the present meeting. Dr. Bastible explained that Mr. Staples and himself had visited all the premises in respect of which Refusal Orders were recommended, and had pointed out to the occupants what would be required in order to make the premises suitable for the sale of milk under the Act.

A number of people had carried out the requirements, and it seemed to him very unfair that people who refused to carry out the recommendations made to ensure that a pure milk supply would be available in the town should be treated in the same manner as those who had gone to the expense of altering their premises and providing the utensils required. He (Dr. Bastible) was aware of the high death rate from Tuberculosis in Wexford and a large amount of this could be traced to dirty milk. The great majority of the people purchasing milk from the shops in respect of which the reports had been made were of the poorer class, and it was the duty of the Corporation as the Sanitary Authority to protect these people from being supplied with milk which would be injurious to themselves and their families.

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to insert in the press the names of the persons registered for the sale of milk in the Borough

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and to issue a final warning to all those who had not complied with the recommendations made, that unless they did so within two weeks the Corporation would be obliged to make Refusal Orders in respect of their premises.

Under date of the 30th ultimo, by letter No. S.1350/6/38, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that as it was proposed to seek Compulsory Powers of Acquisition in respect of the rights required for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, no decision on the technical or financial aspects of the proposed works could be reached until the question of the acquisition of the necessary rights had first been fully determined.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk intimated that all the necessary Notices in connection with the Compulsory Acquisition of Water Rights had been furnished, and that no delay would occur in making application to the Minister for the necessary Provisional Order.

It was reported that Notices had been served on the owners of seven houses intimating that any offer with regard to their future users would be considered at the present meeting.

The first offer received was in respect of three houses at Faythe owned by Mr. William Barr, and Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, on his behalf, intimated that he was prepared to do everything possible to meet the Corporation in regard to reasonable repairs, so it was decided to forward copies of the reports of the Medical Officer and Surveyor on the three houses in question to Mr. Barr, with a request that he inform the Corporation when he would be in a position to carry out their recommendations to make the houses fit for human habitation.

A similar Order was made in regard to a house at Talbot Street, occupied by Patrick Sinnott and owned by Mrs. McKnight. No offer was received with regard to a house at Faythe occupied by John Lacey, or two houses at Allen Street occupied by Margaret Sane and John Hayes, so it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to make Demolition Orders in respect of them.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected a house at Gibson Street, occupied by John McEvoy, and found it totally unfit for human habitation, so it was decided to serve Notice on the owner fixing a time and place for the receipt of any offer with regard to its future user.

The Town Clerk reported that as far back as 22nd February last he had served Notice on the owner of a house at Waterloo Road requiring her to provide a water supply within one month. Up to the present nothing had been done, and he had written to the lady in question on two occasions without result. He had also interviewed her when she informed him that she could not get a plumber to instal the supply. The members could not accept this explanation as they were aware that plumbers were unemployed in the town at the moment, and it was decided to so inform the owner, Miss White.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of June showed that he had examined 114 cattle, 1 calf, 389 sheep, and 36 swine. Of the cattle, five heads and tongues and two fore-quarters, to the extent of $2\frac{3}{4}$ cwt., were destroyed for Tuberculosis, whilst one head and tongue were destroyed for another disease. Twelve organs were destroyed for Tuberculosis, and 23 for other diseases. The one calf and 36 swine presented for inspection were found to be in order, whilst of the sheep three organs were destroyed for diseases other than Tuberculosis.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to make an inspection of the drainage of a house at William Street, occupied by James McGuire, and the Town Clerk was authorised to take any action he deemed necessary on receipt of the Borough Surveyor's report.

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R. Curran T.D. Mayor

2nd August, 1938.

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A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past eight o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: James Billington, Patrick Hawkins, Thomas Hayes, James McMahon, Nicholas Connolly, Phillip McGuire, Robert Moran, Patrick Atkins, James Crosbie, Thomas Dunne, and Michael Martin.

SYMPATHY.

At the outset, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Thomas Buckland on the death of his daughter, which occurred recently.

Councillor Moran seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,244. 13. 7 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

ELECTION OF HARBOUR COMMISSIONER.

The next business was to elect a member to serve as a Harbour Commissioner for the ensuing twelve months.

The Town Clerk reported that in accordance with Section 21 of the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874, only one person had been nominated, namely, the outgoing member Councillor Robert Moran, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh, Councillor Moran was unanimously appointed to represent the Corporation on the Harbour Board for the next twelve months.

The meeting then terminated.

R. Corish T.D.
Mayor

2nd August, 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works and Old Age Pensions Committees was held at the close of the above meeting; the same members being in attendance.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

At the Meeting of the Old Age Pensions Committee, the recommendation of the Pension Officer was adopted in a number of cases, and some adjourned for further consideration.

As regards the application of Joseph Breen of Green Street, in which the Officer reported that satisfactory evidence of age had not been produced, several members were aware that Breen was up to seventy years of age. The claimant had produced a Marriage Certificate showing that he was married in 1855, which was 53 years ago, and in the opinion of the Committee this should be accepted as conclusive evidence that he had reached the Statutory Age, so it was unanimously decided to grant him a pension of 10/- per week from the date of receipt of claim by the Pension Officer.

In the case of Mary Brown, formerly of Rowe Street, and now residing in Francis Street, the Officer reported that her means exceeded the Statutory limit, and a Certificate was produced from the Manager of the Ulster Bank to the effect that she had no monies there at present either in her own name or with any other persons. Two proposals were made in this case. One was by Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor McMahon, that she be granted a pension of 10/- per week, and the other was an amendment by Alderman Flusk, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that the claim be referred back to the Pension Officer for further investigation, and the amendment was carried by twelve votes for to two against.

LAND AT HILL STREET.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk stated that the acquisition of Pierce's field at Green Street had been sanctioned by the Ministry, and that the Corporation Solicitor was now investigating the title with a view to having it transferred to the Corporation.

The Ministry also asked to be furnished with a contour map of the proposed lay-out, and in this connection it was agreed that Mr. Millar, who was at present Clerk of Works on the Whitemill Housing Scheme, should assist the Borough Surveyor in preparing this with as little delay as possible.

The Ministry also intimated that a Grant of 50% of the cost of development would be made in respect of this site and asked to be informed how the Corporation proposed to raise their part of the expenses. On the suggestion of the Town Clerk, it was agreed to seek sanction to overdraft accommodation pending the raising of a Loan for the erection of the houses, when the development could be included and the overdraft wiped out.

WAGES FOR QUARRYMEN.

A question was raised regarding the employment of quarrymen on Relief grants, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh, it was agreed that they should be paid the existing rate laid down by the Corporation some years ago for men engaged on breaking stones.

FOOTPATH AT DAVITT ROAD.

Councillor Connolly complained of the condition of the footpath at Davitt Road, North, and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to have it repaired immediately, and to submit an estimate for the provision of a proper footpath.

R. Connolly T.D.

8th August, 1938.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, Robert Coffey, Michael Flusk, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: James Murphy, James Billington, Phillip McGuire, John Billington, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, Patrick Atkins, Patrick Hawkins, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, Nicholas Connolly, Michael Martin, James McMahon, Timothy Cashman and James Gaul.

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and approval:-
Minutes of Corporation on 4th and 18th ultimo and 2nd instant;
Housing Committee on 12th ultimo (copies of which had been forwarded to the members beforehand) and Finance and Works, Etc. Committees on 4th and 18th ultimo and 2nd instant.

SELECTION OF DELEGATES.

With reference to Minutes of the Corporation on 4th ultimo, when two delegates had been selected to represent the Corporation at the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities, the Town Clerk explained that there was an error in the names of the delegates selected. He understood at the time that Councillor Hayes had withdrawn and that the division was between the Mayor and Town Clerk and the Mayor and Councillor James Billington. He had subsequently called the attention of the Finance Committee to this error, when it was agreed that Councillor Hayes and Councillor James Billington were the two delegates selected. It was agreed to make the necessary correction in the present Minutes, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Coffey, the Minutes were approved and signed, with the correction mentioned above.

TENDERS FOR LIGHTING WHITEMILL.

The Finance Committee recommended the acceptance of the tender of the Wexford Gas Consumers' Co., Ltd. for the lighting of the Whitemill Area for the next five years. The Company had lighted the Wolfe Tone Villas Housing Estate for the past five years and they had been asked to tender for a renewal of this contract together with the lighting of the new Housing Estate adjoining. The total number of lamps required would be:- Four lighting from half an hour after sunset until half an hour before sunrise, and Three lighting from half an hour after sunset until midnight. The Electricity Supply Board had also submitted a quotation for this work and both concerns tendered on the basis of 280 Candle Power or 231 Means Spherical Candle Power. The Gas Company quoted £4. 5. 0. per annum for each of the All-night lights and £3. per annum for each of the midnight lights, making a total of £24. 15. 0. per annum. The Electricity Supply Board quoted £3. per annum for midnight lights and £5. 6. 2 per annum for All-night lights, making a total of £27. 18. 6 per annum. In addition, the Board would

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require the Corporation to pay the cost of extending their network, which would amount to £78. 2. 5, or it could be repaid over the balance of the Corporation's Contract period of seven years from 1st April, 1937, by annual instalments of £15. 9. 9.

The Gas Consumers Company did not ask the Corporation to pay the cost of extending their mains.

It was seen that the Gas Consumers Company's tender was by far the lower of the two submitted, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Coffey, the Committee recommendation was unanimously adopted.

DEMOLITION ORDERS.

A Committee recommendation was also submitted that Demolition Orders be made in respect of two houses at Allen Street occupied by Mary Hayes and Margaret Sane, and house at Faythe occupied by John Lacey.

In all cases Notices had been served under Section 23 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, and no undertaking with regard to the carrying out of works or the future user of the houses had been offered or accepted, so on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Murphy, the Committee recommendation was adopted and the Demolition Orders sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 30th June last showed that he had examined seven samples of milk, four each of margarine and tea, three of butter, two each of whiskey, cocoa, and olive oil, and one each of puddings, sausages, lard, and sugar, making a total of twenty-eight articles analysed, all of which had been found genuine with the exception of two samples of milk which were deficient of 8.33 and 10.0 per cent. of their fats. It was explained that the two persons from whom the defective samples of milk had been taken had been proceeded against in the District Court.

LETTING OF VACANT HOUSE.

The next business was to select a tenant for a vacant house at Maudlintown from amongst persons residing in condemned houses. The Town Clerk submitted a list of persons residing in condemned houses and it was seen that amongst them were two residing in the neighbourhood of Maudlintown, namely Ambrose Stafford, of Faythe, and Mrs. Sara Doyle of Maudlintown, who had her son, daughter, and three grand-children residing with her.

As the house was only a three-roomed house, the members were doubtful as to who it should be allotted to. It was too small for Stafford, who had nine in family, and as there were two families residing in Doyle's house, they did not desire to establish a precedent of allowing two families to reside in a Corporation house, so after some discussion it was agreed that Mrs. Doyle should be given possession of the house on condition that only herself and her son resided in it; her daughter, Mrs. O'Connor, and family would be re-housed as soon as possible; and Stafford was to be given the first vacant four-roomed house at Maudlintown.

Arising out of this question of houses, Alderman Flusk stated that there was a man named Carroll residing at Whitemill in a three-roomed house with a family of 11, and it was agreed that he should be given the preference of occupying the first vacant four-roomed house at Whitemill.

A question was also raised as to when the 62 houses in course of construction at Whitemill would be finished, and the Surveyor

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stated he thought it would be at least another month. Reference was then made to the employment of a Clerk of Works and as to who was going to pay him.

The Town Clerk said he had already warned the Contractor that he was over his time in completing this contract and that he was liable to a penalty up to £25 per week, which would cover the cost of the Clerk of Works and the loss of rent.

CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS.

The next business was to fill the two vacant seats in the Corporation caused by the death of Thomas Doyle, who was a member for St. Selskar Ward; and by the resignation of Alderman Cullimore, who was a member for St. Mary's Ward.

Notice of the proposal to fill the two vacancies had been given to each member in accordance with the Provisions of Section 19 (2) of the Local Election Act, 1937, and on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Atkins, it was agreed to fill the two seats by co-option.

It was also pointed out that the person selected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman Cullimore would not become an Alderman but merely a Councillor, and the question of who would be Alderman was one to be decided by the Corporation.

Thereupon Councillor Moran proposed that the vacancy for St. Mary's Ward be filled by the co-option of Kevin Morris, Carrigeon Street, and Councillor Dunne seconded.

Councillor Hawkins, however, proposed that the vacancy be filled by the co-option of Thomas Byrne, Distillery Road, and Councillor Crosbie seconded.

On a poll being taken there voted:-

For Thomas Byrne:	Councillors Cashman, McMahon, Martin, Connolly, Hawkins, Crosbie, Hayes, John Billington, McGuire, James Billington, Aldermen Tobin, Coffey, Walsh, and the Mayor-----	14.
For Kevin Morris:	Councillors Dunne, Moran, Atkins, Murphy, and Alderman Flusk-----	5.
Declined to Vote:	Councillor Gaul-----	1.

Thomas Byrne was thereupon declared elected to fill the vacant seat.

For the vacant seat in St. Selskar Ward, Alderman Coffey proposed that it be filled by the co-option of John Walsh, Carrigeon.

Councillor John Billington seconded.

Councillor Crosbie proposed that it be filled by the co-option of Stephen McMahon, Bride Street. Councillor McGuire seconded.

Alderman Flusk proposed that it be filled by the co-option of William White, Selskar, and Councillor Atkins seconded.

On a poll being taken, there voted:-

For McMahon:	Councillors Cashman, McMahon, Martin, Connolly, Hawkins, Crosbie, Hayes, McGuire, Aldermen Tobin, Walsh, and the Mayor-----	11.
For White:	Councillors Dunne, Moran, Atkins, Murphy, and Alderman Flusk-----	5.
For Walsh:	Councillors John Billington, James Billington, and Alderman Coffey-----	3.
Declined to Vote:	Councillor Gaul-----	1.

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Stephen McMahon was declared elected.

At this stage, Councillor Moran said he believed there was no such person as Stephen McMahon and that he always called himself Mahony, but Councillor McMahon stated that the person just co-opted was a son of his.

Alderman Flusk said that the result of the election had not come as a surprise to his Party, and that it had been mooted some months ago by a man who took the Oath of Allegiance in 1916.

After a very short discussion, this matter dropped, and Councillors Dunne, Moran, Atkins, Murphy, and Alderman Flusk retired from the meeting; Councillor Murphy remarking, as he left, "I must protest, Mr. Mayor."

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE.

An application was made for a renewal of a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of premises known as the Theatre Royal, High Street, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Coffey, the Licence was renewed; Councillor Billington asking that the proprietors should be requested to show suitable films at Childrens' Matinees.

REMAINS OF SIR ROGER CASEMENT.

The following Resolution, as submitted by the Kilkenny Corporation, was unanimously adopted, and it was agreed to request An Taoiseach to be so good as to use his good offices to persuade the British Government to surrender the Remains of the late Sir Roger Casement for reinterment in Eire. The resolution was adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie:-

"That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation, request that the Public Bodies of Ireland will co-operate in endeavouring to bring every possible pressure to bear on the British Government to surrender the Remains of the late Sir Roger Casement, so that they may be re-interred in accordance with his dying wish, in Glasnevin Cemetery."

IMPRISONMENT OF MR. DONNELLY.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Coffey, a resolution was unanimously adopted condemning the Government of Northern Ireland in imprisoning Mr. Eamon Donnelly, Ex. T.D., and requesting An Taoiseach to be so good as to make representations for his early release.

UNEMPLOYED GRIEVANCES.

At this stage a letter was read from the Unemployed Association requesting the Corporation to receive a deputation, and it was agreed to receive them.

Four members of the Association came into the meeting, and the following is a summary of their grievances:-

- (1) That some men engaged on the present Rotational Employment Scheme were receiving five days work in each week.
- (2) That men employed in handling tarred stones should be supplied with overalls.
- (3) That carters were being compelled to work nine hours per day, and were only being paid for $8\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

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- (4) The delay in commencing further Relief Schemes mentioned on July 4th, when another deputation was before a meeting of the Corporation.
- (5) Delegation of Ganger's authority in Quarry.
- (6) Rotational Employment on the proposed Green Street Housing Site development.
- (7) Time for men to draw benefit at Labour Exchange.

Having made the complaints above referred to, the Deputation retired from the meeting, and the Corporation carefully considered the grievances, when it was decided to reply to the points raised as follows:-

- (1) The men employed for five days each week in the Quarry were regarded as Quarrymen, and would be finished entirely in about another week.
- (2) Men employed at the Mixer in preparing tarred stones would be supplied with overalls on application to the Surveyor.
- (3) Some carters commenced work at 7.30 a.m. and finished at 5.0. p.m. while others commenced at 8.0. and finished at 5.30. This was necessary in order to have material ready for the men spreading, and no man was expected to work more than $8\frac{1}{2}$ hours.
- (4) As promised on the 4th ultimo, the Corporation had made representations to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to release the money for the Winter Relief Grants as soon as possible, and to increase the period of employment from three to four days.
- (5) The ganger in the Quarry had power to delegate his authority if he was obliged to leave there for any reason.
- (6) The Corporation would make representations to have the Green Street Housing Site development work carried out other than by three-day Rotational Employment.
- (7) The Corporation considered that men should be granted facilities for drawing benefit due to them from the Labour Exchange, but at the same time believed that it should not occupy more than half an hour. They were accordingly prepared to allow any man who had benefit to draw during his first week of employment a half hour in which to draw this. If, however, he absented himself for more than the allotted time, his pay would be reduced by one hour.

STREET TRADING.

Councillor Hayes stated that he was continually receiving complaints regarding the sale of potatoes in the town to the effect that no weights or scales were used by the vendors, and after some discussion it was agreed that the Mayor and Town Clerk should discuss this matter with the Weights and Measures Inspector of the Garda Síochána to see if anything could be done to put a stop to it, and, as well, they were to examine the Street Trading By-laws with a view to having the sale of potatoes prohibited on the streets except in a recognised Market Place.

Councillor Hayes stated that he would move at next meeting that the vacant Aldermanship be filled.

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee was held at the close of the above meeting; the same members being in attendance with the exception of Alderman Flusk, Councillors Murphy, Moran, Dunne, and Atkins.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY FOREMAN.

With reference to the appointment by the Surveyor of James Rossiter as deputy for the Foreman during his absence, it was decided that in future before going on leave the Foreman should notify the Corporation in sufficient time to allow them to nominate a deputy on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

Reference was made by Alderman Coffey to his selection some time ago of a man named Hanton for employment. It appeared that some other person had been substituted for Hanton, which Ald. Coffey had no knowledge of, so it was agreed that Hanton should be given his period of employment as soon as possible.

PROPERTY AT GREEN STREET.

A Contract for the purchase of Pierce's property at Green Street was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

TOWN CLERK'S HOLIDAYS.

The Town Clerk applied for, and was granted, three weeks of his annual month's holidays.

PURCHASE OF PETROL PUMP.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the question of the purchase of a Petrol Pump and tank was under consideration, the Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had made enquiries and ascertained that the Irish American Oil Company would be prepared to supply a tank at a cost of about £16 through one of the local garages, so it was agreed to purchase the pump from Mr. Richard Roche at a cost of £15, and to purchase the tank from the Irish American Oil Company through him.

The Company also recommended that a man named William Edwards, who had experience of this work, be employed to install it.

CATTLE TROUGH.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the question of the ~~position of the new Cattle Drinking Trough~~ position of the new Cattle Drinking Trough was under consideration, the Surveyor reported that he had consulted the Superintendent of the Garda, and the only place which he considered to be free from traffic obstruction was on Railway property near Redmond Place, and would take a considerable amount of piping to connect with the trough, so it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walsh to erect the trough at Monument Place, which was the centre of the Monthly Fair.

S.D. A. Acts. DEED.

A Deed of Mortgage in respect of Loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. Peter Dempsey was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

DIRECTION SIGNS.

It was agreed to request the Automobile Association to supply direction signs for erection in ~~the Borough~~ the direction to the Main Street.

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RE MEAT INSPECTOR.

With reference to Minutes of 16th May last, when the Department of Agriculture intimated that they were terminating the existing arrangement whereby the Corporation Meat Inspector carried out duties for them under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts and the Pigs and Bacon Act, and when the Committee had decided, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to continue the employment of Mr. Finucane in a part-time capacity at a salary of £200 per annum, the Town Clerk now intimated that the existing arrangement with the Department of Agriculture had terminated on the 31st ultimo. Up to the present he had received no sanction from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the employment of Mr. Finucane in a part-time capacity, but on his suggestion it was decided to retain Mr. Finucane's services in a part-time capacity as from the 1st instant.

SHOPS INSPECTOR.

Under date of the 4th ultimo, by letter No. P.H.16870, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health sanctioned the temporary appointment of Mr. William Kehoe, Town Sergeant, as Inspector under Part 6 of the Shops (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1938.

PETROL LICENCE, ETC.

Licences under the Petroleum Act, 1871, and the Local Government Act, 1925, were signed in respect of premises and Petrol Pumps of Mr. Patrick Meyler, North End Garage.

SALE OF MILK.

Under date of the 22nd ~~ultimo~~, by Circular letter No. P.H.80, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarded copies of Orders made by him relating to the designations of milk, and the Town Clerk was directed to insert the necessary advertisement warning milk vendors of the new Regulations as soon as possible.

*Richard Card T.D.
Mayor of Wexford*

TOWN PLANNING.

Under date of the 18th instant, by letter No. R.19340/33, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health requested to be furnished with a report on the present position of the Town Planning Scheme, and stated that it was mandatory on the Council to proceed with all convenient speed to make a Scheme. After some discussion, this matter was adjourned until next meeting.

DANCE HALL NOTICES.

Notices were received of intention to apply to the District Court for Dance Hall Licences for the following premises:—
1. The Club. These were approved.

22nd August, 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Robert Coffey and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, James McMahon, Stephen McMahon, James Billington, John Billington, Patrick Hawkins, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Timothy Cashman, and Michael Martin.

CLERK-TYPIST.

A letter was read from Mr. P. Hickey, Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, who was conducting the examination for the position of temporary Clerk-Typist, stating there was no such Standard as Sixth Standard National School for Shorthand and Typewriting. The Department had suggested Sixth Standard National School in all subjects, and Mr. Hickey said that the usual Standard laid down for such posts in Shorthand and Typewriting was 80-100 words per minute for Shorthand and 30-35 words per minute for Typewriting. It was agreed that this Standard should be adopted for these two subjects, and Mr. Hickey was to be so informed.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION.

An application for First Registration in respect of Peter Dempsey, Paul Quay, was sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

HOUSE AT WILLIAM STREET.

With reference to the demolition by the Corporation of two houses at William Street owned by Mrs. O'Donohoe, King Street, a letter was received from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, on behalf of the Agent of the adjoining house, requiring the Corporation to replace the division wall of this house, which, it was alleged, had collapsed in consequence of the demolition of the two houses adjoining. A lengthy discussion followed the reading of this letter, during which the Borough Surveyor stated that in his opinion a 9" wall would be required, and this would mean encroaching $4\frac{1}{2}$ " on the hallway of the house in question. The Agent of the property refused to allow him to do this, and eventually it was decided to consult with the Corporation Solicitor as to their position in the matter. A letter was received from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. John Walsh, William Street, tenant of house above referred to, alleging that when the wall of his house collapsed a bicycle and certain other household had personal effects had been smashed. The total amount claimed for the damage was £12. This matter was referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report.

TOWN PLANNING.

Under date of the 15th instant, by letter No. S.19549/38, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health requested to be furnished with a report on the present position of the Town Planning Scheme, and stated that it was mandatory on the Council to proceed with all convenient speed to make a Scheme. After some discussion, this matter was adjourned until next meeting.

DANCE HALL NOTICES.

Notices were submitted of intention to apply to the District Court for Dance Hall Licences in respect of the Town Hall and Geraldine Athletic Club. These were approved.

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PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of July showed that he had examined 102 cattle, 359 sheep and 36 swine. Of the cattle, five heads and two organs were destroyed for Tuberculosis and three organs for other diseases. Of the sheep, one organ was destroyed for a disease other than Tuberculosis, and of the swine, one organ was destroyed for a disease other than Tuberculosis.

The County Medical Officer of Health recommended that Patrick Hore, John Street, Wexford; and John Kinsella, Killeens, Wexford, be registered under the Milk and Dairies Act, 1935.

A complaint was received from two residents at Selskar Street regarding a nuisance at the rear of their premises, which they suggested emanated from some piggeries there, combined with the dumping of rubbish of all kinds.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected a piggery and yard at Trimmers' Lane tenanted by William Malone, and found seven pigs in a badly kept sty, giving forth a distinctly offensive odour, and a heap of pig manure just inside of yard gate in a filthy condition. He recommended that the owner be required to wash out sty daily and keep in a sanitary condition; that he be required to have manure heap removed at once, and at frequent intervals in the future.

It was decided to serve notice on the owner requiring him to carry out the Doctor's recommendations within forty-eight hours.

The Medical Officer also reported that he had inspected the yard at the Quay end of Trimmer's Lane, occupied by Susan Hayes, Ram Street; Bridget Roche, Ram Street; M. K. Bridges, Ram Street; and Johanna Murray, Slaney Street, and found a large heap of manure just inside gate, and oozing through gate and along open shore in lane causing a danger to Public Health. He recommended that the owners be required to have manure removed at once.

A similar Order was made in this case.

The Medical Officer further reported that he had visited Trimmers' Lane and found household rubbish was deposited there, apparently at night, and he recommended that the offenders be prosecuted.

In this connection, the Borough Surveyor was instructed to employ a man to keep watch with the object of catching the offenders.

The Medical Officer had also inspected the piggery of Mr. Aidan Foley at Trimmers' Lane. He found seven pigs in a clean and proper sty, which was washed out daily. There was no nuisance in his opinion. No action was taken in this case.

DECLARATION OF OFFICE.

Before the business of the Meeting commenced, the recently co-opted member for St. Selskar Ward, Mr. Stephen McMahon, made the declaration of acceptance of Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840.

Richard Cairns T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

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A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock, 22nd August, 1938.

The members present being:-

A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held at the close of the Finance and Works, Etc. Committees Meeting.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman T. Walsh, and Councillors John Billington, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, and James Crosbie.

BUNGALOWS AND FIRE STATION AT DAVITT ROAD.

Under date of the 18th instant, by letter No. S.7783/4/38, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health recommended that a priced Bill of Quantities be prepared for the erection of Eight Bungalows and a Fire Station at Davitt Road, North, and the works re-advertised for tender.

The Borough Surveyor, on being questioned, stated the works could be carried out by Direct Labour within his Estimate, which was considerably below the lowest Tender received for the carrying out of this work.

The Committee were unanimously of the opinion that this was the best course to adopt, and decided to again request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the building of Eight Bungalows and a Fire Station by Direct Labour under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor.

*Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor of Wexford*

5th September, 1938.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Timothy Cashman, Thomas Byrne, James Murphy, James Billington, James Sinnott, John Billington, Patrick Hawkins, Phillip McGuire, Thomas Hayes, Stephen McMahon, James Crosbie, James McMahon, Michael Martin, and James Gaul.

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on 8th ultimo and Housing Committee on 22nd ultimo (copies of which had been furnished to the members prior to the Meeting) and Minutes of Finance and Works, Etc. Committees on 8th and 22nd ultimo.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Minutes as submitted were approved and signed.

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS BYRNE.

Councillor Thomas Byrne, who was recently co-opted a member of the Council, made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840.

SYMPATHY.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Meeting be extended to the Town Clerk on the death of his Aunt. Councillor Hawkins seconded the motion which was adopted in the usual way, and for which the Town Clerk returned thanks.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Councillor Buckland acknowledged a vote of sympathy recently passed with him on the death of his daughter.

An Taoiseach acknowledged receipt of Resolutions relating to the imprisonment in Belfast of Mr. E. Donnelly; and to the return to this country of the remains of the late Roger Casement.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £1913. 12. 5 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

GREEN STREET HOUSING SITE.

Under date of the 23rd ultimo, by letter No. 6546/9/38, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he was not prepared to agree to any departure from the conditions laid down in the Department's letter of 19th July last governing the making of a grant towards the cost of development of a Housing Site at Green Street.

As regards the Council's proposal to meet their contribution by way

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of overdraft accommodation, the Minister considered that the contribution would best be raised by way of short term loan from their Treasurer.

As regards the first part of the communication, it was seen that nothing could be done but accept the conditions laid down, namely, the employment of labour on the three-day Rotational system. With regard to the Council's contribution, the members thought that the raising of a short-term loan would involve a heavy impost on the rates during the next couple of years, but the Town Clerk suggested that he should negotiate with the Treasurer for the advancement of this Loan for a period of three years on the basis that Interest Charges only would be paid in the interim; the total amount to be paid off at the end of the period, or before, if such were suitable.

The members agreed with this suggestion, and it was unanimously decided on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh, to raise a loan of £3,000 from the Treasurer for a period of three years on the lines suggested by the Town Clerk, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

RELIEF GRANT.

Under date of the 2nd instant, by letter No. R.U.205/131, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that the proposals for the expenditure of a Relief Grant of £4161, together with a local contribution of £665, had been approved.

In this connection the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had made arrangements to commence concreting the Faythe and Roche's Road on the 12th instant, but he could not proceed with the other works until sanction was received to the renewal of sewers and watermains as these were essential preliminaries to the resurfacing of the streets.

As regards the sewers and watermains, the Minister, under date of the 3rd instant by letter No. S.21967/1/38, intimated that the plans, etc. submitted had been examined by his Department.

With regard to the relaying of watermains, no sections had been submitted and no indication had been given as to the depth of excavation required.

With reference to the sewers, the Minister stated that there did not appear to be any necessity to ramp down a 12" diameter pipe in Castle Hill Street to 1/90, and it was considered that a gradient of 1/30 would be satisfactory, and would effect a considerable saving in excavation. He thought that the 9" main in Bride Street could be laid at 1/20.

The specification submitted in connection with these works he considered inadequate for the invitation of tenders for the carrying out of the scheme by way of contract, and a more comprehensive one should be prepared.

The Town Clerk intimated that on receipt of this communication this morning he had asked the Borough Surveyor for his observations thereon, and the following report from Mr. McNally was read:-

"I have gone into the matter referred to in the Departmental letter S.21967/1/38.

I would like to say that in setting out the gradients for the sewers concerned I did not think it good engineering practice to have a greater velocity than 6 feet per second in the proposed sewers, particularly in view of the fact that I have very grave doubts about the efficiency of the outfall sewers. The suggested gradients will give the following results for the sewers running more than half full:-

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12" Sewer for fall of 1 in 30	9' to 10' per second.
12" " " " " 1 in 90	5' to 5½' " "
9" " " " " 1 in 20	9' to 10' " "
9" " " " " 1 in 50	5' to 6' " "

In the case of the 12" sewer in Castle Hill Street. This sewer empties into an old 30" x 18" built sewer, and I greatly fear that considerable scour will take place in the upper portion of this sewer.

The proposed 9" sewer in Bride Street will empty into a 12" sewer in the Main Street running at right angles and laid to a very flat fall of about 1 in 200. In my opinion the outfall sewer will be overtaxed in times of heavy rains.

In regard to the specifications, I prepared these for Direct Labour in view of the fact that it is very difficult at present to get experienced contractors to tender for such small contracts. I agree that if it is desirable to have the work carried out by contract, a more comprehensive specification and general Conditions of Contract, and possibly Bills of Quantities, would be necessary.

Having regard to the relaying of watermains, in my opinion there is no necessity for sections as the new mains will follow the gradients of the existing ones, which are laid out at an average depth of 3' 6" throughout. However, if it is contemplated to have the work carried out by contract, I can make a survey and have sections made of the various works in question."

In this connection, the members saw that if the suggestion contained in the Minister's letter, that the work be carried out by contract, was agreed to, there would be a considerable delay in commencing the work and the Relief Grants would be held up.

In the first place, it was pointed out, that delay would occur in preparing plans, specifications, and possibly Bills of Quantities before tenders could be invited, and as well the members were definitely of the opinion that no tender would be received; there was no Public Works Contractor in or near Wexford and they did not think it likely that one would journey from any distance to undertake approximately £1200 worth of work. As well, they had in their employment a plumber who had considerable experience in laying these mains and who was responsible to the Borough Surveyor for their maintenance. A large number of watermains had been renewed during the past few years by the Council's own employees under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor, and the work had been carried out satisfactorily at all times.

It was, therefore, agreed to furnish the Minister with a copy of the Borough Surveyor's observations on his letter, S.2967, and for the reasons set out above to request him to sanction the renewal of these watermains and sewers by Direct Labour.

BOROUGH SUEVEYOR'S HOLIDAYS.

The Borough Surveyor applied for, and was granted, three weeks of his annual four weeks holidays on the motion of Councillor Crosbie seconded by Alderman Walsh, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh, Mr. T. J. Millar was appointed Acting Borough Surveyor during Mr. McNally's absence at the same rate of

APPOINTMENT OF TYPIST.

The next business was the appointment of a temporary typist in the Town Clerk's Office.

Under date of 14th July last by letter No. RU/205/32, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health sanctioned the employment of a temporary Clerk-Typist with remuneration at the rate of 30/- per week. Recruitment would be by way of Competitive Examination at the Technical Schools.

The position had been advertised and twelve persons sat for the examination in accordance with Model Conditions of Appointment which accompanied the Minister's letter above referred to.

There was now submitted to the meeting the report of the Chief Executive Officer of the Vocational Education Committee on the result of the examination.

This showed that seven of the applicants had passed and five had failed.

The report only showed the result by numbers, and the sealed envelope containing the candidates names and numbers was then opened when it was seen that Miss Evaline M. Phillips, of Rathaspeck, Wexford, who was No. 7 on the List had been placed first.

Some members objected to this young lady being appointed on the grounds that the examination should have been confined to members of the Borough, but it was pointed out that the conditions laid down by the Minister had been submitted to the Corporation and no objection had then been raised, so on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Connolly, Miss Phillips was appointed to the position, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The following is the result of the examination:-

No.:	Irish (300):	Eng- lish (300):	Arith- metic (150):	Short- hand (500):	Type- writing (500):	Total: (1750):	Placings:	Name.
2	123	194	120	395	420	1252	3rd	Josephine Cleary, Clonard.
3	161	246	53	321	310	1091	7th	M. Pettit, Ballyhit.
4	176	186	122	432	198 ^F	1114	F	J. Radford, Faythe.
5	219	240	147	188 ^F	408	1202	F	M. Donohoe, Faythe.
6	213	210	138	371	280	1212	4th	J. Sinnott, Killin- ick.
7	182	209	120	483	415	1409	1st	E. M. Phillips, Rathaspeck.
8	220	186	113	291	390	1200	5th	J. Molloy, John St.
9.	157	194	137	158 ^F	360	1006	F.	K. Banville, John "
10.	116	206	68	371	420	1181	6th	E. O'Mara, Newcastl
11.	251	228	140	116 ^F	290	1025	F,	P. Martin, Faythe.
12.	228	249	90	388	340	1295	2nd	E. Murphy, St. Enda's Tce.
13.	213	213	147	222 ^F	295	1090	F,	B. Carty, Waterloo.

F indicates failure.

AGREEMENT WITH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation an Agreement with the Irish Tourist Association providing for a contribution of £10 during the current Financial Year, and on the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Councillor Hawkins, the Agreement was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation. Arising out of this matter, Alderman Walsh complained that he had recently been charged an excessive price in some Hotel for a meal and stated he had a receipted account for it. The Town Clerk advised him to forward the receipted account to the General Manager of the Tourist Association who would be only too glad to receive definite evidence of overcharging on the part of Hotel Proprietors, and who would be in a position to deal with the matter.

EX-SERVICEMEN'S PENSIONS.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor James Billington, the following Resolution from the Cork Corporation was unanimously adopted:-

"That the Minister for Industry and Commerce be asked to consider the cases of all Ex-servicemen presently unemployed but in receipt of small pensions, with a view to securing for them equal rights in the matter of employment on Relief schemes with those in receipt of Unemployment Assistance."

Arising out of this Resolution, Councillor John Billington gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that a Resolution on the Corporation Minutes, debarring persons in receipt of a pension from being employed on Corporation works, be rescinded.

VICTIMISATION IN BELFAST.

A letter was read from the Irish Republican Prisoners Defence Association, Belfast, asking the Corporation to protest against the system of persecution and victimisation under which the minority were forced to live in the North, and on the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Councillor Murphy, the protest was unanimously made.

AMMONIATOR AT RESERVOIR.

The Town Clerk reminded the members that some time ago they had agreed to instal an Ammoniator in addition to the Chlorinator at Coolree Waterworks. The machine had been installed by Messrs. Wallace & Tiernan on condition that if it did not give a water free from bacteria it would be returned to the makers. Recently four samples of the water had been taken from the reservoir itself, at St. John's Road, Commercial Quay, and Maudlintown, and had been submitted by the County Medical Officer of Health for bacteriological examination with the following results:-

Wexford Reservoir.

No. of colonies growing from 1c.c. after 24 hours on agar at blood heat	- 175.
No. of colonies growing from 1c.c. after 72 hours on gelatine at room temperature.	- 257, of which 114 were liquefiers.
Coli Test.	- B. Coli present in 10c.c. but absent from 1c.c. and 0.1c.c. amounts.

Not a good result.

(Signed) W.D. O'Kelly.

John's Road:

- No. of colonies growing 1.c.c. after 24 hours on agar at blood heat. - 61.
- No. of colonies growing from 1c.c. after 72 hours on gelatine to room temperature. - 121, of which 75 were liquefiers.
- Coli Test. - B. Coli absent from 10c.c. 1c.c. and 0.1c.c. amounts.

Fairly satisfactory.

(Signed) W.D. O'Kelly.

Commercial Quay:

- No. of colonies growing from 1c.c. after 24 hours on agar at blood heat. - 42.
- No. of colonies growing from 1c.c. after 72 hours on gelatine at room temperature. - 148, of which 65 were liquefiers.
- Coli Test. - B. coli absent from 10c.c. 1c.c. and 0.1c.c. amounts.

Fairly satisfactory.

(Signed) W.D. O'Kelly.

Maudlintown:

- No. of colonies growing from 1.c.c. after 24 hours on agar at blood heat. - 213.
- No. of colonies growing from 1c.c. after 72 hours on gelatine at room temperature. - 472, of which 196 were liquefiers. (approx. count)
- Coli test. - B. Coli absent from 10c.c. 1c.c. and 0.1c.c. amounts.

Satisfactory as regards freedom from B.coli in 10c.c. Counts on the high side.

(Signed) W.D. O'Kelly.

It was seen that with the exception of the Reservoir itself, B. Coli was absent from 10c.c. 1c.c. and 0.1c.c. The Surveyor had discussed the result of the examination with the County Medical Officer of Health, and both were satisfied that it was the best report that had been received on the water for some years past, and that it could now be regarded as bacteriologically pure. The colonies, of course, could only be taken out by filtration and this was included in the scheme at present under consideration for an extension of the waterworks. The reports were considered satisfactory.

VACANT ALDERMANSHIP.

In accordance with Notice given, Councillor Hayes moved that the vacant Aldermanship in St. Mary's Ward caused by the resignation of William Cullimore be filled by the appointment of Councillor James McMahon, who, he stated, had given some forty years of service to the public life of the town. Councillor Connolly seconded the motion.

Councillor James Billington, however, proposed that the matter be adjourned until the members of the Fianna Fail Party were in attendance as the Aldermanship was originally belonging to their Party. Councillor Murphy seconded.

At this stage some heated remarks were exchanged between Councillor Murphy and other members regarding the filling of the two vacant seats at last Statutory Meeting, as a result of which Councillor Murphy retired from the present meeting.

Thereupon Councillor James Billington withdrew his motion for adjournment, and Councillor Hayes's motion, that James McMahon be made Alderman, was unanimously adopted. Alderman McMahon returned thanks to the meeting for his selection.

TENDERS FOR CEMENT, ETC.

Two tenders were submitted for the supply of cement in connection with the Relief Grant. They were from the Wexford Timber Company and Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty. The former quoted £2. 17. 0. per ton and the latter £2. 17. 3, so on the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the tender of the Wexford Timber Company being the lower of the two was unanimously accepted. Arising out of this matter the Mayor referred to the fixing of the price of cement in Eire. He pointed out that in Dublin the price fixed was 47/6d. per ton, in Waterford 55/3d. and in Wexford 57/3d. Prior to the fixing of these prices by the Cement Company the price of cement in Wexford was 50/- per ton, and he thought it very unfair that Wexford should have to pay more for cement than other towns; he intended to take the matter up with the Minister for Industry and Commerce, and the Corporation approved of this action on the part of the Mayor.

Tenders were also submitted for the supply of sewer pipes and manhole covers in connection with the proposed renewal of sewers. They were also from the Wexford Timber Company and Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty. The former quoted £214. 17. 0. for the quantity required, and the latter £248. 11. 9.

In this case the tender of the Wexford Timber Company being the lower of the two was also accepted on the motion of Alderman Walsh seconded by Councillor Cashman.

The tenders of the Staunton Ironworks Co. Ltd. for the supply of watermains, and of Messrs. Tonge and Taggart for the supply of specials, were accepted.

Two tenders were submitted for the supply of reinforcement from Messrs. MacNaughton and Messrs. Pearson & Co. Both Firms quoted 1/1d. per square yard, and it was unanimously decided to accept Messrs. MacNaughton's tender, as Messrs. Pearson's had had the last order when the two tenders were also identical.

HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET.

Under date of the 25th ultimo, by letter No. 6547/8/38, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stated that he had sanctioned the borrowing of £7440 for the erection of fourteen houses at William Street, and had recommended the Commissioners of Public Works to issue the loan in question from the Local Loans Fund; he further stated that it was not possible to allow any subsidy in respect of this scheme.

In reply to a query, it was stated that work could not be commenced pending the completion of the Mortgage by the Corporation with the Commissioners of Public Works.

BUNGALOWS & FIRE STATION AT DAVITT ROAD.

With regard to the proposal of the Corporation to erect bungalows and a Fire Station at Davitt Road, North, the Minister under date of the 18th ultimo, by letter No. S.7783/4/38, intimated that more accurate prices would be likely to be obtained if a Bill of Quantities had been available to the intending contractors, and intimated that such a Bill should now be prepared and the works advertised for tender.

This matter had recently been before a meeting of the Housing Committee, when it was decided to point out to the Minister that the tender received for the erection of the Bungalows and Fire Station was conditional on the Contractor being accepted for the erection of fourteen 5-roomed houses at William Street.

The erection of the houses at William Street had now been approved by Direct Labour and work would be commenced in the near future, and the Committee decided to again request the Minister to be so good as to sanction the erection of the Bungalows and Fire Station by Direct Labour, as considerable delay would be experienced if a Bill of Quantities had to be prepared and fresh tenders invited.

The present meeting approved of the action taken by the Housing Committee on this matter.

CIVIC PRIDE.

Before the close of the Meeting, the Mayor appealed to the public to develop some civic pride. It was appalling, he stated, the amount of public property which was being wantonly damaged, and the efforts of the Corporation to beautify the town were being nullified by acts of vandalism.

During the past week, a new Cattle Drinking Trough had been erected at Monument Place, and already the padlock securing the Ballcock had been forced off by a crowbar.

This appeal was supported by several members, and the Meeting separated.

Richard Owen T.D.
Mayor

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting, the same members being in attendance.

HEALTH VISITOR'S HOLIDAYS.

The Health visitor applied for, and was granted 18 days of her annual 28 days leave.

COMPENSATION - HOUSE AT WILLIAM STREET.

With reference to minutes of last meeting, when an application was made for compensation for damage, alleged to have been done to articles in the house of Messrs. Walsh of William Street, where the gable end had collapsed. The Surveyor reported that £2 10s. would amply cover any loss or damage incurred. He, however, intimated that in his opinion the Corporation should not accept liability.

It was agreed to refer this matter to the Corporation Solicitor for his advice. The Town Clerk intimated that he had received the report of Mr. P. Fraher, Local Government Auditor, on his audit of the Corporation's Accounts for the 2 years ended the 31st March, 1938. The Turnover of the Corporation for the 2 years in question amounted to £261,522, and he was glad to be able to inform the members that of this amount not one penny had been surcharged. He further intimated that the report and abstracts would be printed and circulated among the members, and could be discussed at the next statutory meeting.

DEFECTIVE SAMPLE OF MILK.

The Town Clerk reported that some time ago a sample of milk had been taken from Mr. John Hayes, of Hayestown, Wexford, a Contractor under the Free Milk Supply Scheme and, on analysis had been found to be deficient of 8.33 per cent fats. The Minister of Local Government and Public Health now inquired if the Corporation contemplated taking any ~~information~~ ^{action} in regard to the Contract under this scheme.

In this case it was decided to request the advice of the County Medical Officer of Health.

WEXFORD WATERWORKS.

The three Supplementary Estimates submitted by Messrs. Delap & Waller in connection with the proposed extension of the waterworks were referred to the Waterworks Committee for examination. It was reported that no reply had been received to communication dated the 22nd July, ~~from~~ ^{from} the Solicitors for Mr. William Barr, the owner of houses at the Faythe which were considered to be unfit for human habitation.

~~The~~ letter, which set out the defects in the houses, ~~and~~ asked that any offer which Mr. Barr had to make be sent to the Town Clerk. Some members stated that they were aware Mr. Barr was at present engaged in repairing these houses and, in the circumstances, it was decided to adjourn the matter until the next meeting.

A similar Report was made in connection with the houses at Talbot Street, occupied by Patrick Sinnott and owned by Mrs. McNight, and in this case it was decided to recommend the Corporation to make a ~~Sanitation~~ ^{Sanitation} order. A complaint was made that on the 23rd May last a notice had been served on the owner of a house at Faythe, occupied by ~~John Barr~~, requiring him to provide a water-

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closet within one month. Up to date, the convenience had not been provided, and it was decided to write to the owner informing him that, if the work ~~had not been~~ ^{was} done immediately the Corporation would carry it out themselves and proceed against him for the costs.

The County Medical Officer of Health recommended that Patrick Hore, John Street, John Kinsealla, Killeens, and Nicholas Doran, Coolree, be registered for sale of milk under the Milk and Dairies Act, 1935. Mr. Luke Doyle, owner of a house at Gibson Street, occupied by John McEvoy, appeared before the meeting in connection with a notice served under Section 23 of the housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 and, asked to be informed of what repairs were necessary to make the houses fit for human habitation. The Borough Surveyor was asked to supply the necessary information and the further consideration of the matter was adjourned to enable this to be done. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had examined the premises occupied by John Keane of Georges Street in connection with an emanation of sewer gas, and recommended that an old box sewer, which was in a very poor state of repair, be replaced by a 6 inch pipe sewer at a cost of approximately £20. It was ordered that this work be carried out.

A complaint was made that a recent order of the Corporation that sledgers in the quarry ~~had not been~~ ^{had not been carried out} paid the increased rate of wages agreed upon, and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to pay the men the increased rate on Friday next. A complaint was also made regarding the conditions of the dust carts, and the Surveyor was instructed to have them placed in their proper state of repair. At this stage the Councillor Gault intimated that a deputation of the unemployed was waiting in the ante-chamber and asked if the Corporation intended to receive them.

The Town Clerk, however, intimated that at mid-day on Saturday last he had received an intimation from the Unemployment Association to the effect that a deputation would wait on the monthly meeting to be held on the 5th inst., and asked him to let the Association know if the deputation would be received, and at what time.

He had replied that in view of the very large amount of public business to be transacted for this meeting, it was impossible at this stage to arrange for a deputation to be received and, suggested that a memorandum be prepared setting out the points which the Association wish to place before the Corporation, and felt certain that it would receive the careful consideration of the members. He further intimated that if a deputation was considered necessary to illucidate any of the points raised in the memorandum which could be arranged at a later date. In reply to this, he had received an ample epistle stating that the deputation proposed to attend and would be at the Town Hall at 7.30. p.m. on the night of the meeting. The meeting decided on hearing the deputation and 5 members of the Association came into the Council Chamber. The points raised by the deputation were purely a repetition of those raised at previous meetings, but on behalf of the Corporation it was pointed out that they had arranged to have the relief grants commenced on the 12th inst., and satisfactory progress was being made in connection with the other works.

Richard A. T. D.
Mayor of Wexford

12th September, 1938.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock, p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor, (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh, Councillors John Billington, James Sinnott and James Crosbie.

The first business was to consider a Statement by the Town Clerk, copies of which had been furnished to the members, showing the cost of the Whitemill Road Housing Scheme, and the Town Clerk's Estimate of the rents required to be charged.

This statement showed that the average all-in cost of a Three-roomed house, was £335 7s., and of a four-roomed house £360 7s.

As regards the rent of a three-roomed house, it was seen that after allowing for a Government subsidy of two-thirds of the annual loan charges on a cost of £300 per house, the total annual charge would amount to £15 8s.7d. per house. A rent of 3s.6d. per week would produce £9 2s.0d. leaving a loss of £6 6s.7d. to be met by the ratepayers. A rent of 4s. per week would leave a loss of £5 0s.7d.

As regards a four-roomed house, the total annual charge, after allowing for a Government Subsidy in the same manner as the three-roomed house, would be £17 13s.5d. A rent of 4s.6d. per week would produce £11 14s. leaving a loss of £5 19s.5d., and a rent of 5s. would leave a loss of £4 13s.5d.

The statement further set out that if the houses were let at rents of 4s. and 5s. each per week, the annual loss would amount to approximately £299, or an average of about £4 16s.8d. per house, which would be equivalent to 3.3 pence in the Pound.

In order to reduce this loss as much as possible, the Town Clerk suggested that the 12 four-roomed houses fronting Whitemill Road be let at a weekly rent of 6s.6d. each. If this were done, the net loss would be reduced by £46 16s.6d. per year to approximately £252, or 2.8 pence in the Pound. The average loss on the 62 houses would then be about £4 each per annum.

The members carefully considered this statement and thought that the suggestion of the Town Clerk to let the houses at 4s., 5s., and 6s.6d. each per week was the best under all circumstances, and it was unanimously decided to convene a special meeting of the Corporation for Monday next, 19th inst., and recommend that the rents suggested be fixed.

It was further agreed to recommend the Corporation to issue a fresh advertisement inviting applications for the 12 houses on the front of the road at 6s.6d. per week, and, as well, to recommend the transfer from Maudlintown to Whitemill of the 7 persons who formerly resided at Corry's Terrace and who had applied to be transferred back to that area.

It was further decided to recommend the Corporation to name the new houses as follows:-

The 12 houses fronting Whitemill Road to be known as "Whitemill Road," and the remaining 50 houses to be known as "Whiterock View."

Two tenders were submitted for the supply of ranges for repairs to artisan dwellings.

They were from the Timber Co. and Messrs. McCormick & Hegarty, the latter firm were the cheaper for four 36" open ranges, and the Timber Co. were the cheaper for six 36" open ranges; six 36"

closed ranges and four 30" closed ranges.

It was unanimously decided to accept the lower tender in each case.

The Town Clerk again brought before the meeting the model Clause for use in the preparation of Town Planning Schemes and asked that some decision be come to on this matter.

The Members discussed ^{it} at length and thought that in conjunction with Town Planning there should be an attempt made to extend the Borough which was now becoming very congested, and before considering the appointment of an expert it was considered that a preliminary survey should first be made by the Corporation Engineers of the Town, and the adjoining Districts which might, with advantage, be included in the Borough. After some further discussion on this matter it was decided to convene a special meeting of the Committee in the near future to go into the details of this plan.

As regards the proposal to erect fourteen 5 roomed houses at William Street by direct labour which had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, it was unanimously decided that Mr. T. J. Miller should carry out this scheme as Clerk of Works under the Borough Surveyor, at the same remuneration as he enjoyed on previous schemes. Mr. Miller, who was present in his capacity as acting Borough Surveyor, agreed to get out quantities for these houses immediately, and to advertise for cement, sand, and gravel as soon as possible.

Richard Curtis T. J.
Mayor of Wexford

MUNICIPAL WORKS REPORT.

STATE OF WORKS AND SOME CLERK'S REPORTS OF WORKS DONE.

	1912-13.			1913-14.		
Average Building Costs	2079.	0.	0.	2214.	0.	0.
Amusement	43.	0.	0.	80.	0.	0.
Land	6453.	0.	0.			
See Costs	48.	0.	0.			
Travelling	18.	0.	0.			
Transporting	21.14.	0.				
See Costs						
Costs	15.	0.	0.	2316.	14.	0.
Cost of Road	5.	0.	0.	5.	0.	0.
Cost per Horse	2230.	0.	0.	2300.	0.	0.

19th September, 1938.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, and James McMahon.

Councillors: James Billington, Stephen McMahon, John Billington, James Crosbie, Patrick Hawkins, James Sinnott, Phillip McGuire, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Byrne, Timothy Cashman, and James Gaul.

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the meeting commenced, Alderman Walsh moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman Tobin on the death of his wife.

Alderman Coffey seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present; by the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff; and adopted in respectful silence.

RENTS OF WHITEMILL HOUSES.

The Meeting had been convened to consider four recommendations by the Housing Committee.

The first recommendation was that the rents of the Sixty-two houses, now nearing completion at Whitemill, be fixed at:- Three-room 4/- each per week; Four-room 5/- each per week; and the twelve Four-roomed houses fronting Whitemill Road 6/6 each per week.

A copy of the following report by the Town Clerk to the Housing Committee had been circulated to each of the members prior to the meeting:-

WHITEMILL ROAD HOUSING SCHEME.

STATEMENT OF COSTS AND TOWN CLERK'S ESTIMATE OF RENTS REQUIRED.

	<u>THREE ROOM.</u>			<u>FOUR ROOM.</u>		
Average Building Costs	£279.	0.	0.	£304.	0.	0.
Development	43.	0.	0.	43.	0.	0.
Land	£420.	0.	0.			
Law Costs	45.	7.	2.			
Inquiry	18.	6.	11.			
Advertising	21.	14.	6.			
Miscellaneous.	11.	9.	9.			
	<u>£516. 18. 4.</u>			8.	7.	0.
Clerk of Works-----	5.	0.	0.	5.	0.	0.
All-in Cost per house-----	<u>£335. 7. 0.</u>			<u>£360. 7. 0.</u>		

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ESTIMATED RENT OF THREE-ROOM HOUSE.

Repay £335 @ £5. 17. 9½%	£19. 14. 6.	
Deduct 2/3rds Subsidy on		
£300-----	11. 15. 7.	£7. 18. 11.
Rates on a P.L.V. of £4 @ £1.0.8.-----	4. 2. 8.	
Administration Expenses @ 1%-----	3. 7. 0.	£15. 8. 7.
A Rent of 3/6 per week will produce-----		9. 2. 0.
leaving a loss of-----		6. 6. 7.
A Rent of 4/- will produce £10. 8. 0. leaving a loss of		5. 0. 7.

ESTIMATED RENT OF FOUR-ROOM HOUSE.

Repay £360 @ £5. 17. 9½%	£21. 4. 0.	
Less 2/3rds subsidy on		
£300-----	11. 15. 7.	£9. 8. 5.
Rates on a P.L.V. of £4. 10. 0.-----	4. 13. 0.	
Administration at 1%-----	3. 12. 0.	£17. 13. 5.
A Rent of 4/6 will produce-----		11. 14. 0.
leaving a loss of-----		5. 19. 5.
A Rent of 5/- will leave a loss of-----		4. 13. 5.

If the houses are let at 4/- and 5/- each per week the annual loss would amount to about £298, or an average of approximately £4.16. 0. per house. This would be equivalent to 3.3 pence in the pound.

In order to reduce this loss as much as possible, I suggest that the twelve Four-room houses fronting Whitemill Road be let at a weekly rent of 6/6 each. If this were done, the net loss would be reduced by £46. 16. 6 per year to £251, or 2.8 pence in the pound. The average loss on the 62 houses would then be about £4. 0. 0. each.

The Mayor, in moving the adoption of the Housing Committee recommendation, referred to the various causes which compelled the Committee to increase the rents of these houses. He pointed out that since previous schemes were completed the cost of building material had considerably increased, wages had increased, and the Conditions of Employment Act had also resulted in increased costs. As well, he pointed out that owing to the scheme having been commenced before September, 1937, subsidy would only be paid on £300 per house. He pointed out that, even at the rents suggested by the Committee, the Corporation would be subsidising the houses to the extent of approximately £251 per annum, and the Committee felt, he added, that it would be unfair to the ratepayers to ask them to contribute any bigger amount towards this scheme. Councillor James Billington seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Arising out of the cost of these houses, Alderman Walsh suggested that the Corporation should have a consultation with their Engineering Staff with a view to seeing if it were at all possible to reduce the present building costs, and it was decided to refer this matter to the Housing Committee for consideration.

Councillor Cashman then moved a resolution that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be again requested to pay

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subsidy up to £350 per house in respect of this scheme.

During the discussion on Councillor Cashman's motion, it was pointed out that the Corporation of Wexford had been continually building for the past ten years, and ratepayers were already contributing a very high annual amount to subsidise houses erected for the accommodation of the working classes.

Alderman Walsh seconded this motion, which was also unanimously adopted.

The next recommendation was that fresh applications be invited by public advertisement for the twelve houses fronting Whitemill Road, for which it was proposed to charge a rent of 6/6 each per week. Alderman Coffey proposed the adoption of this recommendation, which was seconded by Councillor McMahon, and adopted without dissent.

The third recommendation was that the persons formerly resident in Corry's Terrace be transferred from Maudlintown to Whitemill, provided their Rent Books were clear.

In this connection it was explained that some couple of years ago these persons were residing in houses which were condemned as unfit for human habitation, and had been transferred to the Maudlintown Housing Estate.

The new houses at Whitemill were in close proximity to the Corry's Terrace Area, in which a number of the people had resided all their lifetime, and they were naturally anxious to return to the area in which they formerly resided.

Councillor Hayes moved the adoption of this recommendation, which was seconded by Alderman Coffey and adopted nem con.

The fourth recommendation was that the twelve houses fronting Whitemill Road be known as "Whitemill Road", and the remaining Fifty houses be known as "Whiterock View".

This recommendation was also unanimously adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Coates T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting. The same members being in attendance.

Defective Eave Shoots.

Councillor McMahon complained of the number of defective eave shoots in the town and the Turncock was to be instructed to interview the persons concerned with a view to having the defects remedied.

Arrears of S.D.A. Acts.

Under date of the 16th inst., by letter No. H16871 the Minister for Local Government and Public Health asked to be informed of the action being taken by the Corporation to collect arrears of instalments due under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by Messrs E. Howlin and Michael Coghlan. The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that this was the latest of a series of correspondence between the Minister and himself relative to the arrears due by these two gentlemen.

He had on a former occasion reported their default amongst others to the Corporation, and as then instructed, he had communicated with them several times. These were the only two persons who had not cleared off the arrears due at 31st March last, despite the fact that he had threatened to foreclose on the Mortgages held by the Corporation.

Mr. Howlin, he stated, owed £17 18s.9d. to the 31st December last and £21 3s.3d. to the 30th June, making in all £39 12s.0d.

On Saturday last Mr. Howlin had forwarded £10 on account and promised a further payment of £3 during the coming week, together with £3, a month off the arrears now owing, if the Corporation were satisfied to accept it. It was pointed out that by this arrangement Mr. Howlin would have the arrears cleared off by June next, and after some discussion it was agreed to accept this offer provided that the current instalments were paid as they fell due.

Mr. Coghlan, the Town Clerk pointed out, owed £5 7s.4d. on the end of December last and a further £6 1s.0d. to the 30th June, making in all £11 8s.4d. In this case no offer had been received and the Members decided to suggest to Mr. Coghlan that he should pay the sum of 30s. per month until all the arrears were cleared off. If Coghlan agreed to this suggestion, it was decided to so inform the Minister together with the arrangements made with Mr. Howlin, but if he did not agree, the matter would again be considered by the Committee at the next meeting.

The Town Clerk further reported that Mr. Samuel Yates, who had also received a loan under these Acts to erect a house at St. John's Road, had recently left the country and had instructed an agent to let the house to a weekly tenant. This had been done, which was a breach of the Mortgage entered into by Mr. Yates, and as well, there was a sum of £18 3s.7d. due to the Corporation in respect of repayment of the loan up to 30th June last.

In this connection it was decided to apply to the Agent for the instalment due, without prejudice to any action the Corporation might see fit to take in the future and if the instalment was not forthcoming immediately, the Corporation Solicitor was to be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to foreclose^{on} the Mortgage and to dispose of the house.

RENEWAL OF SEWERS & WATERMAINS.

Under date of the 1st inst. by letter No. S.21967/2/38 the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in the course of a lengthy letter referred to the proposal of the Corporation to renew sewers and watermains in the Borough by direct labour and gave a number of reasons why this work should be advertised for competitive tender. He intimated that the Corporation policy in this matter would have to be reviewed and stated that in future they would be unable to give consideration to any case for direct labour on grounds similar to those made in the present instance.

In view of the fact that the delay in advertising for a Contractor would hold up the concreting of streets under the special employment scheme the Minister would not raise any further objection to the present works being proceeded with by way of direct labour.

This letter was considered satisfactory.

SURVEY OF HOUSING NEEDS.

Under date of the 1st inst., by circular letter No. 92 the Minister requested that a Survey of the Housing Needs of the Corporation covering the period 31st March, 1944, be made forthwith, and enclosed the necessary forms on which the returns of the Survey were to be made. The Survey was to be carried out under the guidance of the County Medical Officer of Health in conjunction with the Surveyor.

It was decided to forward a copy of this circular to the County Medical Officer of Health for his instructions as to the making of this survey.

HOUSE AT WILLIAM STREET.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of a house at William Street, the gable end of which had collapsed as a result of the demolition of two condemned houses adjoining, which demolition had been carried out by the Corporation workmen and Counsel advised that they were responsible for the carrying out of the repairs.

The wall which had collapsed was only a single brick wall 4½" wide, and the Borough Surveyor had advised the Council that to replace this wall in a similar manner would be a pure waste of money having regard to its exposed position, as, in his opinion, it would again collapse with the first winter storm. He therefore, suggested that a 9" concrete block wall should be built.

The difficulty in doing this was that the hall of the house was at present extremely narrow and if a further 4½" were taken off it would be practically useless and the owner would not agree to the 4½" being taken. The Corporation had then considered the advisability of buying the two vacant sites on which the two houses had stood with the object of building on them at some future time.

The owner, Mrs. Donohoe, had been approached and after some lengthy discussions she had agreed to sell the plot at William St., for £30, clear of costs and clear of any expenses already incurred by the Corporation in demolishing the two condemned houses and repairing the gable of the adjoining house. The property was held under a long term lease for 999 years from March 1849 at a rent of 12s. per annum.

The Committee carefully considered this matter and decided that this appeared to be the best solution of the problem and the sooner it was put into operation the better. So they unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to accept the offer of Mrs. Donohoe subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

the Town Clerk was instructed to immediately apply for the sanction of the Minister to the proposed purchase. An application from the person who resided in the house, out of which the gable end had fallen, for the tenancy of a house at Maudlintown was next submitted, but was referred to the Housing Committee.

PETROLEUM LICENCE.

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, was signed in respect of premises at Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty, Custom House, Quay.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The County Medical Officer of Health recommended that the premises of Mr. William McGuire of John St., and M.J. Fielding, Sea View, Barntown, could now be registered under the Milk & Dairies Act, 1935.

Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, reported that he had inspected the house at 17 Bride St, occupied by John Fenlon, and found it totally unfit for human habitation, so it was decided to serve a notice under the Act of 1931 fixing a time and place where ~~there~~ any offer regarding future user of the house would be considered.

Dr. Sinnott further reported having inspected a house at Barrack St., occupied by a man named Reck which he found to be infested with bed bugs and it was decided to write to Dr. Sinnott to inform the Corporation if there was anything which would rid the house of these pests.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of August showed that ~~he~~ examined 241 cattle, 261 sheep, 39 swine. Of the cattle, one whole carcass, 7 heads; one fore-quarter and 12 organs were destroyed for tuberculosis and 33 organs for other diseases. Of the sheep 14 organs were destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis while of the swine two heads were destroyed for tuberculosis and one organ for another disease.

The Acting Borough Surveyor was requested to expedite a report on the house at Gibson St. occupied by John McEvoy.

A complaint was made that the water pump at Corsstown Cemetery was kept locked by the caretaker, but it was explained that this was necessary owing to the pump being continually damaged by mischevious persons and the Town Clerk was to consult with the caretaker on the best means of providing water for persons needing it to water flowers on graves.

Richard Cairns T. D.
Mayor of Wexford

3rd October, 1938.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, Robert Coffey and Jas. McMahon.

Councillors: Timothy Cashman, John Billington, Phillip McGuire, James Billington, Thomas Byrne, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Patrick Hawkins, Thomas Hayes and Stephen McMahon.

MINUTES.

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 5th and 19th ultimo, minutes of Housing Committee on 12th ultimo (A Copy of which had been furnished to the members beforehand) together with minutes of the Finance and Works, etc., Committees on 5th and 19th ultimo.

On the motion of Alderman Walsh seconded by Councillor Crosbie the minutes, as submitted, were approved, and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Town Clerk in the bereavement caused by the death of his father, the late Mr. Luke Byrne. The motion was seconded by Alderman Coffey, supported by all the members present, and adopted in respectful silence.

The Mayor also moved that the meeting extend their sympathy to Councillor Martin on the death of his Uncle. This motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott and was also adopted in silence.

Councillor James Billington proposed a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Most Rev. Dr. Day, Protestant Primate which was seconded by Alderman Coffey and adopted in the usual way.

ACCOUNTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £4,534 : 1 : 3, were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Arising out of the accounts, Councillor Billington referred to an item of £21 for the audit of the Corporation's Accounts in respect of the two years ended the 31st March last, and was informed by the Town Clerk that the fee was fixed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health at £10 : 10 : 0, in respect of each year's audit, which he (Town Clerk) considered very cheap.

CLERK OF WORKS.

The Housing Committee recommended that Mr. T.J. Millar be appointed Clerk of Works for the erection, by direct labour, of 14 houses at William Street, together with 8 bungalows and a Fire Station at Davitt Road, North, with remuneration at the rate of £5 : 5 : 0 per week, under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor. Alderman Walsh moved the adoption of the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Hayes.

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In reply to a query by Councillor James Billington, the Borough Surveyor stated that it would take approximately 12 months to have the 2 schemes completed, but the work might be done in a lesser time. The recommendation was unanimously adopted subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

EMPLOYMENT OF PENSIONERS.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor John Billington moved that the resolutions and orders of the Corporation from time to time, prohibiting persons in receipt of pensions from being employed, be rescinded. Councillor Hawkins seconded. A lengthy discussion followed this motion during which members expressed the hope that the fact of pensioners being employed would not mean that they would be expected to work under the Trade Union Rate of Wages and eventually the motion was unanimously adopted with an addendum suggested by the Mayor as follows:- "PROVIDED ALWAYS that if a man was in receipt of a pension it would not mean his being paid less than the Trade Union Rate of Wages."

DEMOLITION ORDER.

The Housing Committee also recommended that a demolition order be made in respect of a house at Talbot Street occupied by Patrick Sinnott. It was explained that the necessary notice under Section 23 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 had been served on the owner and no undertaking had been accepted with respect to the carrying out of works or the future user of the house.

Councillor Cashman moved the adoption of the recommendation which was seconded by Alderman Walsh.

Members complained that this method of demolishing houses in various parts of the Town was leaving a number of unsightly plots and that some steps should be taken to deal with the matter in a more comprehensive way.

It was pointed out, however, that a request had been received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for a complete Housing survey to be made covering the needs of the Town up to 1944. The survey was to be carried out under the guidance of the County Medical Officer of Health and he had been asked for instructions on the making of it.

The recommendation was unanimously adopted and the demolition order sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The next business was the report of P. Fraher, Local Government Auditor, on his audit of the Accounts of the Corporation for the 2 years ended the 31st March 1938. Each member had been supplied with a copy of the Auditor's Report and the Abstract of Accounts in respect of each year, but some complained that the documents in connection with the audit were so voluminous that they had not an opportunity of studying the report in time for the present meeting, so it was agreed, on the suggestion of the Mayor, to adjourn consideration of it until next meeting. Alderman Walsh, however, congratulated the Town Clerk on the manner in which the accounts had been prepared for audit and presented to the members.

UNITY OF IRELAND.

At this stage Councillor Cashman stated that in his opinion the time had now come for an attempt to be made to secure the return of Northern Ireland to Eire and after a lengthy address moved that "We the members of the Wexford Corporation call on An Dag to institute measures for the return of

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Northern Ireland to Eire and that notice of this resolution be forwarded to An Taoiseach and to each Public Body in Eire. Councillor McMahon seconded the motion which was eventually unanimously adopted.

MORTGAGE DEEDS.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of a Loan of £700 to complete the Maudlintown Housing Scheme of 154 houses, and on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

"A"

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Seven Hundred Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1931."

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation and the following further resolution was also unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor James Billington, seconded by Alderman Coffey.

"B"

"That inasmuch as this Corporation does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Corporation, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, IT IS RESOLVED that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Corporation for time being, countersigned by the Town Clerk. And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

There was also submitted a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the Commissioners for the repayment of a Loan of £7,440 for the erection of 14 five-roomed houses at William Street and on the motion of Councillor James Sinnott seconded by Councillor Hawkins it was resolved:-

"A"

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Seven Thousand Four hundred and Forty Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 & 1931."

This Mortgage Deed was also duly sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation and the following further resolution unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor McMahon seconded by Councillor McGuire.

"B"

"That inasmuch as this Corporation does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the total

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"B"

the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Corporation, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, IT IS RESOLVED that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Corporation for time being, countersigned by the Town Clerk, and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

The Meeting then terminated.

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Richard Corry T. J.
Mayor.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks and Public health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting. The members present being the same as at the Quarterly Meeting.

DIRECTION SIGNS.

Councillor Sinnott asked that an effort be made to secure a Direction Sign for erection at the junction of the Faythe and William Street to guide tourists coming into Wexford from the Rosslare side.

STOVES FOR OFFICES.

The Town Clerk asked for permission to purchase 2 slow combustion stoves for use in his offices. He pointed out, as the members were aware, that during the winter months, owing to antiquated fire places and defective chimneys it was very often impossible to work in the building owing to smoke.

Several members were aware that the Town Clerk's complaint in this matter was perfectly correct, and it was unanimously agreed that he should be given permission to purchase the stoves asked for and to do away with the present fire places.

REGISTERED PLUMBER.

Under date of the 30th ultimo, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors intimated on behalf of James Browne, Distillery Road, that he had been employed to do some plumbing work at the Faythe and to enable him to do this work it was necessary that the Water supply should be cut off for the time being. He had requested this to be done but it had been refused by the Borough Surveyor. In this connection, it was pointed out that in the first place, Browne had failed to make the deposit necessary to cover the estimated cost of opening the street and the services of the Turncock. Secondly, that he was not a member of the Plumbers Union and it was quite possible that the Turncock would not be allowed to work with him nor would labourers be allowed to open the street for him. After some discussion, however, it was agreed to inform Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey that Browne had failed to make the necessary deposit and until this was done the Corporation Employees would not be allowed to open the streets.

FIRE PRACTICE.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade intimated that he was holding a practice on Saturday next, the 8th instant, at 2 p.m. at Spawell Road.

SEWERAGE.

A Complaint was made regarding the condition of the sewerage at King Street, and School Street and the Borough Surveyor and Sanitary Officer were asked to inspect them and take any steps necessary to have any nuisance created abated.

BOOTS & OILCOATS.

Applications were submitted from the employees for their

annual boots and oil coats and it was agreed to obtain tenders for them at next meeting.

SANITARY CONVENIENCE.

The Town Clerk reported that despite two communications addressed to the owner of a house at Faythe occupied by John Lucan he had failed to instal a water closet in this house but some members stated they were aware that the materials were on ground, so it was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter until next meeting.

S.D.A. Acts.

With reference to minutes at last meeting, when the question of the letting of houses by Mr. Samuel Yates of St. John's Road was under consideration, the agent Mr. R. E. Corish, stated that the houses had been set at a weekly rent of 25s. per week and he would ^{not} remit any money he received until the arrears on foot of the Mortgage had been cleared off. In this connection it was decided to take no further action until next meeting to see if any payments would be made on foot of the debt.

HOUSE AT FAYTHE.

The Town Clerk reported that some repayments had been carried out on 3 houses in the Faythe owned by Mr. William Barr and it was decided to request the Medical Officer of Health to make further reports as to whether or not, in his opinion, the houses were now fit for human habitation.

DAMAGE TO MOWING-MACHINE.

Mr. John McDonald, Ballindinas, Barntown, claimed £1 : 7 : 6 for damage done to the blades of a mowing machine through coming into contact with the pegs laid through his land in connection with the survey on the improvement of the Water System, and it was agreed to request the observations of the consulting Engineers on the Claim.

DEFECTIVE EAVE SHOOTS.

The Turncock reported on defective eave shoots in the Town and it was agreed to serve notice requiring their repair as soon as possible.

HOUSE AT WILLIAM ST.

Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan intimated that their client Mr. John Walsh, William Street, was not prepared to accept the sum of £2 : 10 : 0 in settlement of his Claim for recent damage through the collapse of the gable end of his house, which matter was under consideration at last meeting when the Borough Surveyor intimated that in his opinion £2 : 10 : 0 would amply cover any loss.

Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan intimated that unless the full amount of the Claim of £12 was paid they were instructed to institute proceedings against the Corporation. In this connection it was decided to inform the Solicitors that the Corporation were not prepared to increase the offer already made.

S.D.A. Acts Loan.

An application from Mr. John Fennell of William St., for a Loan of £100, under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was submitted and it was decided to inform Mr. Fennell that subject to the house being in proper condition the Corporation would be prepared to grant the Loan provided Mr. Fennell was in a position to name 2 solvent persons who would be prepared to go security for the repayment of the money.

HILL ST., HOUSES.

A Memorial was submitted from a number of residents in Hill Street, asking that a laneway at the back of their houses be divided into plots and that dust bins be provided for the moving of refuse.

This communication was referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report.

DAMAGE TO FENCE.

The District Engineer of the Great Southern Railways complained that a fence between the Corporation property at Maudlinton and the Company's Property had again being lifted away and rubbish dumped underneath it on to their embankment. The Town Clerk explained that this was constantly occurring and requested that the Gardai should be requested to co-operate the Corporation in discovering the culprits and it was agreed to ask the Superintendent for the co-operation of the Gardai in this matter.

NEW HOUSES.

A discussion took place regarding the employment of labour on the erection of the houses at William Street and Davitt Road, North, by direct labour, but it was eventually decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Housing Committee to make recommendation to the Corporation.

There was submitted to the Meeting the recommendations of the Housing Committee for 62 tenants to occupy the new houses at Whitemill Road. It was stated on behalf of the occupiers of six condemned houses at Paradise Row that they would not leave their present dwellings so, the Committee proceeded to select further tenants, although the Town Clerk pointed out that they were bound to re-house these persons and secure the demolition of the houses, and, that it was quite possible the subsidy might be affected.

He (Town Clerk) also pointed out that some of those selected by the Housing Committee were residing in Corporation houses which was contrary to a recent Resolution, but, members held that these selected in this category were sons and sons-in-law of the tenants who had recently married. It was agreed to submit the revised list to the Corporation at next meeting for ratification.

8th October, 1938.

A Meeting of the Special Rates Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at three o'clock, p.m.

The Members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor(in the Chair),

Alderman Thomas Walsh.

Councillor James Billington and the Town Clerk.

The first business of the Meeting was to consider three alternative proposals made by Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, in connection with the suggested extension of the Waterworks System.

The three systems were carefully considered by the Committee but they did not feel confident without further advice, to make any recommendation to the Corporation, and a suggestion was made that Messrs. Delap & Waller and the Chief Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health should be asked to come to Wexford to discuss the matter with the Committee, but, it was pointed out that it might not be possible for the Chief Engineer to come at a time suitable to Messrs. Delap & Waller and vice a versa. So, eventually it was decided that the Mayor and Town Clerk should go to Dublin and discuss the matter with Mr. Courtney and the Engineers to see which of the Schemes suggested would be the most advantageous for the Town. ✓

The Town Clerk also intimated at the Meeting that as soon as the Engineer's side of the scheme was decided on, it would be necessary for him again to visit the Department to discuss the question of a Provisional Order with the Officials concerned. Permission for this was also granted.

With reference to an offer made some time ago by the Daughter of the late G. B. Cooke to pay 2 years rates in discharge of the sum due by her father to the 31st March 1938. The Minister for Local Government and Public Health had intimated that the Council should instruct their Solicitor to take steps to recover the full amount of the rates due.

The amount due to the 31st March last was £132 : 14 : 0 and the 2 years would amount to £40 : 2 : 6.

The Town Clerk stated that on receipt of the Department's letter he had consulted the Corporation Solicitor who showed him a Statement of Affairs on the late Mr. Cooke. This Statement showed that the Assets were nil and the Liabilities pretty substantial. The Solicitor thought it was doubtful if the Corporation would even recover 2 years rates by proceedings against the Estate and the members of the present Meeting were of the same opinion. They thought that the offer should be accepted, subject to the Corporation Solicitor stating that he did not think any more could be recovered from the estate and the approval of the rate Collectors.

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It was stated that an offer of 2 years rates on foot of arrears due by Miss. Lennon of North Main St., had been made by a relative, and it was also decided, in this case, to accept the offer subject to the approval of the Rate Collectors.

There was submitted to the Meeting an application from the Irish Local Government Officials Union on behalf of Rate Collectors, O'Leary and Curran that their Poundage Rate should be increased from $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ and that their Fidelity Guarantee Bond Premiums should be paid by the Corporation. In this connection, the Members were not inclined to recommend the Corporation to increase the Poundage Rate until such a time as the arrears were reduced to reasonable proportions. In their opinion, any such proposals would not be sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. They were, however, prepared to recommend the Corporation to pay the Fidelity Guarantee Bond and agreed that the Town Clerk should put their views before the Collectors for their observations.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor

17th October, 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, Public Health and old age Pensions Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock, p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: James McMahon, Thomas Walsh and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: John Billington, Nicholas Connolly, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, James Gaul, Phillip McGuire, Stephen McMahon, Thomas Byrne, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Patrick Hawkins, Timothy Cashman and Michael Martin.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

The decisions of the Members acting as Old Age Pensions Committee will be found in the Register of Claims, etc., with one exception, that of Patrick Sinnott, St. Ibars Villas, Wexford.

In this case, the Pension Officer raised a question to the effect that Sinnott was in receipt of a pension at a higher rate than was justified by his means.

A number of members raised strenuous objections to this man having his pension cut, but it was pointed out that he had recently received a Military Service Pension and in the circumstances, the Committee could do nothing except agree with the Pension Officers recommendation, as the means were calculated in accordance with a Statutory formula. Nevertheless, the Meeting decided to adjourn consideration of the Claim and to request Sinnott to attend their next meeting.

SCAVENGING CART.

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to repair the scavenging cart temporarily, pending consideration of the Scheme submitted last June for the re-organisation of the scavenging system.

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RENT COLLECTION.

The Town Clerk submitted the Report of the two Rent Collectors for the week ending the 14th instant, which showed an increase of a few pounds in arrears over the previous week. In reply to a query, he stated that the arrears at the end of September had increased by some £20 or £30 over the figure at the 31st March last. He informed the meeting that he was gravely concerned with the inability of the Collectors to reduce the arrears on rents of Artizans Dwellings which was now approximately £620. He proposed having an interview with the Collectors, personally, during the coming week with a view to taking strong action against tenants in arrear.

DAMAGE THROUGH WATERWORKS SURVEY.

With reference to minutes of the 3rd instant, when a Claim for £1 : 7 : 6 in respect of two mowing-machine blades was made by Mr. John McDonald, Ballindinas, Barntown, through whose land survey pegs in connection with the proposed improvement of the Water Supply had been laid in the Spring, causing damage to the blades, Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, intimated that the Claim would have to be met in a part or in whole. Mr. McDonald had produced two receipts for the blades and it was unanimously decided to pay the amount claimed, provided the Town Clerk was satisfied after independent inquiries that the amount charged for the two new blades was reasonable.

MORGUE.

The Town Clerk mentioned that as far back as October and November 1937 the Wexford Harbour Commissioners had requested the Corporation to contribute half the cost of demolishing the old morgue on the Quay which was then in a very dangerous condition. He now intimated that from a perusal of the old minutes of the Corporation he had ascertained that the Morgue had been erected by the Commissioners, and, at a Joint Conference in 1892, it had been decided that the Corporation should take it over and maintain it, they being the Sanitary Authority for the Borough. It was unanimously agreed that the request of the Commissioners in this matter was reasonable, and it was decided to pay £9 which was half the cost.

WATER SUPPLY TO HOUSE AT FAYTHE.

Under date of the 13th instant, a Mr. George Edwards of No. 9 Faythe, intimated that he had recently purchased the Dwelling house No. 129 Faythe, which had no Water Supply and had made arrangements with the owner and tenant of the adjoining house to connect a supply from their service. When the Plumber, (Mr. James Browne, Distillery Road) went to do this, the Turncock, he stated, refused to allow the connection to be made without the consent of the Corporation and he now asked for such consent. It was pointed out that this was a breach of the Waterworks Regulations, but up to recently the regulations in this connection had been carried out more in the breach than in the observations. A lengthy discussion followed on this matter after which it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Martin that permission be given on condition that the owner of the service installed a proper stopcock approved of by the Borough Surveyor.

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In this connection, attention was called to the fact that Mr. Browne (Plumber) who should be conversant with the regulations had attempted to make this connection until he was prohibited by the Turncock, and he was to be warned that any further breaches of the Regulations made by him would mean the erasure of his name from the list of Authorised Waterworks Plumbers.

WATERWORKS REGULATIONS.

It was also decided to send a copy of the Waterworks Regulations to each Plumber in the Town, calling particular attention to the regulation prohibiting the supply of more than one house from a single service and warning them also, that failure to carry out this Rule, as well as the other Rules, of the Waterworks would mean erasure from the list of Plumbers.

WATERWORKS PLUMBER.

An application was submitted from a Mr. James Jones of 26 Upper John Street to be enrolled as an Authorised Waterworks Plumber. From a reference submitted by Jones it appeared that he had served an apprenticeship of seven years with the Late Mr. Francis Browne, but some members expressed a doubt as to whether or not he was recognised by the Plumbers Society as a Qualified Tradesman, so it was unanimously decided to request the Plumber's Society to state if they recognised Jones as a Qualified Plumber.

SEWER TRINITY STREET.

Under date of the 1st instant, Messrs. J. J. Stafford and H. W. Saville of Trinity Street brought under notice that there was no connection between the main sewer at Mr. Stafford's Garage and the main sewer opposite the house in which Mr. Saville resided and they wished to have a connection made between these two as the sewer from the Talbot Hotel was going across the street into a sewer under the Gas Works which was causing trouble for some time past.

The Town Clerk had referred this communication to the Borough Surveyor for a report and in his (Surveyor) opinion the sewer from the Talbot Hotel referred to was merely a drain as it only served the Hotel. The proper way to drain the Talbot Hotel was into the Main sewer at King Street, but Mr. Stafford objected to this as he would have to rip an extensive stretch of concrete roadway.

In view of the improvements at present being carried out at the Hotel, the Corporation were anxious to facilitate Mr. Stafford, and on the suggestion of the Borough Surveyor, agreed to making a connection from King Street sewer to the curtilage of Mr. Stafford's premises at the wall of King Street Garage when he could then make a connection himself from the Hotel.

RAILWAYS.

A lengthy communication from the Railway Employees Political Organisation was submitted relative to the position of the Irish Railways and, this was referred to the next Statutory Meeting of the Corporation.

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LOAN. S.D.A. Acts-Fennell.

With reference to minutes of last Meeting when an application was submitted from Mr. John Fennell, William Street for a Loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and when it had been decided to request Mr. Fennell to nominate two solvent sureties as security for the sum in question. Mr. Fennell now intimated that Miss Alice Fennell, 15 High Street, Wexford and Mr. James Prendergast of St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy, would be prepared to guarantee the Loan. The members were satisfied with the solvency of Miss Alice Fennell but they knew nothing whatever about Mr. Prendergast and decided to request Mr. Fennell to nominate a second person from Wexford Town.

S.D.A. Acts, - Yates.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the question of the letting of a house at John's Road which had been erected by Mr. Samuel Yates with a Loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, the Town Clerk reported that he had received a cheque from Mr. R. E. Corish, Auctioneer, who was agent for Mr. Yates for the sum of £7 : 15 : 5 on foot of the amount due to 30th June last, so it was decided to take no action in this matter for the present.

PETROLEUM LICENCE.

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871 was signed in respect of the premises of Messrs. J. J. Stafford & Sons., Ltd., Paul Quay, Wexford.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE, ABBEY STREET.

A Complaint regarding the condition of a Slaughter-house by the S.S.O. owned and occupied by M. Kehoe was referred to the Meat Inspector for attention.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the employment of men and it was decided that when employing men for the future the Borough Surveyor should obtain from the Local Labour Exchange a list of suitable persons from which he would select the number he required and submit them to a Meeting of the Committee before they commenced work.

FIRE BRIGADE.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that he had been called to a Fire in the Faythe on the 9th instant, at 10.45 p.m. when a Public House owned by Mrs. Kelly took fire. He laid three lines of hose and ~~had~~ had the fire under control quickly. He also reported having a practice at the Distillery Road on the 15th instant, when everything was satisfactory.

As regards the Fire at the Faythe, only four members of the Brigade were in attendance as the fire was so serious that the Captain could not afford to leave one of his members off to call the other two and it was pointed out that some time ago an arrangement had been made with the Gardai that as soon as they received word of a fire, in addition to calling the Turncock on the phone, they would send out word to each member of the Brigade.

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This arrangement had not been observed at several recent fires. The Gardai going there before calling the Brigade. In the present case, the driver of the Fire Engine, who resided adjacent to the Gardai Barracks, was not called immediately the Guards received notice of the fire, so the Town Clerk was requested to discuss this matter with the Superintendent of the Gardai with a view to arranging for better co-operation between the Fire Brigade and the Guards.

LABOURER'S WAGES.

A question was raised regarding the employment of Joseph Gough, Labourer, and it was pointed out that very often this man had to replace a member of the scavenging staff, when he was paid at the rate of £2 : 10 : 0 per week, otherwise he was only paid at the rate of £2 : 7 : 0 and it was unanimously agreed that he should be recognised as a member of the permanent staff and paid at the rate of £2 : 10 : 0 per week.

BOOTS & OIL COATS.

Tenders for the supply of boots and oil coats for the Corporation Workmen were next submitted, but as it was practically 10 o'clock it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Town Clerk to deal with and to accept the lowest Tenders.

The Town Clerk was requested to again call the attention of Mr. Hamilton, Contractor, to the fact that he had not yet handed over the 62 houses at Whitemill which should have been completed in June last and to request him to expedite their completion.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

Complaint was made regarding the Sanitary condition of a house At High Street occupied by Matthew Murphy and the Medical Officer of Health was to be asked to inspect and make a Report.

Complaint was made regarding the emptying of ash pits by persons other than Corporation Employees at all hours of the day, and the question was asked if this could not be prohibited.

The Town Clerk, in reply stated that it could be prohibited by the Corporation adopting bye-laws for the purpose.

Some few years ago he stated the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had forwarded him Model Codes dealing with various matters including that complained of, and the Corporation had referred them to the Special Rates Committee to deal with.

He (Town Clerk) had procured copies of the Model Codes for the information of the members of this Committee, and had brought them under their Notice on numerous occasions, but without result, and unless these bye-laws were adopted, no effective action could be taken to deal with the nuisance complained of.

It was now decided to request the Special Rates Committee to deal with the matter of these Bye-laws as soon as possible.

The Town Clerk reported that a Notice had been served on the owner of a house at Bride Street occupied by John Fenelon, fixing the present day for the receipt of any offer with respect to the carrying out of works or the future user of the house, but he had received no offer from the owner.

It was now open to the Committee to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order in respect of the dwelling, but, the Committee decided to adjourn the matter for the present.

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The Report of the Meat Inspector for the month of September, showed that he had examined 114 cattle, 382 sheep and 36 swine. Of the cattle, five heads, two fore-quarters and thirty-one organs were destroyed for Tuberculosis and nine organs for other diseases. Of the sheep, four organs were destroyed for diseases other than Tuberculosis, and of the swine, two heads were destroyed for Tuberculosis and one organ for another disease.

The County Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of persons whose premises had been inspected and passed under the Milk and Dairies Act, 1935, and intimated that they could now be registered by the Corporation, so it was agreed to register the persons named by the Medical Officer. He further reported that the application of Mrs. Cloney, John Street, for registration should be refused, and it was decided to recommend the Corporation to make a Refusal Order.

Applications from John Furlong, Bull Ring, and James Byrne, South Main Street for renewal of Licences under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935 were granted.

The Town Clerk intimated that for some months past the Meat Inspector and himself had been considering various Amendments to the Bye-laws with respect to Slaughter-houses; for the decent and seemly conveyances of meat through the Public thoroughfares; and the sale of fresh meat within the Borough. Some of the Bye-laws required amendment in the light of the Slaughter of Animals Act, and other Bye-laws required to be brought up to date, having regard to modern conditions of Slaughter and inspection.

They had prepared an Amended Draft in the rough, and if the Committee were satisfied, they would amend the Bye-laws for their approval. It was unanimously decided that the Bye-laws should be brought up-to-date in the manner suggested.

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24th October, 1938.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day, (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition), at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock, p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: James McMahon, Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Thomas Hayes, Patrick Hawkins, John Billington, James Murphy, Nicholas Connolly, James Gaul, Phillip McGuire, Stephen McMahon, Thomas Byrne, James Crosbie, and James Billington.

HOUSING LOAN.

The first business was to execute a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the National Bank for the repayment of a Loan of £3,000 for the purpose of the acquisition and development of a Housing site at Green Street. The Loan had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 30th ultimo by letter No. 6546/11/38, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly seconded by Councillor Gaul, the following resolution as submitted by the Bank was unanimously adopted.

"At a Meeting of the Corporation of the Borough of Wexford held on 24th day of October, 1938, IT was resolved - that in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 30th September, 1938, the Corporation do borrow from the National Bank Ltd., the sum of £3,000 for the purpose of the purchase and development of a housing site in Green Street, Wexford, to be repaid to the Bank within the period of three years with interest thereon at the rate of one half per cent. under the Irish Banks' rate rising and falling wherewith from time to time but at no time to be less than £4. per cent. per annum said loan to be secured by a Mortgage over the rates available for that purpose AND that the Seal of the Corporation be affixed to said Mortgage."

It was explained to the Meeting that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had agreed to make a Grant of 50% of the cost of developing this housing site and that the £3,000 now being raised was to meet the Corporations share of the development together with the purchase of the site. Arising out of this some Members complained of the action of the Department of Local Government and Public Health in refusing to give the Corporation any voice as to the manner in which the men should be employed for this work. The Department laid it down that the men should be employed on the three day rotational system. The Corporation had suggested that the men should be employed for a week but this suggestion had not been approved and after a lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Gaul seconded by Councillor James Billington, "that as the Corporation were providing 50% of the cost of this work that the Department of Local Government and Public Health be again asked to permit the employment of unskilled labour for one week instead of three days."

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Councillor Connolly complained of the employment of two gangers on the present winter Relief Works and stated that one of them had been taken out of employment while the other was a single man. He thought that there were plenty of ~~un~~employed and married men in the Town capable of doing this work and who had practical experience of road work.

It was pointed out to Councillor Connolly that the employment of keymen and gangers on Relief Works was entirely a matter for the Borough Surveyor and the Corporation had no say whatever in the employment of any men under these schemes.

Councillor Connolly then complained that the employment of these two men was entirely irregular and was in contravention of the regulations issued by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the employment of men on Relief Works. He, further asked that a note be made of his remarks on the minutes and that the attention of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be specially called to them.

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

TENDERS FOR BUILDING MATERIALS.

The next business was to consider tenders for the supply of Building Materials for the erection of 14 houses at Maudlintown: and 8 bungalows together with a Fire Station at Davitt Road, North. The first tenders considered were for the supply of cement and three were submitted. They were from the Wexford Timber Co., Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty, Wexford, and Messrs. T. C. Martin of Dublin. The former two firms quoted £2.15.3. per ton less $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ Monthly Account plus a rebate of 1/- per ton if 1,000 tons were purchased in any one year. Both of them tendered in accordance with the Specification to deliver the cement to the building sites as and when required.

Messrs. T. C. Martin, offered to supply cement at £2.14.3. per t ton less $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ Cash Monthly Accounts but only delivered at Wexford Station in 10 ton waggon lots. In the first place, this tender did not comply with the Specification which required the materials to be delivered at the building site at Maudlintown and Davitt Road, North, and as well the Borough Surveyor intimated that it would cost more than 1/- per ton to have the cement carted from the Railway Station to the sites.

Accordingly, it was decided to accept the tenders of Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty and the Wexford Timber Co. for the amount of cement required, on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman McMahon; provided that if either firm refused half of the contract, the entire amount was to be purchased from the other.

Tenders for the supply of lime from Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty, Wexford, and the Wexford Timber Co. were next submitted. The former firm quoted 4ls. per ton and the Timber Co. 40s. 6d. per ton, so, on the motion of Councillor Connolly seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously decided to accept the tender of the Wexford Timber Co. as being the lower of the two submitted.

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For the supply of Mild Steel, Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty, Wexford, quoted 15s.1½ per cwt. the Wexford Timber Co. 14s.3d., Messrs. Brooks Thomas, Dublin, 14s.6d., the Whitehead Iron Steel Co., Newport, 13s.5d., and Messrs. Homan Rodgers, Manchester, 19s.8d. Messrs. Homan Rodgers intimated that the price did not include any import duty which would have to be borne by the Corporation and the acceptances of the order would be subject to their approval of the Specification. As well, they only proposed to deliver at Wexford Station, whereas, the Specification required delivery on the Housing Sites.

The Whitehead Iron Steel Co. also intimated that their price did not include any import duty and delivery would be on Wexford Quay. As these two tenders were not in accordance with the Specification they were ruled out of order and the tender of the Wexford Timber Co. being the lowest of the remaining three was accepted on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Connolly.

Three tenders were submitted for the supply of three block-making machines.

The Wexford Timber Co, quoted £14.19.0 each for a Pierce type and Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty £16.5.0. for the same type. Mr. Herbert Ridley, Ballsbridge, Dublin, quoted £14.10.0. each for a block-making machine but did not indicate the name.

In reply to a query, the Borough Surveyor intimated that from a perusal of Mr. Ridley's Specification, the machine appeared to be of good quality, but, in his opinion, the Pierce machine was of a superior type, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor James Billington the tender of the Wexford Timber Co. for the supply of three Pierce Machines at £14.19.0. each was accepted.

The following tenders were submitted for the supply of sand and gravel.

<u>Person tendering.</u>	<u>Quantity per day.</u>	<u>Price per ton.</u>
Joseph Davis	25 tons	2/9
W. G. Scarr	16-26 "	3/6
William Doyle	28 "	3/6
M. O'Hanlon	60 "	3/6
P. Donovan	50 "	3/7½
Michael Browne	20 "	3/9
Patrick Malone	25 "	4/3

As Mr. Davis was the cheapest tender submitted it was unanimously decided to accept it on the motion of Councillor Coffey seconded by Alderman McMahon, provided that the material was satisfactory to the Borough Surveyor and that he complied with the conditions of the Specification regarding the payment of the Trade Union Rates of Wages, but as Mr. Davis would not be able to supply the quantity of sand required it was also decided to accept the tenders of Messrs.

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Scarr, Doyle, and O'Hanlon for any sand or gravel required

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over and above what Mr. Davis could supply.

The Meeting then terminated.

A Meeting of the Special Rates Committee was held immediately at the close of the above Meeting, the members present being:-

The Mayor, (in the Chair) with

Alderman Walsh and Councillors Hayes and James Billington.

With reference to minutes of meeting of Finance Committee on the 17th instant when the question of bye-laws for the control of nuisances in the town was referred to this Committee for consideration. Two of the series were now considered.

Series (1) dealt with the cleansing of footways and pavements, the removal of house refuse and the cleansing of earth closets, privies and cess pools.

These were considered satisfactory and it was decided to recommend the Public Health Committee to adopt them and submit them to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for provisional approval.

The second series was for the prevention of nuisances arising from snow, filth, dust, ashes and rubbish and for prevention of the keeping of animals on any premises so as to be injurious to Health. These bye-laws, with the exception of Article 5 which places restrictions on the hours during which filth might be removed from any premises which was not considered practicable at the moment, were also considered satisfactory, and it was decided to omit this Clause and to recommend the Public Health Committee to adopt the remaining Clauses subject to the provisional approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

As regards Clause 5, of these Bye-laws it gave rise to a discussion on the advisability of providing a system of Domestic Scavenging for premises in Wexford. The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk maintained that it would cost very little more than the present system if modern equipment were used.

The matter was discussed at length and eventually the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were asked to prepare reports on the matter. The former, on the cost of providing a general system of domestic scavenging and the latter on the financing of it by means of a nominal scale of charges.

With reference to minutes of last meeting of this Committee, when the three schemes submitted by Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, for the improvement of the Waterworks were under consideration and when it had been decided that the Mayor and Town Clerk should interview Mr. Courtney, Chief Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, in connection with the alternatives submitted by the Engineers, they now reported having had such an interview as a result of which they advised the Committee to adopt the revised Estimate A submitted by Messrs. Delap & Waller, at a total cost of £28,673.

The Committee were satisfied with the advice of the Mayor and Town Clerk and unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to adopt the scheme suggested.

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It was also decided to recommend the Corporation to instruct the Engineers to put a Clause in the Contract to the effect that all water-pipes necessary for the scheme should be delivered through the port of Wexford: this would give employment to dockers and provide revenue for the Harbour Commissioners .

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the question of the rates due by the Late Mr. George B. Cooke, was under consideration, both Rate Collectors advised that the offer of two years should be accepted as they did not believe there was any prospect of getting more, and the Corporation Solicitor stated that in his opinion, it would be to the advantage of the Corporation to accept this offer as if proceedings were taken against the Estate he did not think the Corporation would even succeed in recovering two years rates.

A similar offer regarding the rates due by Miss Lennon, Main St. was considered and the Collector's advised that the offer should be accepted as there was no prospect of recovering anything from Miss Lennon herself: the offer in question having been met by a relative.

It was unanimously decided that the offer of two years rates in both these cases should be accepted.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the question of boots and oilcoats for the workmen and an overcoat for the foreman had been left in the hands of the Town Clerk to accept the lowest tender, he now reported to the Meeting that the lowest tender for boots was from Messrs. Healy & Collins, at 10/7d. per pair which he had accepted. For the oilcoats, he had received tenders varying from 13/9d. to 19/6d., but, the cheapest coat lined, and in his opinion the best, was that submitted by Mr. Patrick Kelly, Cornmarket at 16s. and he had accepted this.

The Committee approved of the action of the Town Clerk in both of the above cases.

As regards an overcoat for the Foreman, he had tenders at 26s.; 32/6d; 37/6d; 39/6d; and the Committee decided to accept the tender of Messrs. W. & G. Hadden for an overcoat at 32/6d.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Connors T. J.
Mayor

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq. Mayor (in the Chair)

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, James Billington, Patrick Hawkins, John Billington, Stephen McMahon, Thos. Burne, James Crosbie, Michael Martin, Thos. Hayes, James Gaul, James Sinnott, Timothy Cashman.

RENT COLLECTION.

The report of the Rent Collectors for the week ending the 28th instant, showed a slight increase in the arrears over the previous week and the Town Clerk intimated that he had already written to some 75 tenants drawing attention to their arrears.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

Adverting to minutes of Corporation on the 24th instant, reference was again made by Councillor Connolly to the employment of gangers Rossiter and Cleary on Relief Schemes. He complained that the two gangers were employed over two gangs, in one street which, in his opinion, was a waste of money. The Borough Surveyor replied that he intended towards the end of the current week to dispense with one of the gangs, including a ganger. The reason for this, was that he was held up for fittings in connection with the relaying of watermains at Bride Street, but, if these turned up in the next few days he would then be able to transfer one of the gangs to Bride Street and thus relief congestion in the Faythe.

The discussion on the question of these two gangers lasted approximately one hour, at the end of which Councillor Connolly intimated that he would raise the matter again at the Statutory Meeting due to be held on the 7th prox. by way of Notice of Motion, the actual terms of which be put in writing and given to the Town Clerk.

BYE-LAWS.

The next business was to consider the Revised Bye-laws relating to Slaughter-houses; conveyance of meat; and Meat inspection. As was explained at last meeting, revision of these Bye-laws had been the subject of conversations between the Meat Inspector and the Town Clerk for some months past, and they decided to advise the Town Clerk to bring them up to date. Each member had been supplied before the meeting with a copy of the existing Codes together with the new ones proposed. The majority of the members did not see any objection to the proposed Bye-laws, but in connection therewith, Councillor Billington thought that the matter should be adjourned and a further attempt made to secure agreement with the Local Butchers on the establishment of a public abattoir. This proposition, however, the members did not consider feasible at the moment, so the Bye-laws as submitted were unanimously approved and the Town Clerk directed to forward them to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for Provisional Approval before their final adoption by the Corporation.

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Two codes of bye-laws were also submitted for approval in connection with the cleansing of footways etc, and for the prevention of nuisances. These two series, amongst others, had been under consideration by the Special Rates Committee for some time past and they now recommended their adoption, with certain alterations.

A Draft of these proposals had also been furnished to the members before the present meeting and no objection was seen to their adoption so, it was unanimously decided also to forward these two series to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for Provisional Approval.

PLUMBERS.

With reference to minutes of the 17th instant when an application from a man named James Jones, John Street, to be enrolled as an Authorised Waterworks Plumber was referred to the Plumbers Union with the object of ascertaining whether or not they recognised Jones as a qualified plumber, the Union under date of the 25th instant intimated that Jones had never served his apprenticeship to the trade so the present meeting decided to refuse his application.

An application from a man named Quinn to be enrolled as an Authorised Waterworks Plumber was also submitted. Quinn was employed by Messrs. Jacob Bros. Builders and Contractors, Waterford, and the local branch of the Plumbers Union intimated that he was a qualified plumber and a Member of their Waterford Lodge. It was also decided to register Quinn.

The Meeting acceded to an application from Mr. John Hayes of Grattan Terrace to be enrolled as an Authorised Waterworks Plumber. Mr. Hayes served his apprenticeship with the Corporation Turncock and had always given entire satisfaction in the carrying out of his work.

62 HOUSES WHITEMILL.

With reference to minutes of the 17th instant, when it was decided to write to Messrs. H. A. Hamilton, Building Contractors, Waterford, inquiring when they proposed to hand over the 62 houses at Whitemill, Messrs. Hamilton under date of the 24th instant stated the scheme was completed on the 1st September, last, and they saw no reason why the houses were not taken over then. The items being attended to at present came under the Maintenance Clause and should not prevent the taking over of the houses.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that the houses were not ready for occupation on the 1st September nor did he receive any intimation to hand them over. Even, at the present time he was not prepared to take over the houses as being duly completed in accordance with the terms of the Contract, and the Maintenance Clause, he further stated, did not begin to operate until the houses were taken over.

It was decided to inform Messrs. Hamilton that the Corporation were advised that the houses were not yet completed and that the Maintenance Clause did not begin to operate until they were taken over by the Corporation, and as well, he was to be asked when he proposed to hand over the dwellings duly completed.

PER LICENCES.

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, was signed in respect of the premises of Messrs. F. O'Connor & Co. North Main St. and a

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Licence authorising Messrs. Statham Ltd. West Gate to maintain two Petrol Pumps was also signed.

HOUSE WILLIAM STREET.

With reference to the repairs carried out to a house at William Street, owned by Mr. Thomas. J. O'Brien, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey under date of the 28th instant complained (1) the end wall (recently erected by the Corporation) was not properly tied into the side walls. 2. The tiles in the hall were smashed by the Corporation's Workmen and they had now been patched merely with cement but their client required the broken tiles to be taken up and new ones put down. 3. The wall between the bedroom and stairs was cracked as a result of the end wall falling out, and their client was not satisfied with the manner in which the Corporation had carried out repairs to this wall. 4. Their client had lost 20 weeks rent to October 24th which amounted to £3.18.4.

As regards 2 and 4 the Meeting decided to have the tiles replaced and to pay Mr. O'Brien the loss of rent.

As regards 1 and 3, the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor were to consult on the points raised and take any steps they thought necessary in the matter.

LANEWAY HILL STREET.

With reference to minutes of the 3rd instant when a complaint was made from a number of tenants at Hill Street regarding a laneway at the back of their houses, the Borough Surveyor reported that the tenants should be supplied with dust-bins and the laneway let into the yards of each house, the existing ash-pits should be removed. The Meeting agreed with the Surveyor's Report and decided to fence off the laneway with a wire fence and to supply dust-bins to the houses.

GABLE-END ST. ENDA'S TERRACE.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the gable end of a house at St. Enda's Terrace, occupied by Mr. Michael O'Leary was damp owing to the removal of an adjoining house by Mr. Thos. O'Leary, John Street. Mr. O'Leary had failed to make good the Corporation gable as a result of which the dampness occurred.

It was decided to write to Mr. O'Leary informing him that he was liable for the repairs to this gable and requesting him to have them carried out forthwith.

FOOTPATHS - MAIN ROADS.

The Borough Surveyor was directed to make an Estimate of the amount necessary to repair footpaths on main roads for submission to the County Surveyor as soon as possible.

CARPENTERS APPRENTICES.

Three applications were submitted from boys wishing to serve an apprenticeship to the trade of Carpenter on the Corporation Housing Schemes now about to commence, but it was pointed out that at present the Carpenter's Society had adopted a rule closing the Trade to further apprentices for a period of three years as from May last, so it was decided to inform the applicants accordingly.

OLD FEVER HOSPITAL.

Complaint was made by the Corporation of the Old Fever Hospital at Grogans Road and it was decided that the Town Clerk should get in touch with the Secretary of the Board of Health on the matter.

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RATE COLLECTOR'S COMMISSION.

The Town Rate Collector, Mr. Patrick Curran applied for the sum of £100 on foot of his commission for collecting Town Rates. It was reported that Mr. Curran had collected £7,025 and that the commission on this at 2½% amounted to £175.12.6. so it was unanimously decided, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to pay Mr. Curran the sum of £100 on account.

A number of complaints were made regarding lights out in the Town and on the arising out of this it was decided that an extra light should be placed at Whitemill at a point to be decided on by the Borough Surveyor and that one of the lights at Maudlintown should be converted into an All-night Pilot Light.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, reported that there was an ooze through the wall separating the premises of Mr. S. Stamp, Parnell Street from Barrack Street. The ooze was very offensive and appeared to come from dry closets at Barrack Street side and he recommended that the wall be proofed against leakages and that material likely to come through be not allowed to accumulate in the Barrack Street yards.

The Meeting thought that the Medical Officer of Health should have followed up this complaint by reporting on the houses from Barrack Street side and it was decided to request him to do so and to report to the Corporation immediately.

Dr. Sinnott further reported on a house at Byrnes Lane occupied by Vincent Carley as totally unfit for human habitation, and it was decided to serve a Notice under the Housing Act, 1931, fixing the day and hour when any offer with regard to the future user of the house would be considered.

The Co. Medical Officer of Health reported that a house at Green St. occupied by Edward Daly and a house at Allen Street occupied by E. Furlong and N. Connors were unfit for human habitation. It was also decided to serve a Notice on the owner of these houses fixing the day and hour when any offer with regard to their future user would be considered.

The Assistant Co. Medical Officer of Health reported on a number of Milk Shops in the Town in respect of which he considered that Refusal Orders should be made under the Milk & Dairies Act, 1935. It was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to make these orders.

Richard Curran T.D.
Mayor

7th November, 1938.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh and James McMahon.

Councillors: John Billington, Nicholas Connolly, James Murphy, Patrick Hawkins, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, Phillip McGuire, James Sinnott, Thomas Byrne, Timothy Cashman and James Gaul.

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and approval:- Minutes of Corporation on 3rd and 24th ultimo; Finance and Works Committee on 3rd, 17th and 31st ultimo; and Special Rates Committee on 8th and 24th ultimo.

Alderman Walsh moved that the Minutes be taken as read, and approved. Councillor Connolly seconded, but with reference to Minutes of Special Rates Committee, he (Councillor Connolly) questioned the placing of the "Morris" lorry on Domestic Scavenging work.

It was explained to the Councillor, however, that at a recent meeting of the Rates Committee, when considering certain codes of Bye-laws, they had under review a clause therein prohibiting the removal of house refuse except at certain stated times, and as it was thought that this would interfere with the present Domestic Scavenging arrangements carried out by the Corporation, the clause was not embodied in the draft Bye-laws.

The Committee, however, were anxious that something of this nature should be embodied, and asked the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk to make reports on the advisability of instituting a general system of Domestic Scavenging by means of Dust Bins for every house in town: the former to make a report on the actual cost of carrying out this work, and the latter on the financing of it.

In order to ascertain the cost, the Surveyor had put the lorry on for a week or so as a trial, and the temporary arrangement would not adversely affect any of the employees engaged on Domestic Scavenging work.

Any conclusions arrived at by the Rates Committee when the reports were received from the Surveyor and Town Clerk, would have to be submitted to the Corporation for approval.

Councillor Connolly considered the explanation satisfactory, and the Minutes were thereupon signed by the Mayor.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £10,087. 16. 6. were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

ELECTRICITY CHARGES.

Arising out of an item in the Accounts for the public lighting of the Town, Councillor Hayes moved that the Electricity Supply Board be requested to reduce the very high Valuation Charge levied in Wexford for the supply of Electricity, and stated he was confident that if this fixed charge were reduced the number of new consumers would more than compensate for the loss of revenue occasioned by such reduction.

Councillor McMahon seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

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Complaint was also made regarding the number of public lights out in the town from time to time, and it was thought that there was a lack of supervision on the part of the Electricity Supply Board Authorities, so the Town Clerk was directed to take the matter up with the Board with a view to having more attention paid to the Public Lighting System.

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY CERTIFICATE.

At this stage the Mayor intimated that he had been requested by the Royal Humane Society to present a Certificate to a man named James Murphy, of Barrack Street, together with the sum of One Pound. Mr. Murphy came before the Meeting, and the Mayor explained that on the 6th June last, a boy named Frederick Kemp of Maudlintown fell over the Quay at Anne Street between the Sea Wall and a ship, when his life was in danger. Murphy, without divesting himself of his clothes, jumped into the water and brought the boy ashore. This he considered was a grave risk to Murphy's own life, but it was not the first occasion on which he had saved life in Wexford. He thereupon presented the Certificate of the Society, together with the sum of One Pound, to Murphy, who returned thanks for them.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Acknowledgements of Resolutions of Sympathy were read from Mrs. Godfrey Day, widow of the late Protestant Primate of Ireland, and from Councillor Michael Martin. An Taoiseach acknowledged receipt of a Resolution on the subject of Partition, and the Minister for Industry and Commerce acknowledged receipt of a resolution regarding the eligibility of Ex-servicemen for work on Relief Schemes.

Ex-servicemen on Relief Schemes.

In this last letter the Minister explained the procedure adopted in selecting men for employment on works financed wholly or partly from Central Funds, and pointed out that the degree of relative need for employment was determined by the rates of Unemployment Assistance to which the applicants were entitled, preference being given to those entitled to the higher rates over those entitled to lower rates. In fixing these rates regard was had to the applicant's means, and pensions - whatever their source - were, of course, regarded as means.

In conclusion, he stated, that in regard to eligibility for work, ex-servicemen were in exactly the same position as other classes of persons.

The Meeting did not agree with the view expressed in the Minister's letter that persons in receipt of pensions received an equitable share of relief work, for the following reason:-

A and B were two married men, with the same family, and would be entitled to, say, 17/6d per week Unemployment Assistance, but as A was in receipt of a pension of 8/- per week, his Unemployment Assistance was reduced by 7/- to 10/6d per week, so that he was only 1/- per week better off (with his Unemployment Assistance and Pension) than B. When men were being selected for Relief Work, however, B. was returned at 17/6d and A at 10/6d, and in accordance with the Regulations in force B received the first preference of employment. If any particular Relief Scheme lasted over a lengthy period A had a chance of being employed, but in actual practice a particular scheme would never absorb all the Unemployment Assistance recipients, and when a new scheme was commenced, the higher rated recipients were again selected.

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It was, therefore, decided to (1) point out to the Minister that those men in the A category mentioned above had a very slender chance of employment on these schemes; and (2) urge on the Minister for Industry and Commerce the desirability of amending the Regulations so as to permit them to be classed, for employment purposes, at the rate they would be entitled to if they were not in receipt of pensions.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The next business was to consider the report of P. Fraher, Esq., Local Government Auditor, on his audit of the accounts of the Corporation for the two years ended 31st March, 1938. A copy of this report had been furnished to the members, together with an explanatory letter by the Town Clerk, prior to the October Statutory Meeting, but had been adjourned to enable the members to study the documents with the object of ascertaining whether or not they had any queries. (A copy of the Auditor's Report and the explanatory letter of the Town Clerk is appended to this Minute).

There were no queries concerning the report, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was unanimously adopted.

RATE COLLECTORS' BONDS.

The Special Rates Committee recommended that the Corporation pay the premiums on the Fidelity Guarantee Bonds of Rate Collectors Curran and O'Leary. The matter arose through an application from the Irish Local Government Officials Union for (1) an increase of one per cent. in the Collectors' poundage; and (2) the payment of Fidelity Guarantee Premiums by the Corporation. The Committee had given careful consideration to the above requests, but could not see their way to recommend any increase in the poundage rate. They considered, however, that as the Corporation already paid the Insurance premiums for their two Rent Collectors, the Market Toll Collector, and the Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk, the same should be done for the Rate Collectors. Thereupon Councillor Connolly moved the adoption of the Committee recommendation, which was seconded by Councillor Byrne, and unanimously agreed to, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

A copy of this report had been furnished to the members, together with an explanatory letter, prior to the October Statutory Meeting, but had been adjourned to enable the members to study the documents with the object of ascertaining whether or not they had any queries. The Public Health Committee recommended that Refusal Orders under the Milk and Dairies Act, 1935, be made in respect of applications for registration of Mrs. Cloney, John Street; Mrs. Patrick Furlong, John Street; Miss A. Kearney, St. John's Road; Mrs. Kate Hagan, John Street; Mrs. Johanna Furlong, Monk Street; Miss Margaret Moran, South Main Street; Mrs. Elizabeth Hayes, High Street; Miss Mary Murphy, John Street; and Mrs. Sarah Furlong, Waterloo Road.

The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that every opportunity had been given to these persons to bring their premises up to the standard required by the Act and the Regulations made thereunder, but a number of them now intimated that they had given up the sale of milk. He (Town Clerk) was not at all satisfied that this was correct, and consequently asked that the Orders be made so that there could be no loophole in the event of any of the persons named being found selling milk from unregistered premises. Councillor Byrne moved that the Refusal Orders be made, and Councillor Cashman seconded.

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Councillor McMahon, however, objected on the ground that, in his opinion, there would be a scarcity of milk during the Winter months, but the Town Clerk replied that he saw no reason for a scarcity of milk through not registering persons who were merely purveyors. The Orders were thereupon sealed on the part of the Corporation.

DRAINAGE COMMISSION.

Under date of the 19th ultimo, the Secretary of the Drainage Commission requested the Corporation to submit a written statement of evidence on this matter, but it was decided to inform the Commission that they were not in a position to submit any evidence.

RAIL TRANSPORT.

A voluminous communication was read from the Rail Transport Employees Political Organisation on the subject of Rail and Road Transport and the present position of Irish Railways. The communication requested the Corporation to bring pressure to bear on the Government to introduce Nationalisation of Transport without delay.

This matter was discussed at length, and eventually, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was decided to adopt a Resolution calling on the Government to take immediate action to deal with the present position of transport in the country.

TECHNICAL ASSOCIATION - EXAMINATIONS.

The following resolution from the Irish Technical Education Association was submitted:- "That the Civil Service Commissioners, the Department of Industry and Commerce, Local Government Department, and other Departments of State concerned, also Local Authorities, be requested to amend Regulations and Syllabuses of their several examinations for Clerical positions in such manner as to offer a reasonable opportunity for students trained in the Commercial Classes under the control of the Vocational Committee, to compete for and obtain these positions."

The members considered the Resolution very vague, and on the suggestion of Alderman Walsh, who was Chairman of the local Vocational Education Committee, consideration of it was adjourned until the December Statutory Meeting.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the quarter ended 30th September last, showed that he had examined six samples of milk, three of butter, two each of Marmalade and whiskey, and one each of cheese, sugar, ground rice, olive oil, buttermilk, dripping, and Strawberry Jam.

This made a total of twenty articles analysed during the Quarter, all of which had been found genuine.

HOUSING ACTS.

There was submitted to the Meeting a copy of the Housing and Labourers Act, 1937, together with the Housing (Works in Urban Areas) Regulations, 1938, and an explanatory letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 22nd ultimo.

It was explained that this Act provided for the payment of Grants by the Central and Local Authorities for the repair and reconstruction of houses which were the subject of Notices under

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Section 19 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931. It was further explained that the circular letter above referred to suggested that a survey of defective houses which could be made fit for human habitation, should be made by the Local Authority, and on the suggestion of the Mayor the matter was referred to the Housing Committee to deal with.

POUNDS REGULATIONS.

There was also submitted to the meeting a copy of the Pounds Regulations, 1938, made by the Minister for Justice in pursuance of the Pounds (Provision and Maintenance) Act, 1935. The receipt of these Regulations was noted.

EMPLOYMENT OF GANGERS.

The next business was two motions in the name of Councillor Connolly, as follows:-

1. That Gangers, Timekeepers, and all key-men with the exception of Regular Employees, be confined to a period not more than six months, and any man presently employed for the stated period or longer be dispensed with and replaced by a married man in receipt of Unemployment Assistance.
2. That the names of all men about to be employed be submitted to the Council before commencing work.

Councillor Connolly moved motion No. 1, which was seconded by Alderman Walsh.

In moving his motion, the Councillor addressed the meeting at considerable length, but the purport seemed to centre around the two gangers employed on the Relief Schemes.

One was a single man named Rossiter, and the other a married man named Cleary.

According to Councillor Connolly, Cleary had been taken by the Borough Surveyor from out of other employment and placed as a Ganger on relief works, and in the opinion of the Councillor sufficient competent married men could have been found amongst those in receipt of Unemployment Assistance, for this work.

It now appeared, however, that Ganger Cleary had been dismissed owing to there not being sufficient work to keep two gangs employed, as a result of certain waterworks fittings not being received on schedule.

The Councillor complained that the Borough Surveyor had thrown out a challenge to the Corporation in this matter, and was trying to dictate as to how these men should be employed.

As it appeared Cleary was no longer employed by the Corporation, the resolution proposed by Councillor Connolly would only affect Ganger Rossiter, and most of the members seemed averse to passing any resolution which would mean his dismissal.

The discussion on this matter was a long drawn-out one, during the course of which the Town Clerk read the Department's circular letter of 22nd November, 1935, No. S.G.A.202, together with Memorandum (1) which accompanied it.

Paragraph (d) of the letter referred to, seemed to give the Surveyor complete control of the selection of gangers, but from a list supplied by the Department of Industry and Commerce, and the memorandum which accompanied the letter also seemed to give him complete control regarding the ~~selection~~ employment of labour.

Eventually, the Mayor moved the following amendment to the Resolution of Councillor Connolly, which was seconded by Councillor Murphy; although it was pointed out that the terms of the Resolution were governed by Paragraph (d) of the circular letter of 22nd November above referred to:-

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"That we express our dissatisfaction with the principle which prevails in connection with the method of employment of Gangers, Foremen, Etc. on Relief Grant work, and request the Government to issue instructions to secure that in the future when Gangers, Foremen, or Timekeepers are being employed, they should be selected from a list of men, in receipt of Unemployment Assistance, to be secured from the Employment Exchange."

On a poll being taken, there voted:-

For the amendment:	Councillors Gaul, Cashman, Byrne, Sinnott McGuire, Crosbie, Hayes, Hawkins, Murphy, and the Mayor-----	10.
Against:	Councillors Connolly, Billington, Aldermen McMahon and Walsh-----	4.

The amendment was accordingly declared carried, and Councillor Connolly's original motion declared lost by the same voting. Councillor Connolly then agreed to adjourn the second motion in his name, sine die.

WEXFORD BRIDGE.

At this stage, Councillor Hawkins asked the Mayor if he could give them any information regarding the present position of Wexford Bridge, and stated that many of the merchants in the town were working under great difficulties, considering their lorries for Castlebridge, Scree, Curracloe, Etc. had to go around by Ferrycarrig. The County Council some time ago, he stated, proposed to spend money on repairing the present Bridge, but many ratepayers regarded that as squandering of public money considering the Council would have to build a new bridge sooner or later even if these repairs were done.

The Mayor reviewed all the things that had happened in connection with this bridge, and concluded by saying that it was his intention to resurrect at next meeting of Wexford County Council the motion in his name that a new bridge be built from Ferrybank to the Quay.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

Councillor Sinnott referred to a recent meeting of the Old Age Pensions Committee, when a report had been received from the Investigation Officer to the effect that a man named Patrick Sinnott of St. Ibar's Villas, Wexford, who was in receipt of a Blind Pension at the rate of Nine Shillings per week, was only entitled to a pension at the rate of Seven Shillings as from 9th September last. Sinnott's means, as calculated by the Investigation Officer, were an allowance from the Typographical Association of £26 per annum, National Health Insurance benefit £9. 15. 0 per annum, and a Military Service Pension of £8. 11. 5. per annum. This made his total income £44. 6. 5, and a moiety £22. 3. 2½.

When the matter came before the Old Age Pensions Committee, the Town Clerk explained that the Committee could do nothing but accept the report of the Investigation Officer, as according to Sinnott's means he was only entitled to a pension at the rate of 7/-. The reduction was evidently governed by the Military Service Pension which he had received in September last.

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Councillor Sinnott complained that the £26 per annum from the Typographical Association was the result of Sinnott's thrift whilst he was employed by paying into the Superannuation Fund, and the Military Service Pension was a recognition of his services in the National Cause, and Councillor Sinnott thought that the Corporation should make a strong protest against these items being taken into account in assessing an applicant's means for a pension. Eventually it was decided that they should object on principle, to such action.

STREET TRADING.

Councillor Hayes asked if anything had yet been done regarding the hawking of vegetables through the streets, and the Town Clerk in reply stated that he was engaged in an examination of the existing Market Bye-laws, which were very ancient, and would probably have to be replaced by a new Code before anything could be done to prohibit the street trading in vegetables that Councillor Hayes complained of.

TOWN PLANNING.

Under date of the 3rd instant, by letter No. S.19549/2/38, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health requested a report as to the present position relative to the preparation of a planning scheme for the Borough of Wexford.

This matter had been referred to the Housing Committee and had been brought under their notice on several occasions, but so far nothing had been done.

At a recent meeting of the Committee, the members thought that before any planning scheme was prepared the boundaries of the Borough should be extended and that they should have some idea from their Engineers of what areas it would be advisable to take in before doing anything further in the matter.

It was mentioned at the present meeting that before a Planning Scheme could be commenced, a complete Housing Survey was necessary, and the Town Clerk pointed out that this was at present being done by the Medical Officers of Health, so it was decided to inform the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that as soon as this survey was to hand, the Corporation would again take up the matter of the preparation of a Planning Scheme.

The Meeting then separated.

R. Condit T.D.
mayor

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Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Wexford.
15th September, 1938.

A Chara,

In compliance with the requirements of Article 37 of the Public Bodies Order, 1935, I enclose, herewith, Copy of the report of P. Fraher, Esq., Local Government Auditor, on his Audit of the Accounts of the Corporation for the two years ended 31st March, 1938, together with copies of the abstracts of accounts for the two years.

The Report and Accounts will be considered at a Statutory Meeting due to be held on the 3rd October, 1938.

The total Turnover, (Receipts & Expenditure) of the Corporation for the period under review amounted to £261,522, or £20.11 of the Population (£10.055 per annum).

(In hand)
This Amount is made up as follows:-

	Receipts	£ per head of Population.	Expenditure	Per head of Population.
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	59497	4.58	60420	4.64
Capital	66569	5.12	75036	5.77
Totals	126066	9.70	135456	10.41

The Receipts are made up as follows:-

Service	1936/7	1937/8	Total for 2 years.	£ per head of Population for 2 years.
	£	£	£	£
Rates	17,770	17,183	34,953	2.69
Rents	5,533	6,573	12,106	0.93
Grants	6,295	10,526	16,821	1.29
Tolls	853	1,047	1,900	0.15
Miscellaneous	1,066	1,144	2,210	0.17
<u>Loans:</u>				
Housing	24,805	21,098	45,903	3.53
Sewers & Mains	1,151	200	1,351	0.10
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	2,660	983	2,812	0.22
Totals	61,962	64,104	126,066	9.70

It is pleasing to record that out of an expenditure of £135,456 it was not found necessary to disallow one penny.

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The largest item in the expenditure continues to be the provision of houses for the working classes which also necessitate the extension of sewers, watermain and public lighting -- to mention but a few of the services. The Public Lighting cost £52 per mile of street in 1936/7 and £59 per mile of Street in 1937/8.

As regards the Auditor's Report, he comments on the cost of the public and domestic scavenging, but, the members will recollect that a scheme for economy in these services has been drafted and, its adoption or otherwise will be finally decided on before the beginning of the next financial year.

As suggested in the Report a definite system of check on the receipt and issue of petrol has been adopted by the instalation of a tank and pump.

Since 31st March, 1938, the amount due to the County Council has been reduced by £2,580.

With regard to the Auditor's Suggestion that the rent book of tenants of Artizan Dwellings, should be compared with the office records. I have made arrangements to have this carried out by a member of the staff and up to date a number of books have been checked and found correct.

At 31st March, 1938 the Capital debt of the Corporation amounted to £169, or £13.07 per head of the population.

This debt is composed of:-

	£
Housing of the Working Classes.....	133,312
Waterworks & Sewers.....	15,209
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.....	8,756
Roads, Streets & Footpaths.....	5,890
Vocational Education.....	5,671
Fire Engine.....	990
Cemetery.....	97.

I regret that time does not permit of a much more exhaustive analysis of the accounts and the various services, but, if any member wishes more information on any of the matters contained in the Report or Accounts, I shall be only too happy to supply it.

Misc, 1c meas,

John. J. Byrne.

Cleircach an Bhaile.

7th November, 1938.

WEXFORD.

10th August, 1938.

A. 22,437/38.

A Chara,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford Corporation for the two years ended the 31st March, 1938. Certified Abstracts of the Accounts are transmitted herewith.

Receipts into, and payments out of, Revenue Accounts for the periods covered by the Audit were:—

	Receipts	Payments
Year ended 31st March, 1937 ...	£29,113 17 11	£28,624 15 7
Year ended 31st March, 1938 ...	£30,383 7 0	£31,794 17 5

The total of this expenditure did not fall on the rates. Government Grants received in respect of Contribution to Sanitary Salaries, Maternity and Child Welfare, Education (Provision of Meals) Acts, Housing Act, 1908, Housing Act, 1932, Free Milk, Section 51 (6) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, Meat Inspection and Allotments, totalled £3,894 10s. 2d. in 1937, and £4,435 10s. 10d. in 1938.

Expenditure on Public and Domestic Scavenging amounted to £1,624 15s. 8d. in 1937, and £1,616 8s. 10d. in 1938. Having regard to the area and population of the Town of Wexford, the cost of these services would appear to be excessive.

A definite system of check on the receipt and issue of petrol, lubricating oil, grease, etc., and the consumption thereof should be adopted.

At the 31st March, 1938, there was a credit balance of £1,149 8s. 3d. in the Poor Rate Account. This credit balance would have been converted into a debit balance of £4,007 1s. 4d. had the final instalment of the County Council's Demand been paid before the close of the financial year. There is, however, an improvement in the Corporation's financial obligations to the County Council. £6,445 6s. 2d. was due in respect of the 1935/36 Demand at the 31st March, 1936. The Demands for the years 1936/37 and 1937/38 amounted to £6,325 15s. 9d. and £6,876 9s. 5d. respectively. During the two years covered by the audit, payments amounting to £14,491 1s. 9d. were made to the County Council, leaving £5,156 9s. 7d. due at the 31st March, 1938, in respect of the 1937/38 Demand.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Receipts into, and payments out of, this Account for the periods covered by the Audit were:—

	Receipts	Payments
Year ended 31st March, 1937 ...	£32,848 7 0	£36,955 15 5
Year ended 31st March, 1938 ...	£33,721 0 0	£38,089 9 11

These payments totalled £75,086 5s. 4d., and were made in respect of the following works:—

Housing ...	£49,272 16 0
Street Improvements ...	1,955 14 4
Renewal of Sewers and Watermains ...	1,329 15 9
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts ...	7,515 0 0
Provision of New Town Hall ...	3,353 8 9
Relief of Unemployment ...	9,998 14 1
Main Roads Grant ...	1,610 16 5

Rates struck for the services of the periods under audit and the preceding year are compared hereunder:—

Year ended	Town Rates	Poor Rates	Total
31/3/36	10/- in the £	8/6 in the £	18/6 in the £
31/3/37	9/10 in the £	8/2 in the £	18/0 in the £
31/3/38	11/- in the £	8/2 in the £	19/2 in the £

Whilst the Poor Rate for these years is reflected in the Demands of the County Council, the only noteworthy fluctuation where the Town Rates are concerned occurred in the year ended 31st March, 1938, when these Rates were increased to the extent of 1/2 in the £. This was found necessary to meet increased expenditure under the Housing Acts and the repair and maintenance of streets.

In the following Statements are set out (1) the total Rates for Collection, (2) amounts actually collected, and (3) total Rates uncollected in respect of the years 31st March, 1937, and 31st March, 1938, respectively:

	Total for Collection (including Arrears brought forward)	Total Actually Collected.	Uncollected at close of Warrants.
TOWN RATES			
1937	£13,312 14 7	£9,153 13 7	£4,159 1 0
1938	£14,541 7 10	£10,203 6 9	£4,338 1 1
POOR RATE			
1937	£12,496 13 11	£7,760 2 6	£4,736 11 5
1938	£13,043 2 10	£7,609 16 0	£5,433 6 10

These figures reveal a very unsatisfactory state of affairs and unless pressure is brought to bear on these who are slow in paying their rates the activities of the Corporation will be impeded.

Attention is again drawn to the fact that included in the list of rates outstanding there are a large number of cases to which the provision of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, apply. The Rate Collectors should without further delay avail themselves of the powers vested in them by Section 5 (2) of that Act.

The arrears of rent on the Corporation's houses increased from £485 15s. 11d. at the 1st April, 1936, to £602 5s. 8d. at the 31st March, 1938.

It was observed at audit that a member of the Corporation vacated a house in February, 1937, leaving £18 1s. 0d. arrears, which represents 55 weeks' rent (approximately), which remained unpaid at the date of the close of the audit. Steps should be taken without delay for the recovery of this debt together with the other rents outstanding.

Attention is again directed to the provisions of Section 7 of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928.

In October, 1937, the Collector of the rents misappropriated sums totalling £183 7s. 7d. It was found that the Collector had received rents from tenants which he had recorded in the tenants' rent books but omitted from his own rental and failed to issue receipts. Criminal proceedings were taken against this official and a suspensory sentence of six months was imposed. The amount involved was recovered from the Collector's surety. It should be the practice to compare the tenants' rent books with the Collectors' rental at regular periods.

Deeds (Smith & O'Neill to the Corporation) vesting in the Corporation portion of the land acquired for the purposes of a Housing Scheme were not available and should be produced at the next Audit. The conveyance in the case of O'Connell to the Corporation should be registered. The properties of the Corporation are covered by the current Insurance Policies and the Bonds of the Officers who are required to give security appear to be in order.

The Accounts were compiled and presented for Audit in a satisfactory manner.

Misc, le meas,

(Signed) P. FRAHER.

L.G. Auditor.

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

*Report referred to on Page 3 of Minutes
of 7th November, 1938*

[Signature]

7th November, 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee was held at the close of the above meeting; the same members being in attendance.

TRANSFER OF HOUSE AT CROKE AVENUE.

The Town Clerk submitted a report from Rent Collector Roche to the effect that the house held by Fintan Morris at Croke Avenue was now in the possession of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Murphy, her daughter, and Morris's two children.

It was explained that Morris had recently secured a situation in Waterford, and that his wife had gone to reside with him there last week. He wanted to keep the house in Croke Avenue in case he might come back to live in Wexford, but the members thought that this was very remote.

The Town Clerk pointed out that Mrs. Murphy would not be entitled to a Slum Clearance house, and that if she was left in it the subsidy might be affected, so it was decided to inform her that she must vacate the premises immediately, and Morris was to be informed that the house could not be left in his possession when he was not living in it.

FLOW OF WATER AT JOHN STREET.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas O'Leary, of John Street, drawing attention to the flow of water coming through the laneway leading to the old Reservoir at John Street. It was flowing past the house owned by him and occupied by a Guard Mulhall, who had made several complaints about the dampness of the rooms next the laneway, and that water was coming through his garden wall.

In this connection it was explained that the water seemed to be flowing from a field owned by Mr. James Boyle and that the Corporation had no responsibility in the matter. It was decided to so inform Mr. O'Leary.

*Richard Austin T.D.
Mayor of Wexford*

14th November, 1938.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayors Requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, James McMahon.

Councillors: John Billington, Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Hawkins, James Crosbie, Phillip McGuire, Michael Martin, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Byrne, James Sinnott, James Murphy, Thomas Dunne, James Billington, Timothy Cashman, James Gaul.

The Meeting had been convened to approve of the selection, by the Housing and Finance Committees, of tenants for the 62 new houses at Whitemill.

The following is a list of those recommended:-

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| 1. Nicholas Lacey, Whitemill Road. | 2. Patrick Cullimore, Talbot St. |
| 3. Nicholas Lacey, Hill Street. | 4. Henry F. Doyle, Swan View. |
| 5. D. E. McMahon, Barrack Street. | 6. E. Toher, North Main St. |
| 7. Thomas Hore, King Street. | 8. Jas. Cullen, Peter St. |
| 9. T. Hamilton, Whitemill Road. | 10. T. Culleton, John Street. |
| 11. P. Murphy, Quay. | 12. Patrick Connolly, Faythe. |
| 13. J. Culleton, Paradise Row. | 14. Jas. Tierney, Paradise Row. |
| 15. Patrick Brien, do. | 16. W. Clarke, Talbot St. |
| 17. John Kirwan Talbot Street. | 18. John Doyle, do. |
| 19. Mrs. Kielthy, do. | 20. Ambrose Stafford, Faythe. |
| 21. Margt. Sane, Allen Street. | 22. Edward Daly, Green St. |
| 23. John Lacey, Faythe. | 24. Ml. Tierney, Green St. |
| 25. Martin O'Brien, 170 Faythe. | 26. Fredk. English, 40 Faythe. |
| 27. Thos. Rossiter, Barrack St. | 28. Nichs. Tierney, Monck St. |
| 29. Jas. Crosbie, Swan View. | 30. Chris. Rossiter, C. Market. |
| 31. John Murphy, Duke Street. | 32. John Bolger, High Street. |
| 33. Geo. Black, Duke Street. | 34. Frank Kehoe, Parnell St. |
| 35. Robert McGuire, Barrack St. | 36. Patk. Kirwan, Faythe. |
| 37. P. Duggan, Duke Street. | 38. R. Breen, Faythe. |
| 39. P. Morris, South Main St. | 40. E. Murphy, Corn Market. |
| 41. John Jones, John Street. | 42. J. Grafton, Talbot St. |

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| 43. Jas. Furlong, Bride St. | 44. F. Mason, High Street. |
| 45. T. Browne, Temperance Row. | 46. Patk. Berry, Bride St. |
| 47. Jos. Doyle, Bride Street. | 48. Kevin Roche, Joseph St. |
| 49. Thos. Nolan, Croke Avenue. | 50. J. Reck, Byrnes Lane. |
| 51. T. Leary, Croke Avenue. | 52. Jas. Turner, Ram St. |
| 53. Peter Connors, Monck St. | 54. P. Berney, Whitemill. |
| 55. H. Kirwan, Clifford St. | 56. J. Murphy, Croke Ave. |
| 57. Kevin Corish, High Street. | 58. Jas. Murphy, Duke St. |
| 59. Patk. Duffin, Parnell St. | 60. John Page, Whitemill. |
| 61. John Finn, North Main St. | 62. Jas. O'Neill, Wolfe Tone Villas |

The Town Clerk objected to numbers 49 and 61 namely, Thos. Nolan, Croke Avenue, and John Finn, North Main Street.

His objection to the former was on the grounds that it contravened a Resolution of the Corporation on the 7th March last that an application for a house should not be considered from any person who had gone to reside as a lodger in a house erected for the purpose of re-housing a slum dweller.

His objection to Mr. Finn was that from the particulars submitted he was not a lodger in an overcrowded house; but it was now explained by some members that there were two families residing in the house and that Finn had only one room. In view of this explanation, the Town Clerk withdrew his objection.

Thereupon Councillor Crosbie proposed that the 62 persons selected by the Committees be approved, including No. 49, Thomas Nolan, Croke Avenue. Councillor Thos. Byrne seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

It was reported that a house was vacant at Maudlintown and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was decided to grant the tenancy to a man named John Murphy who was residing in rooms at Gibson Street. It was also agreed, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that a man named Rutledge, School Street, and a man named Kenny, Green Street be given the first two four-roomed houses that became vacant, and that Mary McCormack, Duke Street be given the first three-roomed house that became vacant.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Connolly, Councillor Byrne was placed on the Housing Committee, and on the motion of Councillor Murphy, seconded by the Mayor, Councillor Atkins was also placed on the same Committee.

The Meeting then separated.

*Richard Cairns T. J.
Mayor of Wexford*

14th November, 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held at the close of the above Meeting, the same members being in attendance. Councillor Connolly referred to the decision of last meeting requiring Mrs. Murphy to give up possession of a house at Croke Avenue formerly occupied by her son-in-law, and explained that two of Morris's children were still residing in the house and he expected to get back to Wexford in the near future, so it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Connolly seconded by the Mayor to leave Mrs. Murphy in the house so long as her two grand-children were residing there.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held at the close of the above Meeting, the members present being:-

The Mayor, (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh,

Councillors: James Billington, Atkins, Dunne, Hayes, Byrne, Crosbie, John Billington, and Sinnott.

Reference was made to the handing over of the 62 new houses at Whitemill and the Borough Surveyor reported that he had made an inspection last week with the Contractor and the Clerk of Works. He pointed out certain effects to the Contractor and informed him that until these were made good he would not take over the houses as finished. The Contractor had promised to carry out these repairs and the Borough Surveyor hoped to hear from him during the coming week.

Several Members referred to the subletting of the Corporation houses and asked that some steps should be taken to put a stop to it. The Town Clerk, however, pointed out that on several occasions he had brought reports to the notice of the members that certain houses had been sub-let but they had taken no action in the matter and it was useless for him to be writing letters to the tenants protesting against sub-letting when he had not the backing of the Corporation. Several members agreed with the remarks of the Town Clerk and Alderman Walsh gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the Town Clerk be given power to seek possession of any house which was sub-let in contravention of the agreement signed by the tenant when being given possession.

In reply to a query, the Borough Surveyor stated that he had met with some difficulty in connection with Davitt Road Housing Scheme. The Electricity Supply Board's High Tension Cable crossed the site and he could not build within 35 yards of that cable.

He had written to the District Engineer in Waterford and the Town Clerk had written to the Secretary of the Board in Dublin, and they hoped to hear from them in the course of a few days.

If the cost of altering the line was too high they would be compelled to reduce their scheme to 6 bungalows.

No further action was taken in this matter pending the receipt of communication from the Electricity Supply Board.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had employed a carpenter named Michael Murphy as foreman at Davitt Road and he proposed to employ a mason named William Bolger as foreman at William Street.

A general discussion took place regarding the employment of men and it was agreed that any good man employed should be left on for the duration of the Scheme and it was further agreed that the Borough Surveyor should submit a list of those he intended to employ to a Special Meeting of the Housing Committee to be held on the 18th instant at half-past seven o'clock p.m. before they commenced work on Monday next.

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In reply to a query, the Borough Surveyor stated he would be in a position to start the Green Street Housing Scheme in the near future and would employ approximately 30 men. The Town Clerk intimated in reply to a query, that he had received no reply from the Department regarding the further request of the Corporation that the men employed on the Green Street Scheme should be employed for a week instead of three days.

The Town Clerk brought before the Meeting a copy of the Housing and Labourer's Act, 1937 which provided for the payment of grants up to a maximum of £40 by the state and the Local Authority for the re-construction of houses in Urban areas and which had been referred to the present Committee by the Corporation. The Minister's letter accompanying the Act asked that a survey should be made by the Local Authority of houses which could be made the subject of Notices under Section 19 of the Act of 1931 but the Meeting decided to refer the Act back to the Corporation and to have this provision ventilated at the Statutory Meeting, so that any person who wished to re-construct the houses could be made aware that the Act was in operation and apply for the necessary grant.

The Borough Surveyor reported that in connection with the foundations of the Davitt Road Houses he would be compelled to put in a raft as from the trial holes made it appeared that the ground was not sufficiently consolidated and that the rock was sloping. No action was taken on this report.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Cairns T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

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18th November, 1938.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman: Thomas Walsh

Councillors: John Billington, Thomas Hayes, James Billington, James Crosbie, Thomas Byrne, Thomas Dunne, Patrick Atkins.

The Wexford Trades Council wrote regarding the advertisement issued inviting Tenders for the supply of joinery work, etc., at the Davitt Road and William Street houses and complained that the joinery work should be made on the site. This communication had been referred to the Borough Surveyor who reported that it would be uneconomical and impracticable to carry out all joinery work on the sites but, that he was having framing and fixing work carried out. This was considered satisfactory.

The Council also complained that the Corporation mason, James Roche had done plastering work in William Street, and it was decided to inform the Council that the Corporation had no intention of using a mason to do plasterer's work but that there was no plasterer idle at the time.

The Borough Surveyor submitted a list of names he had received from the Labour Exchange as Builders Labourers for employment on the two Housing Schemes and indicated to the Meeting those he proposed to engage, from off the list.

No objection was raised to any of the names submitted and the question of the employment of watchmen was raised when it was decided to employ two night watchmen working three days each week together with a week-end man.

It was agreed, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie that the watchmen for William Street should be three men named Radford, Millar, Fennell and for Davitt Road three men named Commerford, Carr and Byrne.

Two men named Kelly and Hayes were also mentioned as being deserving cases for the work of watching, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to give them a turn when next he was changing watchmen to street work.

A Complaint was made regarding the non-employment of two men named Hanton and Redmond who had been selected by Members for employment some couple of years ago but the Borough Surveyor intimated that they were not available when sent for and other men had been substituted in their place.

The Members, however, asserted that these two men denied having been sent for or that other men were employed in their place, so it was agreed that as soon as work was available they should be employed.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

21st November, 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: James McMahon, Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: James Murphy, James Billington, Stephen McMahon, John Billington, Patrick Hawkins, James Gaul, James Crosbie, Phillip McGuire, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Atkins, James Sinnott, Thomas Dunne, Thomas Hayes.

In submitting his report of the Rent Collection for the week ended 18th instant, the Town Clerk stated he was not at all satisfied with the manner in which the two Rent Collectors were discharging their duties. He pointed out that when the Corporation proposed to appoint two collectors in room of Richard Scanlon, one of the principle things in its favour was that each Collector would have more time to devote to the collection of arrears. This he stated, had not the desired result.

He submitted tables showing the arrears at the end of each of the past seven months and the arrears at the close of last week. In the case of Collector Lacey, the arrears at the end of April when he took up the position were £326.11.2. and at the end of last week they were £340.8.10. This was an increase of £14.17.2. and represented practically $5\frac{1}{2}$ weeks rent.

In the case of Collector Roche, the arrears at the end of April last were £287.18. and at the end of last week £291.18.9.. This was an increase of £4.17.1. and was practically 6 weeks rent.

He (Town Clerk) had written to both collectors on the 19th instant and warned them that unless a vast improvement was shown in their collection by the end of the current month the payment of commission would have to be drastically reduce, if not withheld altogether and a complete report made of the position to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The Meeting agreed that strong action would have to be taken to prevent the arrears of Rents of Artizans Dwellings increasing, and unanimously approved of the communications sent to the Collectors by the Town Clerk.

In his report of the Rate Collection to the end of October, the Town Clerk reported that Collector Patrick Curran had lodged 47% of the Town Rate Warrant, and Collector O'Leary 27% of the Poor Rate Warrant. As regards the big discrepancy in the percentage of the two Collectors it was explained that Collector O'Leary had been in hospital until the end of August and did not commence his collection until September.

Collector O'Leary applied for a sum of £70 on foot of the commission due to him and it was pointed out that the full commission on his Collection would only amount to £100.

The Members considered that he was applying for too much on foot of his poundage and were loth to recommend the payment of £70 unless there was a vast improvement in his collection by the end of the

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current month, so it was decided to leave the matter to the discretion of the Town Clerk to apply for sanction to the payment of whatever amount he considered reasonable having regard to the amount collected at the end of November.

With reference to minutes of the 31st ultimo, when a letter was read from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, regarding the house at William Street owned by Mr. Thomas O'Brien, the party wall of which had collapsed following the demolition by the Corporation of a condemned house adjoining it. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, intimating that the end wall of the house was properly tied: that the Corporation would replace any tiles smashed by their Workmen: that the house was very old and delapidated and the cracks complained of were old ones: any damage by the collapse of the gable end had been repaired: that the Corporation would pay Mr. O'Brien loss of rent up to the time the gable end was repaired.

In reply to this he had received a communication from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, stating that the gable end wall was not properly tied: that the cracks complained of were not old ones and were caused by the falling of the gable end and asked to have the same attended to. They further stated that they required the rent to be paid until the repairs asked by them were carried out.

To this letter the Town Clerk had replied that the Corporation were satisfied that any damage due to the collapse of the wall (except the replacing of tiles) had been made good. As regards the payment of rent he (Town Clerk) pointed out that the house could of been occupied immediately the new gable was built and in the circumstances the Corporation disclaimed responsibility for loss of rent after the completion of the work.

The Committee unanimously approved of the last letter written by the Town Clerk and decided to take no further action pending a reply to it.

With further reference to this house and the Claim of the occupant's made through Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors for £12 in respect of damage done to personal effects through the collapse of the wall and in respect of which an offer of £2.10.0. had been made by the Corporation without prejudice, a lengthy letter was read from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, setting out the details of their which now amounted to £6.14.6.

1.	Damage to a bicycle.....	£2.	0	:	0
2.	Six pictures.....	1.	0	:	0
3.	Three mats.....	0.	9	:	0
4.	Linoleum.....	0.	5.	:	0
5.	Carpet.....	0.	10	:	0
6.	Gas Fittings.....	0.	14	:	6
7.	Bedding, Clothes, etc.....	0.	10.	:	0
8.	Miscellaneous Articles & Furniture.	1.	0	:	0
9.	Loss of tiles.....	0.	6	:	0
Total.....		£6.	14.	:	6

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In this connection the Town Clerk further reported that he had referred this letter to the Borough Surveyor for his observation and Mr. McNally thought that 50s. would amply cover all damage and loss sustained by Walsh.

The Members carefully examined this Claim and thought that for:

No. 1.	the damage could be repaired for	£1 : 0 : 0
" 2.	" " " ".....	0 : 10 : 0
" 3.	" " " ".....	0 : 6 : 0
" 4.	" " " ".....	0 : 5 : 0
" 5.	No Liability.	
" 6.	Evidence should be produced.	
" 7.....		0 : 10 : 0
" 8.	Evidence should be produced.	
" 9.....		0 : 6 : 0
		<u>£2 : 17 : 0</u>

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk should open further negotiations on the basis of the figures thought to be reasonable by the Committee.

The question as to the date of the December 1939 Fair was adjourned to next Meeting to enable the Town Clerk to make inquiries as to the most suitable date having regard to the fact, that the last Tuesday fell on December the 26th, St. Stephen's Day.

The Town Clerk reported that there had been an unauthorised street opening during the past week and he had asked the Corporation Solicitor to advise them as to the power of the Corporation to take proceedings. He now required the permission of the Corporation to take such action in the matter as the Corporation Solicitor might advise, and this was unanimously agreed to without disclosing the name of the person who had committed the offence.

The Great Southern Railway Co. applied for permission to fill in a bridge at Maudlintown under which a Corporation sewer was passing but before granting permission the Town Clerk was to inquire how the Company intended to fill in the bridge and the effect such filling in would have on the existing sewer or any work the Corporation might have to do in connection with the sewer at a later date.

The Town Clerk submitted a report from the Town Sergeant to the effect that the Theatre Royal was overcrowded on the night of the 17th instant on the occasion of a concert by John McCormack. The overcrowding also led to obstruction on the passages as there were chairs placed in them to seat some of the patrons. In this connection, the Town Clerk explained that on the evening in question he had warned the Manager of the Theatre Royal against overcrowding, especially on the gallery, as in the opinion of the Surveyor and himself this part of the house might not be extra safe if a large number of people were allowed to congregate on it. It was suggested that the gallery had not been overcrowded on the occasion and he now asked that having regard to the terms of Section 36 of the Public Health Acts, (Amendment) Act, 1890

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that the building known as the Theatre Royal should be surveyed from the point of view of safety to the public. At the present time the Corporation Officials, when an emergency like the present case arose, were not in a position to state the number of people which any particular part of the building could hold with complete safety. The Members thought this a very important matter but having regard to the occasion, decided to over-look the question of obstruction and directed the Surveyor, however, to survey the entire building with a view to ascertaining the number of people which could be accommodated there with safety.

The Town Clerk reported that some time ago Notice had been served on the owner of a house at Willaim Street to provide a water-closet, and after a considerable amount of trouble on the part of the Corporation Officials they had succeeded in having the owner carry out the work.

It now appeared that the drain from the house to the Corporation sewer was not working satisfactory and from the information at his disposal the Town Clerk was of opinion that an old Corporation sewer into which the drain emptied was partly at fault.

The Members discussed this matter from various angles and eventually the Borough Surveyor was asked to take proper levels of the sewer, and the Mayor, Surveyor and Town Clerk were authorised to take such steps as was deemed necessary to relieve or abate the nuisance under which the occupier of the house, Mr. McGuire, was labouring.

The Borough Surveyor asked for permission to purchase street shelters in which to store materials and tools, while large works were being carried out and it was decided that he should submit prices and illustrations against next meeting.

A licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871 was signed in respect of premises at Trinity Street occupied by Irish Shell.

An application for a vacant stall in the New Market was submitted by Mrs. Bridget Roche, Ram Street, and it was agreed to grant it at a rent of 3/9d. per week on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

An application from a Mr. Patrick Sinnott, 14 Dolphin Road, to have the open range removed and replaced by a closed range was refused, it being pointed out that the house in question was only a new one

and if this work commenced it would be impossible to know where it would end.

The Borough Surveyor reported that a short time ago Miss Anna Meyler of Hill Street had taken out a range from her kitchen and substituted it with a fire place. The range, he stated, was practically worn out and it would have been necessary in the course of a short time to replace it by a new one. Miss Meyler, however, now raised the question as to whether or not she would be obliged to replace the fire by a proper range if at any time she vacated the house.

The Meeting, however, decided that as they would probably have had to replace the range in the near future, that Miss Meyler would not be compelled to put in a range if she was leaving the dwelling.

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Complaint was made about the conditions under which men had to work in a trench at Bride Street during the present inclement weather and it was suggested by some members that they should be given extra money to compensate them for having to work in a couple of feet of water, but after some discussion it was agreed that the Corporation keep in stock waders for the use of men having to work in trenches and wet weather and the Town Clerk was directed to purchase these.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

With reference to the decision of the Public Health Committee in May last to appoint Mr. M. J. Finnucane, as part time Veterinary Officer for the inspection of the Meat supply in the Borough at a salary of £200 per annum the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 16th instant by letter No. P. H. 11412/2/38 intimated that he was not prepared to approve of this proposal, the effect of which would be that two Veterinary Inspectors would hold office under the Corporation for the discharge, separately, of the respective duties connected with Milk and Meat supervision. The invariable practice of Local Authorities in such a case was to allocate the performance of both categories of duties to one Veterinary Inspector, and the Minister requested the Committee to review their proposals in that light.

The Members considered that the obvious interpretation of this communication was that one of the Veterinary Inspectors should be dismissed.

Mr. Staples, who was Veterinary Inspector for a number of years under the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Orders, 1908, at a salary of £30 per annum, was an old official whom they would be loth to discharge, but at the same time it was thought he had not the necessary qualifications to enable him to carry out Meat Inspection, and Mr. Finucane had these qualifications.

The Committee considered that having regard to the special circumstances in Wexford, that the Minister should be asked to re-consider his decision and if this was done, the Corporation would take the first available opportunity of amalgamating the two posts under one Officer.

In response to a request from Councillor Cashman, the Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected the privy and ashpit in the house at High Street tenanted by Matthew Murphy. He found the same in proper order and recommended that no action be taken.

It was decided to refer to this report on another occasion when Councillor Cashman would be present.

It was decided, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Walshe, to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order in respect of a house at William Street owned and occupied by Edward Daly, which house was in a state of collapse and was an immediate danger to the occupiers.

The Report of the Meat Inspector for the month of October showed that he had examined 124 cattle, 368 sheep and 33 swine. Of the cattle, 3 heads and 13 organs were destroyed for tuberculosis and one head and forty organs for other diseases. Of the sheep, 11 organs had been destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis, and of the swine, two heads and two organs had been destroyed for tuberculosis and two organs for other diseases.

The Co. Medical Officer of Health recommended that Refusal Orders under the Milk & Dairies Act, 1935 be made in respect of the applications for registration of William Cullimore, Pearse St., Francis Leader, Green St., T. Ryan, South Main St., and the reps. Mr. Hopkins, Talbot St.

The present Meeting decided to recommend the Corporation to make these Orders.

The Meeting then separated.

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*Richard Carson T.D.
Mayor of Wexford*

5th December, 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above Meeting, the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

FLOODING REDMOND ROAD.

Complaint was made regarding the flooding of Redmond Road and the Borough Surveyor stated that he had already made proposals to the County Council for dealing with it, as the road in question was a main road.

TREES IN GRAVEYARDS.

With reference to a discussion some time ago regarding the cutting of trees in graveyards, the Town Clerk was asked to look up the papers in connection with the matter and bring them before the next Meeting of the Committee.

SAND & GRAVEL.

A question was asked as to why the Corporation had ceased to purchase sand and gravel from Mr. Patrick Malone in Barrack St., and Mr. Malone under date of the 25th ultimo had also asked for an explanation pointing out that he had always supplied the Corporation when they could not procure it from other persons. The Town Clerk intimated that he had referred Malones communication to the Borough Surveyor requesting his observations and Mr. McNally stated he had stopped taking any further supplies of gravel etc., giving his reason that he was not satisfied, he was not getting the full measurement. During the week ending 19th ultimo the foreman reported that 80 tons of gravel were supplied by Malone and as result of a check made he was satisfied that at the most only 68 tons was received and that was all he paid for.

In this connection, he was not casting any expersions on Malone as the gravel could have been taken from the quay without either the knowledge of Malone or himself but he had decided to only purchase gravel and sand on the works where they were required and if Malone could arrange to have the stuff delivered there he would still continue to purchase from him. This explanation was accepted and it was agreed to suggest to Malone that he should make arrangements to deliver the sand and gravel.

ALLOTMENTS.

The Town Clerk reported that there were two vacant allotments at John Street for 1939 season and it was agreed that they should be given to Laurence Jones and Patrick Savage both of John St.

REFUND OF FEE.

An application was submitted from a girl named Marie Saunders, of Faythe for a refund of 5s. which was paid as entrance fee for an examination for the post of Temporary Typist and for which she did not sit and it was agreed to make the necessary refund.

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RANGE AT HILL ST.

With reference to Minutes of the 21st ultimo when the question on the range of the house at No. 12 Hill Street had been under consideration, Miss Meyler intimated that she had installed a fireplace at her own expense instead of the old grate, and if ever she was leaving the house she would want to take her own fireplace with her and she wished to have an acknowledgement from the Corporation for the old grate. The members agreed that as the fireplace was a fixture in the house it could not be removed by Miss Meyler and she was to be so informed.

WAGES INCREASE.

An application was submitted from the Wexford Trades Council for 1d. per hour extra for men employed on dirty work such as sewage etc., but it was decided to refer the application back to the Trades Council and ask them to explain exactly what they meant by dirty work when the application would be further considered.

WALL AT KING ST.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to report on a wall at King Street Avenue which some members thought was dangerous.

OVERCOAT TOWN SERGEANT.

An application was submitted from the Town Sergeant for his usual Uniform Overcoat which he received every three years, and Messrs. Healy & Collins tendered to supply such a coat at 59/6; 67/6; and 75/- and as the coat had to last the Sergeant for three years it was agreed to purchase the 75/- one.

LICENCE.

A Petroleum Licence was signed in respect of the premises of Messrs. McMullan Bros. Stonebridge.

SHED AT "WHITEROCK VIEW."

A Complaint was made regarding the erection of a shed at one of the new houses at "Whiterock View" and the Town Clerk was directed to send a letter to each of the tenants there pointing out that they had signed an agreement not to erect any shed or out-offices without the prior consent of the Borough Surveyor and that any structures already erected should be removed until his consent was obtained in writing.

BUILDING SITE.

The Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor were asked to see if it were possible to obtain a building site within the town which would enable sufficient houses to be erected to re-house the persons residing in Duke Street in respect of which it was thought that a Clearance Order should be made.

REPAIR OF HOUSE.

It was agreed that a new concrete floor be laid in the hall of Mr. William O'Leary, Distillery Road.

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PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected the yards of five houses at Barrack Street occupied by James Pender, Phillip Rigley, James Ruttledge, Patrick O'Leary, and Benjamin O'Leary. There were dry closets and ash-bins in each yard erected against the wall dividing them from Mr. Stamp's premises at Parnell Street. There was an ooze of faecal and other matter coming into Mr. Stamp's premises and he recommended that water-closets be provided for these houses and that the ashpits be waterproofed. It was agreed to serve Notice on the owners requiring the Doctor's recommendations to be carried out in one month.

The Doctor also reported that there was no water on the premises at 14 Bride Street occupied by Mrs. Hatchell and it was agreed to serve Notice on the owner requiring the provision of a water supply.

Under date of the 23rd ultimo by letter No. M.C. 16338/3/38 the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarded an extract from the Returns Form 'L' showing the number of vaccination defaulters in the Urban District and requested that the necessary action be taken thereon by the Corporation. No action was taken in the matter.

The Medical Officer of Health was to be asked to report on the condition of three houses at High Street occupied by Messrs. Redmond, Roche, and Fortune, and at Barrack Street occupied by Pender and Keegan.

A. Curran T.D.
Mayor of Wexford
 2-1-39

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: James McMahon, and Thos. Walsh.

Councillors: James Billington, James Sinnott, Patrick Atkins, James Murphy, Nicholas Connolly, John Billington, Thos. Dunne, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Phillip McGuire, Thomas Byrne, James Gaul, and Timothy Cashman.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification namely. Minutes of Corporation on the 7th and 14th ultimo; Finance and Works, etc., Committees on the 7th, 14th and 21st ultimo; Housing Committee on 14th and 18th ultimo.

Alderman Walsh moved the adoption of the Minutes and Councillor McMahon seconded.

Arising out of Minutes of the Housing Committee Councillor Connolly asked if it were possible to have the Green Street Housing Scheme commenced before Christmas, and the Borough Surveyor replied that they would make a special effort to have the work commenced before then.

Councillor Connolly also referred to a suggestion made some time ago that a public park should be established in the centre of the town and was informed that the title of the lands proposed to be acquired for the purpose was very involved and the Town Clerk intimated that he had been looking into the matter and hoped to be in a position to submit a written report in the near future.

The Minutes as submitted were thereupon signed by the Mayor.

ACCOUNTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £4,000. 14. 3. were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

SYMPATHY.

At this stage the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the Late William Staunton who for over 40 years had been an employee of the Council. The motion was seconded by Councillor James Billington, supported by all the members present and adopted in silence.

Councillor Hawkins proposed that the sympathy of the Meeting be extended to the relatives of the Late Patrick Myrtle who was also an employee of the Council for a number of years. Alderman McMahon seconded this motion which was also supported by the members present and adopted in the usual way.

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DECEMBER FAIR.

Attention was called to the fact that December 27th the date of the Town Fair had been declared a public Holiday and it was unanimously agreed to fix Wednesday December 28th in lieu of the 27th.

HALF- HOLIDAY.

In reply to a query as to the position of the weekly half-holiday on December 27th it was stated that the powers of the Corporation under the Shops Act, 1924 had been repealed by the Shops (Hours of Trading) Act, 1938, and that the Corporation had now no functions in regard to this matter.

ELECTRICITY CHARGES.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a Resolution was adopted calling on the Electricity Supply Board to reduce their charges for Electricity, the Secretary of the Board under date of the 10th ultimo acknowledged receipt of the Resolution which would be brought forward at the earliest opportunity.

EMPLOYMENT OF GANGERS.

With further reference to Minutes of last Meeting the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 29th ultimo by letter No. RU/205/131, intimated that it was not intended to vary the existing instructions in regard to the employment of gangers on Relief Works and that gangers already employed should not be dispensed with for the purpose of taking on new gangers.

PENSIONERS & RELIEF WORKS.

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting when a discussion had taken place regarding the eligibility of ex-service men with Pensions for work on Relief Grants, the Town Clerk read the following letter under date of the 8th ultimo, which he had addressed to the Department of Industry and Commerce.

"I am directed by the Corporation of Wexford to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th ultimo, No. E.B. 226967, on the subject of the eligibility of ex-servicemen for work on Relief Grants, which was under consideration on last night, and to say they do not agree with the view expressed in your communication under reply that persons in receipt of pensions receive an equitable share of Relief Work, for the following reason.

A and B are two married men with the same family and would be entitled to, say, 17/6d. per week Unemployment Assistance, but as A is in receipt of a pension of 8/- a week his Unemployment Assistance is reduced by 7/- to 10/6d. per week so that he is only 1/- per week better off (with his combined U. A. and Pension) than B.

When men are being selected for Relief Work, however, B is rated at 17/6d. and A at 10/6d. and, in accordance with the Regulations at present in force B receives the first preference of employment.

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If any particular Relief Scheme lasts over a lengthy period A has a chance of being employed, but in actual practise a particular Scheme will ~~never~~ absorb all the Unemployment Assistance Recipients and when a new Scheme is commenced the higher rated recipients are again selected.

The Corporation, therefore, wish to:

1. point out that those men in the A category mentioned above have a very slender chance of employment on these Schemes, and
2. to urge on the Minister for Industry and Commerce the desirability of amending the Regulations so as to permit them to be classed for employment purposes at the rate they would be entitled to if they were not in receipt of pensions."

The Minister under date of the 25th ultimo by letter No. E.B. 226967 stated:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of the 8th November, 1938, and to state that in the selection of recipients of Unemployment Assistance for employment on work financed wholly or partly from central funds, the same degree of preference is afforded to persons in receipt of pensions as to persons who possess equivalent means derived from other sources. The rates of unemployment assistance payable under the Unemployment Assistance Acts are proportioned to the domestic circumstances, the areas of residence, and the means of applicants, and they constitute a reliable and practical measure of need. In regard to the examples cited in your letter, it is to be noted that the man with a pension of 8/- a week receives, during unemployment, 1/- per week more than the similar man without means, that during the statutory waiting week of a period of unemployment he receives 8/- per week, whereas the man without means receives nothing, and that during periods of employment he continues to enjoy the advantage of having 8/- per week in addition to his wages.

The proposal of the Corporation has been very carefully examined, and in all the circumstances it is considered that alteration of the existing system of selection of workers for employment on schemes financed wholly or partly from central funds on the lines suggested would result in undue advantage being given to men with means."

The Corporation were not at all satisfied with the Minister's reply in this matter and Councillor Gaul stated he knew a particular man with a wife and child who was in receipt of a pension of 12s. per week.

He would only be entitled to 6d. a week Unemployment Assistance and as a result he was entirely debarred from being employed on Relief Works.

He now another case of a man with a grown up family who had a pension of 8 or 9s. and he also was debarred from being employed although he was a very good worker.

It was agreed to take up the matter again with the Department of Industry and Commerce.

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EXAMINATIONS FOR CLERICAL POSTS.

The next business on the Agenda was consideration of the following Resolution from the Irish Technical Association which had been adjourned from last Meeting.

"That the Civil Service Commissioners, the Department of Industry and Commerce, Local Government Department and other Departments of State concerned, also Local Authorities be requested to amend regulations and syllabuses of their several examinations for Clerical Posts in such manner as to offer a reasonable opportunity to students trained in the Commercial Classes under the control of Vocational Committees to compete for and obtain these positions."

In moving the adoption of the Resolution Alderman Walsh stated that when this Resolution was before the Annual Technical Congress at Cork it was pointed out that its purpose was to draw attention to the fact that the Civil Service Commissioners and the other Examining Bodies confined their examinations to subjects studied in the Secondary Schools. It was stated that only 10% of Students were in Secondary Schools and the other 90 in Primary and Vocational Schools, and it was thought that the time had come for the inclusion of more Technical subjects in these examinations. Councillor Dunne seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

There appeared on the Agenda the following motion in the name of Councillor Connolly which had also been adjourned from last Meeting - "That the names of all men about to be employed be submitted to the Council before commencing work" and in reference thereto Councillor Connolly said he thought it was not necessary for him to move it, as, if his memory served him right, there was already a Resolution on the books in connection with the employment of men on Schemes other than Relief Works.

At the request of Councillor Connolly the Town Clerk read a Minute of the Meeting of the 4th March, 1935 which had been adopted by 13 votes to 7 "that in future the employment of all workmen be in the hands of the entire Corporation."

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk stated that this Resolution had never been rescinded. Councillor Connolly then stated that the employment of men by the Housing Committee on the 18th ultimo was contrary to the spirit of this Resolution, but it was pointed out that what happened at that particular Meeting was that the Borough Surveyor submitted a list of names he had received from the Labour Exchange for employment as Builders Labourers and indicated those whom he proposed to employ at the erection of Davitt Road and William Street houses.

Councillor Connolly said that the Labour Exchange had nothing whatever to do with men employed on this work and after some discussion the Mayor gave notice that he would move it at a Special Meeting due to be held on the 12th instant "that any powers derived by the Corporation from the Resolution 4th March, 1935 whereby all unskilled labour should be selected by the Corporation be, in so far as such powers relate to housing, delegated to the Housing Committee."

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

Councillor Billington proposed that the name of Councillor Connolly be added to the Housing Committee and the Mayor seconded the motion which was agreed.

DEMOLITION ORDER.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie seconded by Alderman Walsh, a Demolition Order was made in respect of a house at Green Street owned and occupied by Edward Daly.

MILK & DAIRIES ACT.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation Refusal Orders under the Milk & Dairies Act, 1935 in respect of the applications for registration of:- T. Ryan, South Main Street, William Cullimore, Pearse Street, Francis Leader, Pearse Street, and the reps. Mary Hopkins, Pearse Street.

A suggestion was made that some of these persons had not been given an opportunity to carry out the recommendations of the Veterinary Inspectors, but the Town Clerk intimated that these persons had been written to as far back as June 1937 by the County Medical Officer of Health and in May and July of the present year by himself but he had received no replies. After a short discussion it was decided to adjourn the matter until the next meeting.

MEAT INSPECTOR.

The Public Health committee recommended that Mr. M. J. Finucane, V. S. be appointed Temporary part-time Meat Inspector at a salary of £200 per annum with effect as from the 1st August, 1938 subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk pointed out that in May last the Department of Agriculture had given notice of their intention to terminate the then existing arrangement whereby the Corporation Meat Inspector had carried out duties for the Department under the Agriculture Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts and the Pigs and Bacon Acts at the premises of the Wexford Meat Supply and Bacon Factory Ltd., for which work the Corporation was refunded 2/3rds of the Meat Inspector's salary namely, £300 per annum.

The Public Health Committee had given careful consideration to this question of Meat Inspection and had decided, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to recommend the Corporation to appoint Mr. Finucane as a part-time Officer at a salary of £200. This proposal had been submitted to the Department on the 20th May, and under date of the 16th ultimo, by letter No. P.H. 11412/2/38 the Minister intimated that he was not prepared to approve of the proposal, the effect of which would be that two Veterinary Inspectors would hold office under the Corporation for the discharge, separately, of the respective duties connected with Milk and Meat Supervision. The invariable practice in such cases was to appoint the performance of both categories of duties to one Veterinary Officer and he requested the Public Health Committee to review their proposal in that light.

The Public Health Committee considered the Minister's letter and had interpreted it to mean that the service of one of the Inspectors should be dispensed with.

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Mr. Staples had been employed by the Corporation since 1908 to supervise the Milk Supply and was at present in receipt of a salary of £30 per annum.

Mr. Finucane had been employed on a year to year basis since January, 1936, at a salary of £450 per annum. His duties were to inspect and stamp as fit for consumption all meat sold within the Borough as well as to carry out duties for the Department of Agriculture at the premises of the Wexford Meat Supply and Bacon Factory.

The Public Health Committee were of the opinion that the qualifications of Mr. Staples did not enable him to carry out Meat Inspection, as the Department of Agriculture had refused to sanction him for temporary work a few years ago, and as he was an old Officer they were not inclined to dispense with his services and transfer his duties to Mr. Finucane.

They had therefore asked the Minister to be so good as to reconsider his decision and sanction the arrangement proposed in May last. If this were done, they would take the first available opportunity to amalgamate the two posts.

As regards the present recommendation it was only brought forward to regularise the position pending a final decision by the Minister on the entire question of Meat and Milk Supervision of the Borough.

Councillor Gaul moved the adoption of the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Atkins and adopted unanimously.

SUB-LETTING OF HOUSES.

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Walsh moved that the Town Clerk be given power to seek possession of houses sub-let by the tenants.

He said that from all they could learn practically 25% or 30% of the houses had lodgers in them. They were placing a lot of expense on the ratepayers to build those houses and were taking down slums and putting up new houses to create slums. He thought it only right that they should adopt this resolution and let the Town Clerk deal with the matter.

Councillor Murphy seconded, and referring to arrears of rent said he knew people in arrears who, if they made an effort, need not have any arrears at all.

This motion by Alderman Walsh arose out of a debate at a recent Meeting of a Committee that sub-letting was taking place in Corporation houses erected for the re-housing of slum dwellers but it was then pointed out that on numerous occasions the Town Clerk had made reports to the Committee to this effect but that no action had been taken by them. Councillor McMahon pointed out that all these tenants had signed an agreement that they would not sub-let their houses but pointed out that a line should be drawn in regard to bringing in a father or mother or other close relative. At this stage the Town Clerk intimated that if the Corporation were going to give him those powers there would be no line drawn at all: he would use the powers exactly as he got them.

Councillor Connolly strenuously apposed the motion as he was against such powers in the hands of any one man. He knew the Town Clerk was a conscientious man but at the same time he knew he was an official who would do his duty without fear or favour.

After some further discussion the Mayor suggested that consideration of the motion be adjourned to the February Meeting and that in the meantime the Town Clerk should direct the Rent Collectors to give an account of what sub-letting was being done. This suggestion was agreed to.

Arising out of this matter some members suggested that there should be a close inspection of all the Corporation houses to see how they were being kept and a suggestion was made that a Committee be appointed to do this work, but it was generally thought that it would be too big a job for a Committee considering the Corporation had over 600 houses and it was eventually agreed that the Rent Collectors should be asked to report periodically on the conditions in which the houses were being kept.

NAMING OF HOUSES.

In accordance with Notice given the Mayor moved that the 12 new houses at Whitemill Road be known as "Whiterock View" in addition to the remaining 50. Councillor Connolly seconded the motion

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When the entire matter was explained to the Members it was seen that ~~there~~ there was nothing wrong in the procedure adopted except that the names of the 7 persons to go to Maudlintown should not of been included in the list of those selected for the Whiterock houses, and as well that nothing could be done at present to remedy these 7 persons grievances. It was stated that the persons in question were waiting outside the Council Chamber asking to be received as a deputation but it was thought that no useful purpose would be served by this and that the Town Clerk should write a letter to each of them explaining the entire position.

After some discussion it was agreed on the motion of Councillor James Billington, seconded by Alderman Walsh, that if the persons selected to go to Maudlintown took possession of the houses allocated to ~~them~~ ~~the Corporation~~ ~~would give them~~ the first preference of any vacant four-roomed house at Whiterock View and if no such vacancy arose they would extend the same preference in regard to the new houses to be erected in the near future at Green Street.

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ALLOCATION OF HOUSES.

Arising out of this matter reference was made to the allocation of the 62 houses at "Whiterock View" on the 14th ultimo.

At that Meeting 62 tenants had been selected ~~for the 62 houses~~ but on September 19th last it was agreed that 7 families who had formerly resided in Corry's Terrace be transferred from Maudlintown to Whiterock.

It was clearly understood that 7 of the 62 persons selected on the 14th ultimo would have to go to Maudlintown and the actual allocation of the houses and those who should be given houses at Maudlintown had been left in the hands of the Mayor.

It now appeared that a misunderstanding had arisen amongst the 7 selected by the Mayor to go to Maudlintown, and they appeared to think there was no reason why they should not of been given houses at Whiterock.

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HOUSING AND LABOURERS ACT.

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting when the Housing and Labourers Act, 1937 had been referred to the Housing Committee the Committee reported that in their opinion the matter should be ventilated at a Public Meeting of the Corporation and the Town Clerk read the following summary of the provisions of the Act and the Regulations made thereunder.

- (1) "Grants can only be made in respect of repairs specified in a Notice under Section 19 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931.
- (2) The State Grant shall not exceed £40 or one-fourth of the costs of the Works, whichever is the smaller.
- (3) An Urban Authority may make a Grant of the amount not greater than the State Grant.

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINMENT OF GRANTS.

- (4) A Person having control of a house, in respect of which a Notice under Section 19 of the Act, of 1931, has been served after the 18th December, 1937, may apply on Form UI for a Provisional Allocation of Grants. The Application should be accompanied by:
 - (a) A Specification (in Duplicate) giving details of the Works:
 - (b) Plans and Sections (both in Duplicate) of the Works to a Scale of not less than one inch to eight Feet:
 - (c) A Statement showing in detail the costs of the Works.
- (5) On Receipt of an Application, the Town Clerk shall cause such application to be examined, and ascertain if he can give a Certificate in the Form A. If the Town Clerk is unable to issue Certificate A, he shall return the Application to the applicant with a statement to that effect. If he is able to sign Certificate A, he shall refer the Application to:
- (6) The Borough Surveyor, who shall examine the Plans and Specification and complete and sign Certificate B.
- (7) When Certificates A and B have been completed, the Urban Authority may pass a Resolution agreeing to make a Grant equal to the State Grant.
- (8) After an Application has been considered by the Local Authority, the Town Clerk shall forward to the Minister such Application, together with:
 - (a) One Copy of the Notice.
 - (b) One Copy of the Specification of the Works furnished with the Application.
 - (c) A Statement signed by the Town Clerk showing whether the Local Authority has or has not agreed to make a Grant.
 - (d) One copy of each of the Plans and Specifications furnished with the Application.

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- (9) On receipt of such Application the Minister may, if he thinks fit, make a Provisional Allocation in the Form U2 and transmit a copy to the Local Authority and the Applicant.
- (10) When the Minister had made a Provisional Allocation the Applicant may apply on the Form U3, through the Urban Authority, for payment of the Grant.
- (11) When such Application for payment is received:
- (a) The Surveyor shall examine and inquire into the statements in such application and if **after** such examination and inquiry he can give a Certificate in relation to such application in the Form U3 he shall complete and sign such Certificate.
 - (b) If the Surveyor is unable to give such Certificate the application shall be returned to the applicant with a statement to that effect.
 - (c) If and when the Surveyor has signed such Certificate the Town Clerk shall transmit such application to the Minister.
- (12) Before payment of a Grant the Minister may require an undertaking in respect of the maximum Rent to be charged for the House."

The Press was asked to publish the Memorandum read by the Town Clerk and if this were not possible it was agreed that a copy of it should be circulated amongst the Members.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT.

The Wexford Trades Council under date of the 30th ultimo pointed out that New Year's Day which had been substituted in lieu of St. Stephen's Day as a holiday under the conditions of Employment Act, 1936 fell on Sunday and suggested that the substituted holiday be fixed for January 6th. This was unanimously agreed to, and as regards the fixing of the substituted holidays for the year 1939-40 the Town Clerk was asked to forward his suggestions to the Trades Council and see if they, on behalf of the Employees, agreed with them before they were finally adopted by the Corporation.

R. Cairns T.D.
Mayor of Wexford
 2-1-39

12th December, 1938.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: James McMahon and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, James Billington, Patrick Atkins, Thomas Dunne, Thomas Buckland, Robert Moran, James Gaul, Timothy Cashman, James Crosbie, Stephen McMahon, Thomas Byrne, James Sinnott, Patrick Hawkins, James Murphy, and Thomas Hayes.

TENDERS FOR BUILDING MATERIALS.

The first business was to consider, and accept, if thought desirable, tenders for

- (1) Timber and Joinery Work.
- (2) Slates and Plaster.
- (3) Glazing Materials.
- (4) Ironmongery.
- (5) Sanitary Fittings, Etc.

for (a) Fourteen Houses at William Street; (b) Eight Bungalows at Davitt Road, North; and (c) Fire Station at Davitt Road, North; in accordance with Specification, General Conditions, and Schedule of Quantities prepared by the Borough Surveyor, and approved by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

An advertisement inviting tenders had been published in the Dublin and local newspapers, and as a result two complete Tenders were received from Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, Custom House Quay, Wexford, and the Wexford Timber Company, Ltd., Crescent Quay, Wexford.

Before the tenders were opened, Alderman Walsh referred to the advertisement inviting quotations for "Timber and Joinery", and asked if it was for manufactured joinery or prepared material. On receipt of an assurance from the Borough Surveyor, however, that he only intended to purchase prepared material, the Alderman intimated that he was satisfied.

On the Tenders being opened by the Mayor, the following prices were disclosed:-

(a) FOURTEEN HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET.

<u>GOODS.</u>	<u>MCCORMACK & HEGARTY.</u>	<u>WEXFORD TIMBER CO. LTD.</u>
Timber and Joinery	£715. 12. 4.	£681. 16. 0.
Slates and Plaster	756. 13. 4.	675. 7. 11.
Glazing Materials	24. 7. 4.	26. 15. 5.
Ironmongery	438. 0. 3.	404. 8. 11.
Sanitary Fittings	553. 3. 9.	602. 16. 9.

(b) EIGHT BUNGALOWS AT DAVITT ROAD, NORTH.

<u>GOODS.</u>	<u>MCCORMACK & HEGARTY.</u>	<u>WEXFORD TIMBER CO. LTD.</u>
Timber and Joinery	£278. 6. 0.	£260. 7. 7.
Slates and Plaster	897. 11. 5.	846. 6. 11.
Glazing Materials	9. 10. 9.	10. 10. 1.
Ironmongery	142. 11. 1.	140. 5. 8.

(b) EIGHT BUNGALOWS AT DAVITT ROAD, NORTH.

<u>GOODS.</u>	<u>McCORMACK & HEGARTY.</u>	<u>WEXFORD TIMBER CO. LTD.</u>
Sanitary Fittings	£136. 11. 10.	£132. 17. 5.

(c) FIRE STATION AT DAVITT ROAD. NORTH.

<u>GOODS.</u>	<u>McCORMACK & HEGARTY.</u>	<u>WEXFORD TIMBER CO. LTD.</u>
Timber and Joinery	£19. 2. 7.	£17. 19. 7.
Slates and Plaster	31. 4. 7.	29. 2. 6.
Glazing Materials	1. 12. 8.	2. 6. 10.
Ironmongery	34. 14. 6.	32. 8. 6.
Sanitary Fittings	6. 13. 1.	5. 19. 11.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was unanimously decided to accept the lower tender in each case. It was mentioned that Messrs. Brooks, Thomas & Co., Dublin, had submitted a tender for Dublin-made Thistle Plaster Board, but as this was not a complete tender in accordance with the General Conditions, Etc., it was not considered.

EMPLOYMENT OF UNSKILLED LABOUR.

The next business was a motion in the name of the Mayor, notice of which had been given to each member

"That any powers derived by the Corporation from the Resolution of 4th March, 1935, whereby all unskilled labour should be selected by the Corporation, be, in so far as such powers relate to Housing, delegated to the Housing Committee."

In moving his motion the Mayor stated that he wished, with the permission of the Council, to substitute the Finance and Works Committee for the Housing Committee, and on this permission being given, stated that his only reason for moving the motion was to keep the members informed of who was being employed; he did not want to unduly interfere with the Surveyor. The Surveyor, he said, would obtain a list of men from the Employment Exchange and indicate to the Committee those whom he proposed to employ.

Councillor Byrne seconded the motion. and asked if the Committee would have any right to veto the Surveyor's selection, but it was pointed out that when the Surveyor undertook to erect the houses by Direct Labour, it was generally understood that he should have the employing and dismissing of men.

In reply to a query by Councillor Moran. it was agreed that any dismissals by the Surveyor should not be the subject of discussion by the members.

After some further discussion, the motion was adopted, with Councillor Gaul dissenting.

VACANT HOUSE AT WHITEROCK VIEW.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when it was agreed that the seven persons housed at Maudlintown should be given the

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preference of the first vacant houses at Whiterock View, it was reported that a three-roomed house there had not been occupied, and that two of the seven persons referred to above had applied for it.

They were John Reck, of Byrne's Lane, with a total family of three, and James Crosbie, of Swan View, with a total family of six.

Councillor Connolly proposed that Crosbie get the house, and Councillor Murphy seconded.

Councillor Byrne proposed Reck, and Councillor Cashman seconded. Councillor Dunne then proposed that the selection of a tenant be made by lot, and Councillor Atkins seconded.

As there was a Resolution on the Minute Book, however, that the selection of tenants for houses be made by vote, this ~~motion~~ was ruled out of order, and on a poll being taken there voted:-

For Reck: Councillors Hayes, Hawkins, Byrne, McMahon, Cashman, Gaul, James Billington, Alderman Walsh, and the Mayor----- 9.

For Crosbie: Councillors Crosbie, Sinnott, Moran, Buckland, Dunne, Atkins, Connolly, Murphy, and Alderman McMahon----- 9.

The Mayor thereupon gave his casting vote in favour of Reck, who was declared the tenant.

In this connection it was stated that there would possibly be a few houses vacant at Maudlintown in the coming week, and as only two persons on the list of those selected for houses, namely Rutledge and Kenny, remained to be re-housed, it was agreed to add the names of a man named Murphy, of Oyster Lane, a man named Busher, of Ram Street, and a man named Doyle, of Antelope Road, to the list.

It was further agreed that a man named Walsh, of Wolfe Tone Villas, who was residing in a three-roomed house with fifteen of a family, should be transferred to a four-roomed house as soon as possible.

The Meeting then separated.

R. C. C. T. D.
Mayor J. Keefe
2-1-39

12th December, 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee was held at the close of the Meeting the Members present being the same as the Special Meeting.

TENEMENTS.

Complaint was made regarding a house at Faythe owned and occupied by Thomas Dolan and a house at South Main Street owned and occupied by William Cullen.

Both houses were let in rooms and neither of them complied with the By-Laws of the Corporation regarding houses let in separate tenements.

On a number of occasions the Corporation had relieved congestion in the houses by re-housing families living in them but they had been sub-let again immediately the tenants left, so it was unanimously agreed that proceedings should be taken against both of these persons for a breach of the Bye-Laws.

HOUSE AT EMMET PLACE.

It was agreed to transfer the tenancy of the house at Emmet Place occupied by the Late William Staunton to Michael Kenny who had resided with Mr. Staunton for the past 13 years.

LICENCE.

A Licence under the Slaughter and Animals Act was granted to Mr. John Scott of 113 Faythe, Wexford.

At the request of a number of the Members the Borough Surveyor agreed to commence work at the Green Street Housing site on Monday next 19th instant.

REPORT ON PARK.

With reference to minutes of Corporation on the 5th instant, when the Town Clerk promised to report on the proposal of establishing a public Park at Grogans Road, he now submitted a Memorandum showing the position of this property. As the Memorandum was rather complicated and could not be easily assimilated by merely having it read it was agreed to circulate a copy of it amongst the Members. Reference was also made to the possibility of establishing a park at Maudlintown and Councillor Byrne promised to have the owner of lands there, who, he said, was prepared to sell, submit particulars to the Town Clerk.

HOUSE AT BYRNES LANE.

It was pointed out that Notice had been served on the owner of a house at Byrnes Lane occupied by Vincent Carley fixing the present Meeting for the receipt of any offer with regard to the future user of the dwelling, and under date of the 7th instant, Mrs. Christina McKnight stated she was informed by the tenant that he at no time gave any cause that the house be condemned but merely complained of pigs in an adjoining house, and stated he was quite satisfied with its condition. As the Co. Medical Officer of Health stated that the house was totally unfit for human habitation, it was agreed to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order.

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LICENCE.

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, was signed in respect of the premises at Redmond Place occupied by the Irish American Oil Company.

HOUSE AT GIBSON STREET.

An application on behalf of the Cathal Brugha Foot-ball Club for permission to occupy the premises at Gibson Street owned by Mr. Luke Doyle, as a Club, was submitted, but as the Members were doubtful whether or not the building could be used with safety the Borough Surveyor was asked to make a report on it as soon as possible.

TRAFFIC AT GIBSON ST.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to make a report on the condition of steps leading to two houses at Gibson Street with a view to having them removed as they were a serious obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

DAMAGE TO COAT.

Under date of the 12th instant a Mr. Michael Lawlor of Swan View stated that on Wednesday the 7th instant as he was about to go up Rowe Street his coat caught on a nail protruding from a plank closing the street to traffic, and the coat was ripped beyond repair. He asked to be informed what the Corporation intended to do about the matter. It was decided to inform Mr. Lawlor that the Corporation had no liability.

TOWN CLERK'S HOLIDAYS.

The Town Clerk applied for and was granted the balance of his annual holidays of one week as from the 19th instant.

FIRE STATION LOAN.

Under date of the 9th instant by letter No. S.7783/3/38, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stated that a Loan of £365 proposed to be borrowed by the Corporation for the erection of a Fire Station at Davitt Road, North should be obtained from the Treasurer and it was agreed to make a formal application to the National Bank for the loan of this amount for a period of twelve years.

FAYTHE FOOTPATH.

The question of altering the foot-path at the Faythe was adjourned until the Relief Grant Work there was finished to see if there would be any money left over to enable this work to be done.

R. Curran T.D.
Mayor of Wexford
2-1-39

19th December, 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Aldermen: T. Walsh, J. McMahon.

Councillors: Stephen McMahon, James Crosbie, T. Byrne, Nicholas Connolly, R. Moran, Patrick Hawkins, T. Dunne, Jas. Billington, J. Sinnott, J. Gaul.

On the motion of Councillor Connolly, Alderman T. Walsh took the Chair in the absence of the Mayor.

TENDERS FOR GREEN ST.

Tenders for the supply of Building Materials for the Green Street Housing Site were submitted from Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty and The Wexford Timber Co. The former quoted £26-3-11 and the latter £25-1-3; and on the motion of Councillor Connolly seconded by Alderman McMahon the lower of the two tenders was accepted.

TREES - JOHN'S GATE ST.

Councillor Connolly complained of the danger of some of the trees in the graveyard at John's Gate Street, and requested that something be done about the matter. Several members concurred. In this connection it would be remembered that tenders had already been received from two Contractors for the cutting of these trees but owing to Insurance difficulties, etc., the matter had been left in abeyance for some time.

Councillor Connolly now moved and Alderman Walsh seconded that the Borough Surveyor take the necessary steps to have the trees cut immediately.

Councillor Moran arose to propose a vote of congratulation with Dr. Staunton on his recent elevation to the Bishopric of Ferns but on being informed that the Monthly Meeting was a more appropriate place for such a vote, as there was now no Press to record this vote, he decided to leave it over until that time when he declared he would move it.

R. Connolly T.D.
Mayor of Wexford
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2nd January, 1939.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: James McMahon and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: James Billington, James Murphy, John Billington, Thomas Dunne, Patrick Atkins, Robert Moran, Thomas Hayes, Patrick Hawkins, James Sinnott, Phillip McGuire, James Crosbie, Thomas Byrne, Stephen McMahon, James Gaul.

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for signature and approval :- Minutes of Corporation on 5th and 12th ultimo; Minutes of Finance and Works, etc., Committees on 5th, 12th and 19th ultimo.

On the motion of Alderman Walsh seconded by Councillor Hayes the Minutes as submitted were approved and signed by the Mayor.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £3,410 : 9 : 9, were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Councillor Moran moved that they offer their hearty congratulations to the Most Rev. Dr. Staunton on his appointment as Bishop of Ferns. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present and adopted. Councillor Moran also gave notice of his intention to move that the freedom of the Borough be conferred on Dr. Staunton.

SYMPATHY.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to President Hyde on the death of his Wife. Councillor Byrne seconded.

Councillor Dunne proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Thomas J. O'Brien, a former Member of the Council on the death of his father. Councillor Murphy seconded. Councillor Dunne also proposed a vote of sympathy to Mr. Patrick McCabe, another former Member of the Council on the death of his mother. Alderman Walsh seconded. The three motions were adopted in respectful silence.

PENSIONERS AND RELIEF WORKS.

With reference of Minutes of Last Meeting when the question of the employment of persons in receipt of Pensions on Relief Works was under consideration, the Minister for Industry and Commerce under date of the 22nd ultimo, by letter No. E.B. 226967 stated that he could not see his way to alter the system at present in use for the recruitment of Labour for works financed partly or wholly from central funds.

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MILK & DAIRIES ACT.

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting when the making of Refusal Orders under the Milk & Dairies Act, 1935 was adjourned, the Town Clerk intimated that only one of the four persons had approached him in connection with the Orders. This was Mr. Francis Leader, who had applied for Registration of Premises at Green Street. Mr. Leader who only sold milk from a cart now proposed to erect a premises at Carrigeen Street for the storage of utensils and withdraw the Application for Green Street, so on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Byrne, Refusal Orders were made in respect of the premises of William Cullimore, Pearse Street, Mr. T. Ryan, South Main Street, and the Repts. Mary Hopkins, Talbot Street. The case of Mr. Leader being adjourned pending receipt of his application for registration for the new premises at Carrigeen Street.

EXECUTION OF DEED OF MORTGAGE.

The next business was to execute a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of a Loan of £1,170 borrowed for the renewal of Sewers and Watermains in the Borough. £650 was in respect of sewers and £520 in respect of watermains. The Mortgage Deed had been approved on behalf of the Corporation and the following Resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor James Sinnott:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY POUNDS, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Health Acts, 1878 to 1931."

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation, and the following further Resolution as proposed by Councillor James Gaul and seconded by Alderman Thomas Walsh, was unanimously adopted.

"That inasmuch as this Corporation does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Corporation, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, IT IS RESOLVED that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Corporation for time being, countersigned by the Town Clerk. And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to Our Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

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MARKETS IN URBAN DISTRICTS.

The following Resolution from the County Committee of Agriculture was submitted:-

"That the Urban District Councils of the County be requested to consider the advisability of taking steps to develop markets for agricultural produce in their areas."

The Members seemed favourable to this Resolution and after some discussion it was agreed to refer the matter to the Town Clerk for his recommendations as to what should be done to give effect to the Resolution of the County Committee.

MILK & DAIRIES ACT.

Under date of the 23rd ultimo, by letter No. P. H. Cir. 127/38, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarded a copy of an Order under the Milk & Dairies Act, 1936 postponing the coming into operation of Section 32-33 and Part 4 of the Act until the 1st April, 1939.

In this connection the Town Clerk reported that he had already issued a public advertisement informing producers and purveyors of milk of the terms of the Order.

SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAYS.

With reference to minutes of last Meeting, the fixing of substituted holidays under the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936 for the year 1939-40 was further adjourned pending a conference between the employers and employees on the matter.

WAGES INCREASE.

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Byrne moved "that all men employed on 'dirty' work as defined by the Wexford Trades Council receive one penny per hour in excess of the recognised rate prevailing in the District."

The Town Clerk explained that some time ago Councillor Hawkins had raised that matter and it was followed by a letter from the Trades Council, which had been considered by the Finance Committee, and he was asked to request the Trades Council to define "dirty" work. They defined it as (1) taking up old open sewers. (2) cleaning sewers which had been stopped by silt from lavatories. (3) cleaning of the horse river. Mr. Byrne stated this matter had engaged the attention of the Trades Council for some time past and he had been asked to bring the matter before the Corporation. Alderman McMahon seconded the motion.

Councillor Murphy remarked that some time ago a Resolution had been passed that rubber boots be provided for the men employed on Sewerage Works where they had to work in water and asked if they had been procured. The Town Clerk replied that he had an application before the Department of Industry and Commerce for a Licence to import these boots. In reply to a query by the Town Clerk as to whether the application was general to all employers, Councillor Byrne stated it was.

The Mayor suggested that the motion be passed in principle and that the Finance & Works Committee be requested to go into the question of a definition of "dirty" work. The Mayor's suggestion was unanimously agreed to.

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REPORT ON WALL AT BRIDGE.

Arising out of this discussion on sewers, Alderman Walsh referred to a dangerous wall at a place known as "The Golden Pillar Malt House." The wall in question was part of the parapet of a bridge crossing the Stonebridge river, but it had always been considered as private property and outside the jurisdiction of the Corporation, but after a short discussion it was decided that the Mayor, Borough Surveyor, Town Clerk and Legal Advisor should examine the place with a view to deciding who was responsible for the maintenance of the wall.

TENDERS.

Two tenders for printing requirements for the year 1939 were submitted and in accordance with the usual practice referred to the Finance Committee to accept the lower of each item.

ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS.

The next business on the Agenda was to consider and adopt, if thought desirable, a set of Standing Orders to regulate the Meetings of the Council.

Under date of the 1st ultimo, the following letter had been sent to each Member by the Town Clerk.

"Some time ago the Corporation asked me to prepare a set of Standing Orders to regulate the Meetings of the Council and I now enclose, herewith, such a code for your consideration before formally submitting them to the Corporation for adoption.

As these are drafted with the object of expediting the business of the Council, I should be glad if you would carefully study the various Orders with a view to making suggestions for their improvement. Such suggestions will be gladly received by me at any time and carefully examined with a view to their inclusion in the final form of the Orders.

As regards the Committees of the Corporation set out in the draft Order No. 43, they are the same as at present constituted. I have, however, on a previous occasion called attention to the unwieldiness of this multiplicity of Committees and suggested that a change was overdue. You realise, of course, that with the exception of (a), (b), (c) and (d) a number of these Committees seldom, if ever, meet, and I am firmly convinced that the Committee work of the Corporation could be much more efficiently and expeditiously transacted by a modified Committee System.

I therefore, offer for your consideration the following suggestion for the Constitution of Committees.

- (1) A Finance and General Purposes Committee composed of twelve members.
- (2) A Housing Committee composed of Twelve Members; and
- (3) A Special Committee composed of six members.

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No. 1 could carry out all the duties of the Committees (a), (b), (c), (d), (f), (g) and (h) mentioned in draft Standing Order No. 43.

No. 2 could deal with all matters relating to housing, buildings and ancillary matters.

No. 3 could deal with any matters which the Council or the Committees (1) or (2) above decided could be dealt with better by a smaller Committee.

If this system were adopted there would only be three Committees instead of the present eight, in addition to the Maternity and Child Welfare and School Meals.

I believe a careful examination of this suggestion would convince you that it would lead to a vast saving of the time of both members and officials as well as more efficient administration of the Municipal Services."

A Copy of the Standing Orders referred to above is appended to these Minutes."

A number of Members intimated that they had carefully studied the set of Standing Orders prepared by the Town Clerk and thought that they should be adopted, so on the motion of the Councillor James Billington, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to adopt the Orders as submitted, and the question of Committees mentioned in the Town Clerk's letter above was referred to the Finance Committee to consider and make a report prior to the Annual Meeting to be held in June.

VACANT HOUSE AT ANTELOPE ROAD.

It was reported that there was a house vacant at 18, Antelope Road, and on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Walsh, it was unanimously agreed to give the tenancy to a man named Stephen Wilde of Temperance Row.

COMPLAINT RE SNOW STORM.

Reference was made by Councillor Moran to snow on the Main Street during the Xmas Snow Storm and he complained that it should have been removed before it was. In this connection, it was explained that on Wednesday morning the 21st ultimo, some 80 men were employed trying to clear the snow from the streets but it fell faster than they could take it away and on Wednesday evening it froze solid so that it was impossible without serious risk and inconvenience to pedestrians to remove it. The thaw did not set in until Xmas Eve and it was then impossible to secure sufficient men to clear the streets and the snow had been removed as quickly as possible. It was recognised that the fall of snow, in so far as Wexford Town was concerned, was exceptional and a similar occurrence had not taken place for the last 20 years and everything possible had been done by the Corporation and Officials to make the streets as safe for pedestrians as the circumstances permitted.

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PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Councillor Dunne referred to the lighting on Xmas morning and asked if any order had been made to have all the lights in Town lighting on that morning, but it was pointed out that for some years past beyond the pilot lights there was no extra lighting on Xmas morning.

SCARCITY OF WATER AT WHITEMILL.

Councillor McMahon referred to the scarcity of water in the new houses at Whitemill and it was pointed out that it was a question of pressure which was being dealt with under the new Waterworks Scheme at present under consideration and that the Corporation could do nothing at present to remedy the complaint.

H. Carr T. D.
mayor
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B O R O U G H O F W E X F O R D .

John Clerk

STANDING ORDERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Dates of Meetings.

1. A Monthly Meeting of the Council shall be convened for the First Monday in each month in which a Quarterly Meeting of the Council is not appointed to be held in pursuance of Section 10 of the Local Elections Act, 1927: provided always that when the first Monday of any month falls on either a Church, Public or Bank Holiday, then a Meeting for the transaction of the finance business of the Council shall be convened for the next following Tuesday and a Meeting for the transaction of the remainder of the business of the Council shall be convened for the next following Monday.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

2. A Special Meeting of the Council may be convened by the Mayor, or upon a requisition signed by not less than five members of the Council.

HOOR OF MEETINGS.

3. The Meetings of the Council shall be convened for the hour of half-past seven o'clock p.m. except where otherwise fixed by statute or by special summons provided always that whenever it is necessary to convene a Meeting to be held on a Tuesday for the transaction of Financial Business as provided for in Standing Order, Number one then such meeting shall be convened for the hour of half-past eight o'clock p.m.

CHAIR TO BE TAKEN.

4. The chair is to be taken at a Meeting of the Council precisely at the hour mentioned in the summons for the commencement of such meeting, or as soon after as a quorum is present, by the Mayor, or in his absence by any member called thereto by motion; provided always that if the Mayor shall attend during the progress of the Meeting he shall take the chair.

CHAIRMAN.

5. If at any Meeting of the Council or of any Committee the Mayor or Chairman be absent at the time specified in the summons for the commencement of such Meeting and more than one member be moved to the chair, then the Town Clerk, or substitute acting in the place of the Town Clerk shall put the question and shall proceed to obtain a decision of the Council or Committee thereon in the manner provided by the Statutes or Standing Orders, and as if he were chairman for the time being: provided that if the Voting shall be equal the question shall be decided by lot.

COMMENCEMENT.

6. The Chair having been taken the Town Clerk shall proceed to call the roll of members, recording the names of those present and when it appears that not less than six members (which number shall constitute a quorum) are present the Council shall proceed with the business of the Meeting as set out on the Agenda.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

7. At Meetings of the Council the following shall be the Order of Business:-

- (a) Confirmation of Minutes of last Meeting.
- (b) Confirmation and adoption of Minutes of Committees.
- (c) Finance business of Council.
- (d) Acknowledgements of Resolutions adopted at previous Meetings.
- (d) Reports and/or recommendations of Committees.
- (f) Motions by members if same are received by Town Clerk in time for inclusion on the Agenda.
- (g) The business on the Agenda in the order set forth.

Provided always that any business prescribed by statute to be transacted at any Meeting shall be taken immediately after the confirmation of Minutes of last Meeting as set out at (a) above.

No matter not appearing on the Agenda may be discussed except to refer it to a Committee for consideration or to give Notice of intention to raise it at a subsequent Meeting in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 8.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

8. All notices of Motion shall be in writing or print; shall state the subject of such motion; shall be dated and signed by the member giving it and shall be delivered to the Town Clerk at his office at least five days before the date of the Meeting at which it is to be discussed. Provided always that a Notice of Motion shall be relevant to some question affecting the administration of the Borough, and the Mayor may exclude from the Agenda any motion as he may deem to be out of Order or he may make

8. such alterations as will bring any Notice into due form, but a notice shall not be deemed invalid merely by reason of its having relation to a matter not within the scope of the Ordinary work of the Council, so long as in the opinion of the Mayor such matter is one of public interest and importance. A member shall not have more than two notices of motion on the Agenda for the same Meeting notwithstanding the fact that any of such Notices were adjourned from a previous Meeting.

CONCLUSION.

9. When at a Meeting of the Council the whole of the business set down for such Meeting has been transacted or when the Council has sat for the period of two hours whichever is the earlier, the Meeting shall end without any question from the Chair.

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RESCISSION OF RESOLUTIONS.

A motion (in pursuance of Standing Order 8) to alter or rescind a resolution of the Council shall not be competent within six months from the date of such resolution unless (a) the motion shall be brought forward as a recommendation of a Committee concerned with the Original Motion; or (b) the Notice shall bear in addition to the name of the member who proposes the motion, the signatures of at least one-fourth of the members of the Council.

QUESTIONS DECIDED TWICE IN SAME YEAR.

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A question which within any Financial year has twice been decided by the Council in the same way shall not in the same financial year be again submitted for the Councils consideration, and this Order shall not be evaded by re-submitting the question differently

11. worded but in principle the same.

CONDUCT OF DEBATE.

Members Speaking.

12. A Member who speaks shall stand and address the Chair and confine his speech strictly to the subject under discussion.

DURATION OF SPEECHES.

13. No speech shall occupy more than ten minutes without the consent of the Chair; such consent to be given only in exceptional circumstances and then only to permit the speech to occupy an extra five minutes.

MEMBER OUT OF ORDER.

14. The Chairman shall call attention to continued irrelevance, tedious repetition, unbecoming language, or any breach of order or of these Standing Orders on the part of a member; and shall direct such member to discontinue his speech, or in the event of persistent disregard of the authority of the Chair, to retire for the remainder of the Meeting.

ADDRESSING COUNCIL & RESERVATION OF SPEECHES.

15. No Member shall address the Council more than once on any motion, but a member may formally second a motion reserving his speech for a later period of the debate. The mover of an original motion may, however, reply, but he shall strictly confine himself to answering previous speakers and shall not introduce any new matter into the debate. The right of reply shall not extend to the mover of an Amendment which, having been carried, has become a substantive motion. After the reply the Chairman shall conclude the debate and put the question.

POINT OF ORDER OR EXPLANATION.

16. Any member, whether he has spoken on the matter under discussion or not, may with the permission of the Chair, rise to a point of Order or in explanation, but in the case of a member who has spoken such explanation shall be confined to some material part of his former speech which may have been misunderstood. A Member so rising shall be entitled to be heard forthwith.

RULING OF CHAIR FINAL.

17. The ruling of the Chair on all questions of order and of matters arising in debate shall be final and shall not be open to discussion.

WITHDRAWING OR ALTERING MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

18. A motion or amendment to amend a motion may be withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the Council which shall be signified without debate; and it shall not be competent for any member to speak upon it after the mover has asked permission for its withdrawal, unless such permission shall have been refused.

AMENDMENTS.

19. When a motion is under debate at any Meeting of the Council no further motion shall be received except
- (a) To amend the motion
 - (b) that the Council do now adjourn
 - (c) that the debate be adjourned
 - (d) that the question be now put
 - (e) that the Council do proceed with the next business.

(a) TO AMEND THE MOTION.

AMENDMENT MUST BE RELEVANT AND NOT NEGATIVE
OR INCONSISTENT.

20. Every amendment shall be relevant to the motion on which it

20. is moved; it must not be a more negative; and must not be inconsistent with anything already agreed upon at the same meeting.

SECOND AMENDMENT NOT TO BE MOVED.

21. When an amendment upon an original motion has been moved and seconded, a second or subsequent amendment shall not be moved until the first amendment has been disposed of. If an amendment be carried the motion as amended shall take the place of the Original motion, and shall become the question upon which any further amendment may be moved. A Member shall not be at liberty to move an amendment if he has previously spoken to the motion or to move ^{more} than one amendment to any motion nor shall more than one Amendment be moved with the same or similar object.

(b) THAT THE COUNCIL DO NOW ADJOURN.

22. Any member of the Council who has not already spoken to any motion or amendment then under debate may move that the Council do now adjourn. Such a motion must be seconded but it need not be reduced to writing. The mover and seconder shall not speak beyond formally moving and seconding the motion which shall be put to the meeting without debate.
23. In the event of the motion for the adjournment being carried the Chairman shall (unless stated in the motion fix the date for the adjourned meeting for the continuation of the debate on the motion or amendment under discussion at the time of the adjournment and for the transaction of the remainder (if any) of the business on the Agenda for the Meeting so adjourned.

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24. A Second Motion "that the Council do now adjourn" shall not be made within half-an-hour unless in the opinion of the Chairman the circumstances are materially altered.
25. A member shall not move more than one motion for the adjournment of the Council.

(c) THAT THE DEBATE BE ADJOURNED.

26. Any member of the Council who has not already spoken to any motion or amendment then under debate may move "That the debate be adjourned." Such a motion must be seconded but it need not be reduced to writing. The mover and seconder shall not speak beyond moving and seconding it.
27. If the motion be carried the Council shall proceed to the next business on the Agenda and the discussion of the adjourned debate shall be resumed at the next meeting of the Council.
28. On resuming an adjourned debate the member who moved its adjournment shall be entitled to speak first.
29. A second motion that the debate be adjourned shall not be made within half-an-hour.
30. No member shall move or second more than one motion for adjournment of the same debate.

(d) THAT THE QUESTION BE NOW PUT.

31. Any member of the Council who has not already spoken to any motion or amendment then under debate may move "That the question be now put." Such a motion must be seconded, but it need not be reduced to writing. The mover and seconder shall not speak beyond formally moving and seconding it.

31. Unless it appears to the Chairman that the debate is not exhausted, he shall put the motion "that the question be now put" to the vote without debate and if same is carried the motion or amendment under discussion shall be put to the Council.
32. A second motion "that the question be now put" shall not be made on the discussion of the same question within half-an-hour; nor shall a member move or second more than one motion "That the question be now put" on the discussion of the same question.
- (c) THAT THE COUNCIL DO PROCEED TO
THE NEXT BUSINESS.
33. Any member of the Council who has not already spoken to any motion or amendment then under debate may move "That the Council do proceed to the next business." Such a motion must be seconded but it need not be reduced to writing. The mover and seconder shall not speak beyond formally moving and seconding the motion which shall be put without debate.
34. When a motion is carried "That the Council do proceed to the next business the question under discussion shall be considered as dropped.
35. A second motion "That the Council do proceed to the next business" shall not be made on the same question within half-an-hour; nor shall a member move or second more than one motion "That the Council do proceed to the next business" on the discussion of the same question.

MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO BE REDUCED
TO WRITING.

36. All original motions and all Amendments to amend a motion shall be reduced to writing by the mover and signed by him, read to the meeting and handed to the Chairman and approved by him as valid before being spoken to by such proposer, and a motion or amendment shall not be discussed by anyone other than the mover, or put to the Council, until the same shall have been seconded.

VOTING AND DIVISIONS.

37. When a vote is taken the question shall be read from the Chair and the members shall respond by saying "Aye," or "no" or by a show of hands at the discretion of the Chairman. When a division or Poll is demanded (which demand must be made immediately before or after the question is put and before the Chairman has called for the next business) the Town Clerk or deputy shall call the name of those present and record in the minutes of the Council's proceedings the names of those (a) Voting for the question (b) Voting against the question and (c) Not Voting.

DEPUTATIONS.

38. Deputations from any body or Association or individual shall not be received by the Council unless the Town Clerk shall have received 24 hours previous notice of the intended deputation and the object thereof, but the final decision as to whether or not the deputation be received shall be made by the Council and then only when the business on the Agenda shall have been disposed of.

38. The privilege of such a deputation shall be confined to the presentation of a memorial statement or copy of resolutions and to the making of short addresses by two members of the deputation. The length of such addresses to be governed by Standing Order No. 12.

MINUTES.

39. Copies of the Minutes of the Council and of any Committees not composed of the entire Council shall be furnished to each Member of the Council with the Agenda for each Meeting of the Council; and the Minutes of such Committees as are composed of the entire Council shall be laid on the table for 15 minutes prior to the hour of each meeting at which they are to be confirmed; or they may be inspected by any member at the Town Clerk's Office on any day not less than seven days after the Meeting to which they relate has taken place.

40. It shall not be competent for any member to raise any matter on a motion to confirm the minutes of the Council except as to their accuracy.

COMMITTEES.

41. A Committee of the whole Council shall be composed of all the members and six members shall constitute a quorum.
42. A Meeting of the Council in Committee may be formed any time during the progress of a Meeting of the Council on such Meeting of the Council passing a motion resolving itself into Committee and adjourning for the purpose without any further notice to the

43. The following shall be the Standing Committees of the Council:-

- (a) Finance and Works
- (b) Waterworks
- (c) Public Health
- (d) Old Age Pensions

and shall be composed of the entire Council.

- (e) Housing: composed of twelve Members.
- (f) Cemetery " " eight "
- (g) Fire Brigade " " seven "
- (h) Rates composed of six "
- (i) Maternity & Child Welfare composed of four Members and eight non-members.
- (j) School Meals: composed of four members and five non-members.

Statutory Committees shall be composed of such number and in such a manner as is laid down in the Statutes Constituting such Committees.

44. The Council may from time to time appoint special Committees for any particular purpose.

45. The several standing or Special Committees may appoint sub-Committees to whom may be allotted sections of the duties of the parent Committees.

46. The quorum of every Committee or sub-Committee or Committees Meeting jointly shall be one-fourth of the total number of the Members disregarding fractions, provided that the quorum shall not in any case be less than three, except in the case of a sub-Committee of three when the quorum shall be two.

47. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

In the case of any emergency requiring immediate action on the part of the Corporation or for the purpose of affording greater freedom of debate, any of the Standing Orders may be suspended at any Meeting of the Council so far as regards any business at such Meeting upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously or by a vote of the majority of the whole number of the Council. Previous notice of any such motion shall not be necessary.

AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS & REPEAL.

48. These Standing Orders may be altered or rescinded by Resolution of the Council passed at one Meeting and confirmed by another Meeting of same. All existing Standing Orders and all Resolutions of the Corporation inconsistent with these Orders or as far as they are inconsistent with these Orders shall be and the same are hereby rescinded.

ADOPTION OF THESE STANDING ORDERS.

49. These Standing Orders shall come into force as soon as passed by one Meeting and confirmed by a second, Meeting of the Council.

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A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above Meeting, the Members present being the same as at the Quarterly Meeting.

HOUSE AT WILLIAM ST.

With reference to previous discussions regarding the damage to a house at William Street, Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan on behalf of the occupier Mr. John Walsh, intimated that his client had paid £1.8.3. for repairs to the bicycle for which the Corporation only agreed to allow £1 and that he had paid 19.11d. for gas fittings.

An examination of the account for repairs to the bicycle showed that more repairs than were necessary had been carried out and it was agreed to inform Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan's that the Corporation could not increase their offer of £1 as compensation for this loss. As regards the gas fittings it was ascertained from the details of the account that more work was carried out than was claimed for in Messrs. Kirwan's letter of the 16th November last, but it was decided to allow a Claim of 14/6d. mentioned in that letter. This would increase the Corporation's offer to £3.11.6. as against Mr. Walsh's original claim of £12.

As regards Mr. O'Brien's loss of rent, the Town Clerk intimated that Mr. O'Brien's Solicitors had claimed for 20 weeks rent at 3/11d. but he had pointed out to them that the wall had only collapsed on the 30th July and that the house was fit for occupation at the end of October and that the period of vacancy was only 13 weeks which showed a loss of rent £2.10.11. They had replied, however, that owing to the conditions of the house prior to the collapse of the gable the tenant had refused to pay any rent for seven weeks prior to that date.

The Town Clerk, however, recommended the Corporation to refuse to recognise this Claim for seven weeks as Mr. O'Brien had his Legal remedy, so it was agreed to inform the Solicitors that the Corporation could not accept liability for loss of rent beyond the 13 weeks mentioned in the Town Clerk's letter of the 15th December.

FIRE AT SUMMERHILL.

The Town Clerk reported that a fire occurred at Summerhill on the 3rd December last in the premises occupied by a man named O'Sullivan and owned by the Convent of Mercy which premises were just outside the Borough. He had inquired from whom the call was received and ascertained that it came from the Convent of Mercy.

As the premises where the fire occurred were outside the Borough he asked the Committee to fix a fee for the attendance of the Brigade and suggested that £5.5.0. would be an equitable amount. In reply to a query he stated that the four men were engaged for two hours each and the cost of their time was 16s.

After some discussion it was agreed (1) that for attendance at fires outside the Borough, including the one under discussion, the Members of the Brigade should be paid time and a half, namely, 3s. per hour. (2) that the minimum charge for the attendance of the Brigade should be £5.5.0. and (3) that the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk be asked to draw up a scale of charges for the attendance of the Brigade at fires outside the Urban District.

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MEAT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of November showed that he had examined 122 cattle, 387 sheep and 32 swine. As regards the cattle, five heads and four fore-quarters to the extent of six cwt. and 25 organs had been destroyed for tuberculosis. Three heads and eighteen organs had been destroyed for other diseases. Of the sheep, 20 organs were destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis. Of the swine, one head was destroyed for tuberculosis and three organs for other diseases.

REPORT ON HOUSE AT FAYTHE.

The Town Clerk was asked to have a report made on a house at Faythe owned and occupied by a man named Dolan and if it did not comply with the Bye-Laws of the Corporation regarding houses let in separate tenants he was to take immediate steps against the owner for a breach of these Bye-Laws.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Walsh it was agreed to make a supplementary loan of £250 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. J. B. Hickey, Newtown Road for the erection of a house there.

A Complaint was made that no time-keeper was yet employed on the erection of houses at Davitt Road and the Borough Surveyor stated he did not think a time-keeper was necessary at this stage. A complaint was also made regarding the employment of men on this Scheme and the Borough Surveyor stated that he had employed no men except those whose names he had submitted some time ago to the Meeting of the Housing Committee but the Members were under the impression that they had only approved of the persons he had then selected for employment and not the entire list submitted by him, so the Borough Surveyor agreed to submit to the next Meeting of the Committee a list of names indicating those whom he proposed to employ.

It was agreed to hold Weekly Meetings of the Committee as from the 9th instant.

Richard C. T. D.
Mayor

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9th January, 1939.

A Meeting of the Finance & Works, etc., Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p. m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman: James McMahon.

Councillors: Patrick Atkins, Phillip McGuire, Thomas Byrne, Stephen McMahon, Patrick Hawkins, James Billington, Thomas Dunne, Robert Moran, Thomas Hayes, James Murphy, Timothy Cashman, James Sinnott and James Crosbie.

E. S. B. Line.

The Town Clerk read correspondence which had passed between himself and Electricity Supply Board relative to the erection of eight bungalows and a fire station at Davitt Road, North, which were partly within the "relevant area" of the Board's 10 K. V. line there. The Board now requested the Corporation to contribute £80.10.0. towards the cost of removing this line but the Town Clerk had pointed out that the line was in a built-up area where it should never have been erected. However, as delay in the matter was costing the Corporation money in overhead expenses he had offered the Board, without prejudice, the sum of £40 towards the cost of altering the line.

The Members considered that having regard to all the circumstances the offer made by the Town Clerk was reasonable and after some discussion it was agreed that the Mayor should interview the Secretary of the Board with a view to having them accept the offer of £40.

RE-VALUATION BILL.

A lengthy letter was read from New Ross Urban District Council on the subject of the proposed Bill for the re-valuation of Eire recently introduced in An Dail and asked the assistance of the Corporation in having the Bill thrown out as entirely contrary to the best interests of the nation's social and economic progress.

In this case it was pointed out that it was impossible to judge the Bill yet as it had not even been printed, and on the motion of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Moran, consideration of the matter was adjourned pending publication of the contents of the Bill.

"DIRTY" WORK.

With reference to Minutes of Corporation on the 2nd instant when the question had been asked to define "dirty" work, it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to give his definition again the next Meeting.

ADDRESS TO NEW BISHOP.

With reference to Minutes of Corporation on the 2nd instant when a Resolution of Congratulation with the Most Re. Dr. Staunton was adopted and when Councillor Moran gave notice that he would move that the freedom of the Borough be conferred on the new Bishop, the Town Clerk pointed out that Dr. Staunton would probably be consecrated early in February and asked if it was intended to present an address of welcome.

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ADDRESS TO NEW BISHOP.

The Members thought this more appropriate than the presentation of the freedom of the Borough at this stage, and in deference to the wishes of the Corporation, Councillor Moran withdrew his notice and it was agreed that an address of welcome should be presented, the Town Clerk to prepare a draft of such an address for submission to the next Meeting.

TENDERS.

The two printing tenders referred to the present Committee for examination were opened by the Mayor and the lower tender in respect of each item accepted.

LIGHTING AT WHITEROCK VIEW.

Complaint was made regarding the gas lighting at Whiterock View and the Town Clerk was asked to make a report about it at next Meeting.

SELECTION OF MEN.

The next business was the selection of men for employment on the Davitt Road and William Street Housing Schemes and the Borough Surveyor read a list of names he had obtained from the Labour Exchange. He indicated 15 names from which he stated he intended to employ 12 who would be retained for the duration of the job provided they gave satisfaction.

In reply to a query, the Borough Surveyor stated that it would only be necessary to employ two of these men for at least two weeks, and after a prolonged discussion, it was agreed that these two men be approved of, namely, Cousins and Murphy, and that each Member of the Corporation be asked to submit three names to the Borough Surveyor for examination by him with a view to their employment on this Scheme.

FLOORS DISTILLERY ROAD.

It was also agreed that the work of concreting the hall floors in the Distillery Road houses should be commenced immediately, and that a man named Hanton who did not yet obtain a period of work for which he was selected some time ago be employed to assist the mason on this job.

Richard Carson T.D.
Mayor of Beaford
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A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above Meeting, the Members present being the same as at the Special Meeting.

CONTRACT 62 HOUSES AT WHITEMILL.

With reference to the Contract of Messrs. H. & A. Hamilton, for the erection of 62 houses, etc., at Whitemill Road, the Town Clerk pointed out that these had been handed over to the Borough Surveyor on the 26th November last and the amount of the Contract was £20,938. Of this the Corporation were entitled to deduct 5% as Retention Money under the General Conditions, which left a total amount payable to the Contractor to date of £19,891:2:0. He had already been paid on account £17,836, leaving a balance of £2,055:2:0. due. This amount had been certified by the Borough Surveyor prior to the last Finance Meeting of the Council, but before making a payment to Messrs. Hamilton, the Town Clerk had made the following deduction from the amount.

Under the Contract entered into the houses should have been completed on June 8th, 1938, but, they were not handed over until 24 weeks afterwards. The Contract further provided that Messrs. Hamilton should pay the Corporation £25 per week Liquidated and Ascertained Damages for every week after June 8th last during which the houses were not completed. In the opinion of the Town Clerk the Corporation had suffered the following weekly losses:-

(1)	Wages of Clerk of Works.....	£5 : 5 : 0
(2)	(a) Rent of 24 houses at 4s.	4 : 16 : 0
	(b) Rent of 26 houses at 5s.	6 : 10 : 0
	(c) Rent of 12 houses at 6/6d.	<u>3 : 18 : 0</u>
	Total weekly loss.....	<u>£20 : 9 : 0</u>

This loss multiplied by 24 weeks showed that the Corporation had suffered to the extent of £490:16:0. through the failure of Messrs. Hamilton to complete their Contract on time.

He (Town Clerk) had deducted from the £2,055:2:0. due to the Contractors this loss of £490.16.0. and had only paid them the balance of £1,564.6.0. He had sent them a Paying Order on the 3rd instant for this latter amount together with an explanatory letter and under date of the 9th instant, Messrs. Hamilton denied the right of the Corporation to deduct this sum for reasons already stated, and demanded payment of the additional £490.16.0. or they would instruct their Solicitors to take the necessary steps to recover same.

In this connection, the Town Clerk read correspondence on the subject of the delay in completing this contract which had passed between himself and Messrs. Hamilton since the 27th June last, and in none of the letters had there been, so far, advanced any reasons for the delay which would justify the Corporation in allowing an extension of the time for its completion.

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He (Town Clerk) further pointed out that any delay should be certified by the Borough Surveyor as been reasonable, and so far, he had received no Certificate from the Borough Surveyor to the effect that for unavoidable reasons Messrs. Hamilton could not complete the Contract on time.

The Members carefully considered this matter and some suggested that Messrs. Hamilton should be paid the full amount of the Contract price, but the Town Clerk pointed out that if this was done in the absence of a Certificate from the Surveyor, to the effect that such additional time as he might certify was necessary for the completion of the Contract, the Members of the Council voting in favour of payment to Messrs. Hamilton would be surcharged by the Auditor.

After some discussion it was agreed to inform Messrs. Hamilton that the Corporation could not see their way to alter the decision conveyed in the Town Clerk's letter of January 3rd last, and when the Council heard from Messrs. Hamilton's Solicitor they could take the matter up with their Legal Advisor with a view to having a Legal Interpretation placed on the Contract.

RENT COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Under date of the 16th instant, Rent Collector Lacey reported on a house at Grattan Terrace, formerly occupied by Thomas Barnes, which was no longer in his occupation, he having gone to reside at South Main Street, but did not give up possession of the dwelling. Since he left the premises were occupied by his son who had paid the rent each week but, he had now gone to reside at Enniscorthy and possession had not yet been given. He asked for the instructions of the Corporation in the case, and a lengthy discussion took place on this matter, at the end of which it was agreed that the Town Clerk should write to Mr. Barnes asking him when he intended to hand over the keys of the dwelling at Grattan Terrace.

JAS. BROWNE, PLUMBER.

Under date of the 14th instant, the Plumber's Union intimated that James Browne was no longer a Member and, if he asked for the services of the Turncock they would be compelled to withdraw the latter from the employment of the Corporation if Browne's request was granted. In this connection, it was decided to inform the Union that the contents of their communication had been noted.

UNAUTHORIZED PLUMBER.

The Plumber's Union called attention to the fact that a man named James Jones, an unauthorised plumber had erected a water-closet at Bride Street in three houses owned by Mrs. McKnight. In this connection, it was pointed out that only Plumber's who had been admitted and enrolled as Waterworks Plumber's could carry out work to the Water System. There was no penalty in the Regulations for a breach, and it was doubtful if any action could be taken against Jones.

WATERWORKS BYE-LAWS.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk stated that he had drafted new Bye-Laws and Regulations for the control of the Water Supply which were at present with the Borough Surveyor for examination, so it was decided to adjourn consideration of the complaint against Jones pending the examination of the Bye-Laws by the Borough Surveyor and their

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consideration by the present Committee.

FIRE BRIGADE.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called to a fire at South Main Street, on the 15th instant, when one line of hose was laid and the out-break under control in two hours. Arising out of this report, it was decided to ask each Member of the Fire Brigade if they would be prepared to occupy one of the new houses at Davitt Road which were being constructed for the use of the Brigade. The Captain of the Brigade also reported that he intended holding a practice on Saturday, 21st instant, at Spawell Road.

HOUSING SCHEME - INSPECTION REPORT.

Under date of the 9th instant, by letter No. H.12678/9/38 the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarded two copies of a report made by one of his Inspectors on the Maudlintown Housing Scheme. The Town Clerk intimated that he has sent one copy of the report to the Borough Surveyor for his observations, so it was agreed to adjourn consideration of it until the observations of the Surveyor were received.

CONCRETE MIXER.

In connection with Relief Grant notified at a Special Meeting of the Council held on this date, the Borough Surveyor advised the purchase of a new 10/7 High Discharge Concrete Mixer to supplement the present mixing plant. The Corporation at present had three mixers, two of which were approximately ten years old, but all three were only useful for small works and were not economical to run or large enough for road work. The cost of the mixer advised by the Surveyor would be £220. In reply to a query by the Town Clerk, the Surveyor stated the mixer in question was the only one manufactured in this country, consequently, it would not be necessary to advertise for tenders, so it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, to recommend the Corporation to purchase a 10/7 Mixer at a cost of £220, and to raise a Loan of that amount from their Treasurer for a period of five years. Reference was also made to the renewal of Watermains agreed to at the Statutory Meeting, and in order to avoid delay in getting this work commenced it was unanimously decided that the Mayor, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk should visit the Office of the Department of Local Government and Public Health during the coming week with a view to having all the matters approved with as little delay as possible.

FEES - RELIEF GRANTS.

Arising out of Relief Grants, attention was again called to the decision of the Corporation in February, 1938, to pay fees at the rate of 1½% to the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk for the extra work involved on Relief Schemes, and in reply to a query, the Town Clerk stated that no official reply had been received from the Department to the application, but the Mayor intimated that he had interviewed the Department at the time on this matter when they informed him that it was only on account of the amount of travelling they had to do that such fees were allowed to Assistant County Surveyors. It was agreed, however, to take up this matter with the Department when the Officials were in Dublin during the coming week.

MEAT INSPECTOR.

Under date of the 13th instant by letter No. P.H.11412/6/38 the Minister for Local Government and Public Health pointed out that with reference to the appointment of the Corporation's part-time Mr. M. J. Finucane as part-time Meat Inspector, there would appear to be no authority to make this appointment under Section 5(1) of the Local

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MEAT INSPECTOR.

Authorities, Officials and Employees Act, 1926, and that accordingly Section 6 would apply where however there was already in the service of a Local Authority, a Veterinary Inspector charged with the supervision of the Milk Supply, it was invariably the practice to extend the duties of such Officer so as to cover the the supervision of the Meat Supplies.

From this communication it was seen that the Minister favoured the appointment of Mr. Staples, the present Milk Inspector, and the Meeting decided before coming to a decision, to find out what additional salaries the Veterinary Inspectors of the Board of Health were receiving for the work of Meat Supervision in the Urban Areas under the control of the Board.

MEAT INSPECTION REPORT.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of December showed that he had examined 139 cattle, 321 sheep and 54 swine. Of the cattle, nine heads and one hind-quarter, together with 15 organs were destroyed for tuberculosis and one head and twenty organs for other diseases. Of the sheep, thirteen organs were destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis, and of the swine, one head was destroyed for tuberculosis and two organs for other diseases.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Councillor Hayes referred to the expenses paid to Members of the Corporation travelling on Official delegations, and complained that he had to attend a Meeting of the Executive Council of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities in Dublin on the 12th instant. For this journey the Town Clerk had allowed him first-class rail fare and 10s. for his maintenance, which he considered entirely inadequate. He had raised the matter at the Meeting of the Association when he was informed that the other delegates present had received £1.1.0. for their maintenance in addition to first-class rail fare.

The Town Clerk, replied however, that some years ago it had been the practice to allow Members and Officials travelling on the business of the Council first-class rail fare and £1.1.0. per day when they were out over night. Consequent on objections by Local Government Auditors this allowance of £1.1.0. had been reduced to 15s. and if 15s. was sufficient for a man away over night, 10s. should be ample for a man who had not to stop away over night. He (Town Clerk) did not express any opinion as to whether the amount he allowed was adequate or not, and pointed out that it was entirely a matter for the Council to decide themselves, but if any amount was paid which the Local Government Auditor considered unreasonable the difference would be surcharged the Members.

He further pointed out that some time ago, in reply to a letter from the Association of Municipal Authorities on this subject he had suggested that they should approach the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a view to having him lay down a scale commensurate with delegates expenses. He had received no reply to this communication. Councillor Hayes intimated that the Association had not been in touch with the Minister and he thought that a letter would be sent out in the course of a few days. So before taking any further action on the Councillors complaint, it was decided to await a circular from the Association.

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Councillor Cashman referred to the dismissal of Watchman M. Duggan following the missing of cement and stated that as a result he had been disallowed Unemployment Assistance although he had been charged and acquitted at the District Court, but it was seen that the Corporation could do nothing in the matter.

Complaint was made again regarding the dampness of a house at O'Connell Avenue occupied by Councillor McGuire and the Borough Surveyor said in his opinion, it was due to condensation, and could only be remedied by coating the walls with an absorbent material. This was ordered to be done.

Stephen McMahon, James Cribbin, Thomas Byrne, Phillip McGuire, Thomas Hayes, Robert Burke, Timothy Cullen, James Dunne, Martin, Patrick

Richard Costello T.D.

L. G. SUPPLEMENTAL FUND

The first business was to consider a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated the 10th instant, No. H.U./200/181.8., wherein he indicated that for the purpose of providing additional employment in Wexford Town, the Minister had allocated a Supplemental Grant of £5,000, subject to a Local Contribution of £1,000. The Grant was subject, inter alia, to the condition that at least 90% of the allocation should be expended prior to the 31st March next.

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It was explained to the Meeting that on receipt of this communication the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk had considered the offer, and had decided that the greater part of the Grant had to be expended before 31st March, in order to comply with the Minister's conditions.

(a) Concrete road at Hill Street.....	£1,000	10
(b) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(c) Concrete road at Whitehall.....	£1,000	10
(d) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(e) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(f) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(g) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(h) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(i) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(j) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(k) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(l) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(m) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(n) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(o) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(p) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(q) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(r) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(s) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(t) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(u) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(v) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(w) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(x) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(y) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5
(z) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	£500	5

The Mayor moved that the Corporation accept the Grant and provide the Local Contribution required, and that they approve of the proposals submitted by the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor for its expenditure. Councillor Mahon seconded. After some discussion, during which alternative proposals for the expenditure of the grant were mentioned, the Mayor's proposal was unanimously agreed to. The Town Clerk making it clear that the Local Contribution would be paid in instalments over the period 1939-40.

16th January, 1939.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: James McMahon, Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: John Billington, Patrick Hawkins, James Billington, James Murphy, Thomas Dunne, Stephen McMahon, James Crosbie, Thomas Byrne, Phillip McGuire, Thomas Hayes, Robert Moran, Timothy Cashman, James Gaul, James Sinnott, Patrick Atkins,

L. G. SUPPLEMENTAL RELIEF GRANT.

The first business was to consider a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated the 10th instant, No. R.U./205/131.S., wherein he intimated that for the purpose of providing additional employment in Wexford through the medium of Road and Footpaths Works, he had provisionally allocated a Supplemental Grant of £3,022, subject to a Local Contribution of £483. The Grant was subject, inter alia, to the condition that at least 90% of the allocation should be expended prior to the 31st March next.

It was explained to the Meeting that on receipt of this communication the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk had consulted on the offer, and had decided that as the greater part of the Grant had to be expended before 31st March, to submit proposals for the Minister's approval without delay.

The following had therefore been submitted for the Minister's approval:-

(a) Concrete road at Hill Street.....	£1,875	:	0	:	0
(b) Concrete footpath at Hill Street.....	220	:	0	:	0
(c) Concrete road at Whitemill.....	1,057	:	10	:	0
(d) Concrete footpath at New Road off St. John's Road.....	150	:	0	:	0
(e) Concrete footpath at Rowe Street.....	202	:	10	:	0
Total.....	£3,505	:	0	:	0

The Mayor moved that the Corporation accept the Grant and provide the Local Contribution required, and that they approve of the proposals submitted by the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor for its expenditure. Councillor McMahon seconded.

After some discussion, during which alternative proposals for the expenditure of the grant were mentioned, the Mayor's proposal was unanimously agreed to; the Town Clerk making it clear that the Local Contribution would require to be raised in the rates for 1939-40.

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In connection with proposals (a) and (c), it was explained to the Meeting that it would be necessary to renew Watermains at Hill Street and Whitemill Road at a cost of £460, and, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed to do this work and to raise a Loan of £460 for the purpose.

SELECTION OF TENANTS.

The next business was to select tenants for two vacant houses at Maudlintown; the two houses were a three-roomed and a four-roomed. Councillor James Billington proposed that the applications of those with small families be not considered for the four-roomed house, but a perusal of the applications showed that those with small families had applied for the smaller house and the proposal was not put to the Meeting. The selection of a tenant for the three-roomed house was taken first, and on a poll taken there voted:-

For John White, Castlehill Street:- Councillors Sinnott, Gaul, Moran, Hayes, Dunne, Murphy.....(6)

For Joseph Carley, Castlehill St:- Councillors Cashman, McGuire, Byrne, Crosbie, McMahon, Hawkins, John Billington, Atkins, Alderman Walsh, McMahon, and the Mayor. (11)

Declined to vote Councillor James Billington. (1)

Carley having a majority of the Corporation was declared the tenant.

For the tenancy of the four-roomed house there voted:-

For James Brennan, Bride St:- Councillors Atkins, Cashman, McGuire, Byrne, Crosbie, McMahon, Murphy, James Billington, Alderman Walsh, McMahon and the Mayor.....(11)

For John White, Castlehill St:- Councillors Sinnott, Hayes and Dunne.....(3)

For James Fenlon, Monck St:- Councillor Gaul.(1)

For Aiden Clancy, Maudlintown:- Councillors Moran, Hawkins and John Billington.(3)

As Brennan had a clear majority in this case, he was declared the tenant.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Conn T.D.

mayor

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23rd January, 1939.

A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, James McMahon.

Councillors: Patrick Atkins, James Murphy, Thomas Hayes, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Dunne, Thomas Byrne, Stephen McMahon, Philip McGuire, James Crosbie, Patrick Hawkins, John Billington, Robert Moran, James Billington, James Gaul, and James Sinnott.

ADDRESS TO BISHOP.

The Town Clerk submitted a draft of the address proposed to be presented to the Right Rev. Dr. Staunton, Bishop Elect of Ferns, on the occasion of his Consecration on the 5th February, 1939, which was approved of. It was stated that the Vocational Education Committee was anxious to be included in the Corporation's address, and as it was a Subsidiary Committee of the Council this was unanimously agreed to. The Town Clerk was asked to make inquiries as to the cost of an Illuminated Address and report at next Meeting.

E. S. B. LINE - DAVITT ROAD, NORTH.

With reference to Minutes of the 9th instant when the question of the alteration of the 10 K. V. Line at Davitt Road, North, was under consideration the Town Clerk reported that the Electricity Supply Board had now agreed to carry out the necessary alteration for the sum of £40, as offered in the Town Clerk's letter of the 5th idem. This was considered satisfactory.

PLUMBERS.

Letters were read from Messrs. Gordon & Furlong, Plumbers and from the Plumber's Society regarding a discussion at last meeting on the subject of work carried out by Unauthorised Plumbers.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had given this matter very careful consideration during the week and had examined the various Statutes and Regulations dealing with the question of the Water Supply. In his opinion, the only remedy the Corporation had in the case of work done by Unauthorised Plumbers was to shut off the supply, and after some discussion it was decided that a Public Notice should be issued drawing the attention of the public to this provision of the Waterworks Regulations. The Notice should also contain the names of the Authorised Plumbers in the Town as well as an intimation that the water would be cut off from any premises if work was carried out by any person other than the Authorised Plumbers.

HOUSE - GRATTAN TERRACE.

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting when the house at Grattan Terrace in the occupation of Mr. T. Barnes was under consideration, Mr. Barnes under date of the 23rd instant acknowledged receipt of the Town Clerk's letter of the 17th instant and stated he would write fully on the matter in due course.

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REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health reported that there was a nuisance in the yard of Wm. Hayes, Lower John Street, caused by a stoppage in a drain, and he recommended that the owner be required to have the drain from yard opened and cleaned. It was decided to serve Notice on the owner requiring the Doctor's recommendation to be carried out within seven days.

UNFIT HOUSES.

Reports under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts in connection with a house at Byrnes Lane occupied by Vincent Carley, and at Bride Street, occupied by John Fenlon, were submitted, and after some discussion it was decided to defer the question of recommending the Corporation to make Demolition Orders for the present. It was decided, however, to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order in respect of the House at Gibson Street occupied by Mr. Luke Doyle.

SANITARY CONVENIENCE.

Dr. Pierse, reported that the owner of a house at Allen Street occupied by Edward Furlong and Kevin Connors should be provided with a W. C. or a proper dry privy, so it was decided to serve Notice on the owner requiring this work to be carried out within one month.

SHOPS ACT, 1938.

An application from the Singer Sewing Machine Co., for an Exemption Order under Section 55 of the Shops (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1938, was referred to a Special Committee to deal with all the reports under Part 6 of this Act.

RATES.

It was reported that there was due on the premises at Wygram Place occupied by Margaret McMahon the sum of £9.4.6. Poor Rate up to 31st March next and that she had offered to pay the sum of £3.16.0. in full settlement.

Some of the Rates due were in respect of a period prior to the occupation of the premises by Mrs. McMahon and as well, the Members were aware that she was in very poor circumstances, and thought it would be wise to accept the offer and to write off the balance as irrecoverable, so on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was agreed to accept the offer.

PAINTING OF HOUSES.

In reply to a query by Councillor Gaul, the Town Clerk intimated that there was no money at present available for the painting of Artizans Dwellings but a sufficient sum would be included by him in the Estimates for 1939-40 to enable the houses to be painted.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to carry out repairs to a valley at the house of Thomas Hayes, Grattan Terrace.

30th January, 1939.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p. m., to deal with the following business:---

- (1) To adopt, if thought well, one of the Schemes prepared by Messrs. Delap & Waller for utilising the Water from the River Sow at Edenvale.
- (2) To execute a Petition to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health praying to be allowed to put in force the Powers of the Lands Clauses Acts with respect to the purchase of Land and Water Rights otherwise than by agreement.
- (3) To adopt a resolution requesting the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the laying of Water Pipes from Edenvale to Coolree.

The Members present being:---

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor, (in the Chair)

Aldermen: James McMahon and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: John Billington, Stephen McMahon, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Atkins, Thomas Byrne, James Billington, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, James Murphy, Phillip McGuire, James Gaul, James Sinnott, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, and Timothy Cashman.

The Mayor reviewed at length the various steps which had been taken during the past six years to try and improve the Water Supply to the Borough in regard to Quality, Quantity and Pressure, culminating in the present proposals to utilize the water from the River Sow at Edenvale, and the Town Clerk submitted the following Report and Estimates from Messrs. Delap and Waller, consulting Engineers for the Scheme.

"With reference to ours of 17th May and yours of the 22nd June, we understand that the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the scheme will not be given until a Provisional Order for the acquisition of Mrs. Lennon's Water Rights has been obtained. We are, therefore, holding the Form which you sent to be filled in, pending further instructions re same. Meanwhile, we have surveyed the proposed pipeline from Edenvale to Coolree, and have discussed the scheme and visited the site with the Department's Assistant Chief Engineer, and have gone into matters re automatic pumping with Messrs. Hydraulomat's expert.

We are now in a position to submit a revised estimate for the scheme submitted on 17th May last, and have also made an estimate, as requested, for bringing into the town an additional half million gallons a day above the Town's requirements, to make that amount of water available for a new industry.

We have headed out Estimates "A", "Town Supply," and "B", "Town Supply plus Industry," the gross cost being £28,673. 10. 3, and £33,403. 10. 3, respectively.

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The Estimate "B" for the larger scheme includes for the acquisition of water rights and wayleaves from the Millers who own the top portion of the falls, as, should these additional rights not be obtained, stand-by power pumping plant would be required to cover several months in any year of extreme drought; also, a much larger battery of hydrostats would be required if Mrs. Lennon's portion of the falls only should be used.

We therefore strongly advocate that the additional rights be obtained.

Estimate "C" at £34,483.10.3, covers "Town Supply plus Industry," using Mrs. Lennon's fall and with stand-by power plant.

The difference between Estimates "A" and "B" is £4,730. 0. 0. Of this, £1,550 need not be expended until the Industry is started, representing the cost of additional filter cells at Coolree, and additional hydrostats at Edenvale. The main difference in these estimates is caused by the need for a 10" diameter, instead of an 8" diam., pipe from Edenvale to Coolree, as the 10" will cost £2,780. 0. 0. more than the 8".

For the smaller scheme, for "Town Supply" only, no power plant is necessary, as Mrs. Lennon's fall is sufficient.

If terms cannot be agreed with the Millers, a further Provisional Order for their rights will have to be sought, but the project need not be delayed once Mrs. Lennon's rights have been obtained, as only incidental alterations to the works would have to be made, and these could be effected within the contract.

With relation to the capacity of the 12" main from Coolree to the Town, it will be necessary to lay down that the Industry should not draw during the times of peak draw in the Town, two periods, about 4 hours in all, each day."

ESTIMATE "A".

July, 1938.

	£
A reinforced concrete weir with sluice gates and intake screen, approximately 36 ft. long and averaging 2 ft. high, founded on rock.	250
Reinforced intake tank, approximately 8 ft. by 5 ft. in plan, downstream weir at south end of same, with upward sand strainer and wash-out valve.	70
Laying 4" drain pipes for Shortle Mill and Murphy Mill to downstream weir, 90 yds. in all and connecting up.	50
Battery of three Hydrostats with output of 378,500 gallons per diem.	1,950
65 yds. of 24" diam. C.I. drive water pipe from intake chamber to hydrostats, laid on south bank, carried where necessary on concrete piers.	250
House, containing Hydrostats complete.	150

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Tail race, open channel, revetted, 60 yds. ...	£80
8" diam. Concrete lined spun pipe, Class B, approximately 9,450 yds. long, laid in place, including all specials, excavation and refilling, and aeration channel at Coolree, etc. ...	9,690
Water Rights at Edenvale, including cost of Inquiry. ...	750
Wayleaves for pipeline to Coolree. ...	200
Filters at Coolree. ...	2,500
Scraping and relining of 12" main. ...	3,000
Do. Do. subsidiary mains. ...	900
Hydrostats at Monument Gross, including housing pit, connections to 12" main, and alterations to mains in John St. ...	550
9" Main from Hydrostat to Water Tower. ...	1,000
Water Tower to contain 120/160,000 gals. ...	2,300
Land for same. ...	50
Contractors plant, unwatering, fencing, watching, insurances, etc. Including £200 for Engineering Contingencies). ...	600
Engineering, General and Legal Fees and Expenses @ 8% ...	1,947
Glerk of Works: 12 months @ 6 gns. per week and expenses. ...	<u>353</u>
	<u>£ 26,640</u>

NOTE:- The cost of the work required in the Town and to be carried out by the Borough Surveyor on the sectionalising of the mains system and putting in of stopcocks is not included for above. Est: £1,100.

Fees and expenses due to the Engineers for past services in connection with the Waterworks are also not included, amount to £933. 10. 3.

These items bring the gross estimated Total to £28,673. 10. 3.

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ESTIMATE "B".

	£
Alterations to Millers Weir, installation of sluice gates and intake screen.	100
Reinforced intake tank, approximately 8 ft. by 10 ft. in plan, downstream weir, with upward sand strainer and wash-out valve.	100
Battery of four hydrostats, with output of 878,500 gallons per diem.	2,600
135 yds. of 30" diam. C.I. drive water pipe from intake chamber to hydrostats, laid through Shortle's tail race and on South bank, carried where necessary on concrete piers.	400
House, containing hydrostats complete.	200
Tail race, open channel, revetted, 60 yds.	100
10" diam. Concrete-lined spun pipe Class B approximately 9,450 yds. long, laid in place, including all specials, excavation and refilling and aeration channel at Coolree, etc.	12,470
Water rights and wayleaves at Edenvale, and Shortle and Murphy Mills, including cost of inquiries.	1,750
Wayleaves for pipeline to Coolree,	200
Filters at Coolree.	2,800
Scraping and relining of 12" Main. - out	3,000
Do. Do. Do. Subsidiary Mains.	900
Hydrostats at Monument Cross, including housing pit, connections into 12" main, and alterations to mains in John St.	650
7" Main from Hydrostat to Water Tower.	750
Water Tower to contain 100,000 gals.	2,000
concrete piers.	
Land for same.	50
Contractor's plant, unwatering, fencing, watching, insurances, etc.	
Including £200 for Engineering Contingencies...	650
Engineering, General and Legal Fees and Expenses @ 18%	2,297
Clerk of Works: 12 mths @ 6 gns. per week and expenses.	353
	<u>£ 31,370</u>

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Fees and expenses due to the Engineers for past services in connection with the Waterworks are also not included, amount to £933. 10. 3.

These items bring the gross estimated Total to £33,403. 10. 3.

ESTIMATE "C".

	£
A reinforced concrete weir with sluice gates and intake screen, approximately 36 ft. long and averaging 2 ft. high, founded on rock. ...	250
Reinforced intake tank, approximately 8 ft. by 10 ft. in plan, downstream weir at south end of same, with upward sand strainer and wash-out valve. ...	100
Laying 4" drain pipes for Shortle Mill and Murphy Mill to down stream weir, 90 yds. in all and connecting up. ...	50
Battery of six hydrostats with output of 878,500 gallons per diem. ...	3,750
65 yds. of 30" diam. C.I. drive water pipe from intake chamber to hydrostats, laid on south bank, carried where necessary on concrete piers. ...	300
Stand-by Engine & Pump, capacity approx. 350,000 gals/diem. ...	700
House, containing hydrostats complete. ...	250
Tail race open channel, revetted, 60yds. ...	100
10" diam. Concrete-lined spun pipe, Class B, approximately 9,450 yds. long, laid in place, including all specials, excavation and refilling, and aeration channel at Coolree, etc. ...	12,470
Water rights at Edenvale, including cost of Inquiry. ...	750
Wayleaves for pipeline to Coolree. ...	200
Filters at Coolree. ...	2,800
Scraping and relining of 12" Main. ...	3,000
Do. Do. Subsidiary Mains. ...	900
Hydrostats at Monument Cross, including housing pit, connections into 12" Main, and alterations to mains in John St. ...	650
7" Main from Hydrostat to Water Tower. ...	750
Water Tower to contain - 100,000 gals. ...	2,000
Land for same. ...	50

Forward. £ 29,070

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Brt. Forward ... £29,070.

Contractor's plant, unwatering, fencing,)	
watching, insurances, etc.)	
Including £200 for Engineering Contingencies)..	650

Engineering, General and Legal Fees and Expenses @ 8%.	...	2,377
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Clerk of Works: 12 mths @ 6 gns. per week and expenses.	...	353
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		<u>£ 32,450</u>
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NOTE:-

The cost of the work required in the Town and to be carried out by the Borough Surveyor on the sectionalising of the mains system and putting in of stopcocks is not included for above. Est: £1,100.

Fees and expenses due to the Engineers for past services in connection with the Waterworks are also not included, amount to £933. 10. 3.

These items bring the gross estimates Total to £34,483. 10. 3."

In addition to the total costs given by Messrs. Delap and Waller there should be added the cost of the Chlorinator and Ammoniator recently installed at Coolree at a cost of £274.

The Three Schemes had been carefully considered by the Special Rates Committee and by the Corporation Officials in conjunction with Officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and as a result of their deliberation they now recommended the Corporation to adopt Scheme A at an estimated cost of £28,673, plus Chlorinator and Ammoniator (£274) making a total of £28,947.

The Town Clerk explained that as regards the other proposals of Mr. Delap to make provision for a Potential Industry requiring a large quantity of water at some future date, the Committee could see no reason at present for embarking on the extra expenditure this would mean and thought if such an industry as was envisaged by Mr. Delap commenced in Wexford, that it would then be time enough for the Corporation to consider expending the extra money.

The Town Clerk further intimated that application for a considerable grant towards the cost of the Scheme had been made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health who replied that when a decision on the Technical and other aspects of the Scheme had been arrived at the Corporation's application would be favourably considered.

Councillor Connolly thereupon moved the adoption of the Scheme as recommended; and that application to be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for a Loan of £28,947 to finance the Scheme.

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Alderman Walsh seconded.

After some discussion the Scheme as recommended was unanimously adopted.

As regards the employment of Labour the Town Clerk intimated, in reply to a query, that if a grant were allocated the conditions laid down by the Department in regard to the recruitment of Labour would have to be embodied in the Specification and Contract Documents, but it was decided on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walsh that:-

- (1) 75% of the labour be recruited from amongst men residing in the Borough.
- (2) That only Trade Union Labour be employed; and
- (3) That the Town Rate of Wages be paid.

It was further agreed on the suggestion of the Mayor that all the pipes and other materials for the Scheme should be imported through the Port of Wexford: thus providing a certain amount of employment and revenue for the Town.

As regards the employment of "keymen", it was decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Walsh that the Contractor be confined to five keymen from outside the Town.

As regards the second item on the Agenda - The execution of a Petition to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order to be allowed to put in force the powers of the Lands ~~Clauses~~ Acts with respect to the Purchase and taking of Lands otherwise than by Agreement - Mr. M. Kavanagh, Solicitor, on behalf of the Corporation Solicitor, attended and explained the object of the petition. He intimated that all the necessary steps as to the publication of advertisements and service of Notices had been taken and on the motion of Councillor James Billington, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, the Petition was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

A Copy of the Petition and Schedules is attached to these Minutes.

The Third item on the Agenda in connection with the Waterworks was to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the laying of a Pipe Line from the River Sow at Edenvale to the Corporation's Storage Reservoir at Coolree, and, on the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Councillor Murphy, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"WE, The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford, being the Sanitary Authority of the said Borough, being desirous of improving the present Water Supply to the Borough and for that purpose intend to carry water from the River Sow at Edenvale by means of a pipe line, (passing through the Townlands of Grory lower, Ballyboggan lower, Artramon, St. Edmunds, Islafalcon, Galbally East, Sanderecourt, Ferrycarrig, Newtown, Ballindinas, and College - all in the Administrative County of Wexford) to the Corporations storage Reservoir at Coolree.

AND WHEREAS the advertisement required by Section 35 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, having been published in the issues of the "Free Press" and "The People" (Two newspapers circulating in the districts through which the proposed pipeline will pass) on the 11th June, 1938, and June 18th, 1938; and a copy of such advertisement having been served on every person affected by the intended Work; and certain objections having been received to the laying of the said Pipeline, NOW WE, The Mayor, Aldermen and

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Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford acting by the Corporation, by this Resolution respectfully request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to hold an inquiry into the propriety of the said Works."

The Town Clerk submitted the address which it had been agreed to present to the Most. Rev. Dr. Staunton, Bishop Elect of Ferns on the occasion of his Consecration on Sunday, 5th February, 1939. The Address which was a joint one from the Corporation and its Subsidiary Body, the Town of Wexford Vocational Educational Committee, had already been approved by the Finance Committee and by the Vocational Committee.

Some Members intimated that the Wexford Harbour Commissioners wished to also join in the Corporation Address, but this was not considered advisable, and on the motion of Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Dunne, it was unanimously agreed to affix the Corporate Seal to the Following Address:-

A D D R E S S.

FROM THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF
WEXFORD
and
THE TOWN OF WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
to
THE MOST REV. DR. STAUNTON.

On the occasion of His Consecration as Lord Bishop of
the Diocese of Ferns on the 5th day of February,
A. D. 1939.

May it Please Your Lordship:

We, the Municipal Council of Wexford, and the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, representing the Community of the Ancient Capital Town of your Diocese, and with their full acquiescence, respectfully beg leave on this momentous day to offer, with a sincere and heartfelt expression of our Congratulations, an assurance of reverence for your person, and fealty towards the dignified and responsible office which you have been called upon to fulfill.

The Corporation and citizens of Wexford feel highly honoured that such a distinguished Churchman has been selected by Our Holy Father, Pope XI, to fill the Episcopal Throne of St. Aidan.

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Your Lordship's Consecration as Bishop of Ferns continues the chain of Illustrious Prelates that reaches back not only to the days of St. Aidan, but long before him and even before the days of our glorious Patron, St. Patrick, to the first Christian Missionary that ever carried the Cross to Ireland - the Sainted Palladius of Begerin, followed by his Great Disciple, St. Ibar, who spread the light throughout Hy-Kinsellagh.

In the high honour which has been conferred upon you, we presume to consider ourselves sharers, and sincerely hope that the onerous task which you have consented to perform will be ameliorated to the fullest extent by the willing and ready co-operation of your Spiritual Children.

The Seal of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee was affixed hereto per unanimous Resolution of the Committee on 28th day of January, 1939.

The Corporate Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford was affixed hereto per unanimous Resolution of the Municipal Council on the 30th day of January, 1939.

_____ Chairman.

_____ Mayor.

_____ Chief Executive Officer.

_____ Town Clerk.

The Seal was thereupon affixed to the Address and authenticated by the Signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Corbett T.D.
Mayor
 6-2-39

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee was held at the close of the above Meeting, the Members present being the same as at the Special Meeting.

With regard to the Consecration of the Most Rev. Dr. Staunton as Bishop of Ferns on the 5th prox., arrangements were made for the attendance of the Corporation at the ceremony and at the reception in Wexford on that evening. Provision was also made for the presentation to Dr. Staunton of an Illuminated Address as soon as such could be prepared.

R. Corry T.D.
Mayor
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1 Lorry Driver @ £25.10.0 per week.....	100. 0. 0.
2 helpers @ £15. 10. 0 per week.....	30. 0. 0.
Supervision (Part wages of Foreman).....	10. 0. 0.
Cost of tractor, 1928 for 3 years.....	45. 0. 0.
Cost of trailer, 1928 for 3 years.....	30. 0. 0.
Interest on above two items.....	25. 0. 0.
Insurance of Wreckers.....	10. 0. 0.
Fuel and petrol.....	25. 0. 0.
Spares.....	30. 0. 0.
Oil, grease, water and oiling.....	25. 0. 0.
Total.....	275. 0. 0.

As regards the daily sweeping as reported that the following was the list of the same as follows:

1 Labourer full time @ £27.10.0 per week.....	100. 0. 0.
1 Labourer (Part time) @ £15.10.0 per week.....	30. 0. 0.
2 Foremen @ £25.0.0 per week.....	50. 0. 0.
1 Collector full time @ £25.0.0 per week.....	100. 0. 0.
2 Lorry Drivers @ £25.10.0 per week.....	100. 0. 0.
Foreman (Part time) @ £15.10.0 per week.....	30. 0. 0.
Patrol, Insurance, Tax, etc. for the Wreckers.....	10. 0. 0.
Insurance of Wreckers, etc. for the Wreckers.....	10. 0. 0.
Total.....	430. 0. 0.

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A Meeting of the Special Rates Committee was held at the close of the above Meetings, the Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor, (in the Chair) with

Alderman Walsh,
Councillors: James Billington, and Thomas Hayes.

The Meeting of this Committee had been convened to consider reports from the Borough Surveyor on the system of Domestic Scavenging and to consider a suggestion that this should be made a Public Health charge levied on the Rates.

In order to provide a system of Domestic Scavenging which would give a daily service to the Business Areas and a weekly service to the residential areas, the Surveyor reported that the Domestic Service would cost as follows:-

1 Lorry Driver @ £3.1.6. per week.....	£ 159.	18.	0.
2 helpers @ £5. 13. 0.....	293.	16.	0.
Supervision (Part Wages of Foreman).....	13.	0.	0.
Cost of Tractor, 20% for 5 years.....	52.	0.	0.
Cost of Trailer, 10% for 10 years.....	20.	0.	0.
Interest on above two items.....	23.	0.	0.
Insurance of Workmen.....	15.	0.	0.
Fuel and Petrol.....	65.	0.	0.
Tyres.....	30.	0.	0.
Oil grease, waste and upkeep.....	26.	0.	0.
Total.....	£ 697.	14.	0.

As regards the Public Scavenging he reported that the Estimated Cost would be as follows:-

5 Labourers full time @ £2.11.6. each...	669.	10.	0.
1 Labourer (Part time) @ £1.10.0.....	80.	3.	4.
2 Pensioners @ 16/8. per week.....	43.	6.	8.
1 Labourer part time in dump @ £1.6.6....	68.	18.	0.
1 Lorry Driver @ £3.11.6.....	185.	18.	0.
Foreman (Part time) @ £1.15.9.....	92.	19.	0.
Petrol, Insurance, Tax, etc. for Morris Lorry....	130.	0.	0.
Insurance of Men, Tools, etc.,.....	100.	10.	0.
	£ 1,371.	5.	0.

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These two Estimates made a Total of:-

Public Scavenging.....	£1,371. 5. 0.
Domestic Scavenging.....	697. 14. 0.
	<u>£ 2,068. 19. 0.</u>
Less Credit for Scavenging appertaining to maintenance of Main Roads in Borough.....	<u>50. 0. 0.</u>
Total Estimated Cost of Scavenging....	<u>£ 2,018. 19. 0.</u>

As against this Cost the Estimated Cost of the old system was £1,885, leaving an increase of £134, but the Town Clerk pointed out that the Artizans Dwellings which were not rated in the ordinary way should contribute the sum of Fourpence each per week towards the cost of having a Dustbin and this would eliminate the extra cost of the service for the entire Town.

The Members of the Committee were favourable to the adoption of the above recommendation but before submitting them to the Corporation decided that the Finance Committee should first have an opportunity of considering it.

Richard Cusack T.D.
Mayor of Wexford
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6th February, 1939.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thos. Walsh, James McMahon.

Councillors: John Billington, Patrick Hawkins, James Billington, Thos. Hayes, Patrick Atkins, Thos. Dunne, Thos. Byrne, Nicholas Connolly, James Sinnott, Robert Moran, Timothy Cashman, Phillip McGuire, James Murphy, James Gaul and James Crosbie.

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for confirmation and approval:- Minutes of Corporation on 2nd, 16th, and 30th ultimo, Minutes of Finance & Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees on 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th ultimo. On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Moran, **the Minutes as submitted were taken as having been read and confirmed.**

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate, to £5,628. 15. 8. were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

SYMPATHY.

At this stage Councillor Hawkins moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor M. Martin, on the death of his Father. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion, which was supported by all the Members present, and adopted in respectful silence.

ROTATIONAL EMPLOYMENT.

Before the business of the Meeting commenced, Councillor Cashman referred to the large number of men at present engaged on Relief Work and employed under the Rotational System. The Councillor stated that this week no less than 160 men had been brought in to work on this System and he felt these Relief Grants were assuming a proportion that as regular workers they should protest against. Three days work was, to his mind, altogether inadequate. Everyone agreed that 24s. was not sufficient to keep a man and his family, and he moved that in future five days a week be granted to all men on Relief. It was pointed out to the Councillor, however, that such a motion was useless as it could not be carried out, and on the suggestion of the Mayor he agreed to move the following motion:-

"That we ask the Government to discontinue the present system of three days on Relief Works and to substitute five days per week."

Alderman Walsh seconded the motion.

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A very lengthy discussion followed on this, culminating in Councillor Cashman's motion being unanimously adopted.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Acknowledgements of Resolutions of Sympathy passed at last Meeting were received from the President; Mr. Thos. O'Brien, Redmond Road; and Mr. Patrick McCabe, West Gate. An acknowledgement was also received from the Most Rev. Dr. Staunton, Bishop of Ferns, acknowledging the Resolution of Congratulation sent to him.

STANDING ORDERS.

With reference to Minutes of the 2nd ultimo, when a set of Standing Orders to regulate the Meetings and Assemblies of the Council was unanimously adopted, it was now necessary in accordance with Standing Order, No. 49 to have the adoption of the Standing Orders confirmed and on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor James Billington, it was unanimously agreed that the Standing Orders adopted on the 2nd January, 1939 be confirmed.

The Seal of the Corporation was thereupon affixed to the Orders and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

SUBLETTING OF HOUSES.

With reference to Minutes of Corporation on the 5th December, 1938, when the question of sub-letting Corporation houses was under consideration and had been adjourned to the present Meeting, Alderman Walsh moved that the Town Clerk be given complete power to take action against persons sub-letting. In reply to a query, the Town Clerk explained that the motion was adjourned from the December Meeting. It had arisen at a Meeting of the Housing Committee on 14th November last when certain statements were made that a large number of the Corporation houses were sub-let.

There was some discussion about the matter when it was pointed out to the Committee that reports had been submitted by the Town Clerk and Rent Collectors from time to time that sub-letting was taking place, and no action had been taken by the Council. He saw that rather serious action had been ~~against~~ ^{taken} against a neighbouring Council over this matter. It was as a result of this discussion at the Housing Committee that Alderman Walsh gave notice of the motion he now moved.

Councillor Crosbie seconded.

At this stage Councillor McMahon intervened and stated that at last Meeting he had mentioned the case of fathers and mothers being undisturbed when residing with their children, and the Members seemed to think that this had been agreed to, but the Town Clerk intimated that there was no agreement whatsoever and informed the Council as he did on December 5th that if he got the powers he would use them without any discrimination whatsoever. Councillor Connolly strenuously opposed the motion and accused the Council of being afraid to carry out the work themselves which they now proposed to hand over to the Town Clerk.

After some discussion the Mayor suggested that the Resolution should be adopted with an Addendum that it was not to apply to a father or mother, brother or sister without incumbrances. Alderman Walsh agreed to this Addendum and the motion was then unanimously agreed to.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN. S.D.A. ACTS.

The Finance Committee recommended that a Supplementary Loan of £225 be made under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. J. B. Hickey, Newtown Road, in respect of the erection of a house there by him. This recommendation was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Connolly.

DEMOLITION ORDER.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Byrne, ~~the~~ Finance Committee recommendation that a Demolition Order be made in respect of the house at Gibson Street, Wexford, formerly occupied by John McEvoy, and owned by Mr. Luke Doyle, Raheenduff, was unanimously adopted.

EXECUTION OF DEED OF MORTGAGE.

The next business was to execute a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the National Bank for the repayment of a Loan of £365 for the erection of a Fire Station at Davitt Road, North, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, the following Resolution as submitted by the Solicitors to the Bank was unanimously adopted:-

"At a Meeting of the Corporation of the Borough of Wexford held on the sixth day of February, 1939, IT was resolved - that in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 31st December, 1938, the Corporation do borrow from the National Bank Limited the sum of £365 for the purpose of erecting a Fire Station in the Borough said loan to be paid to the Bank by half-yearly instalments spread over the period of 10 years with interest thereon at one half per cent. under the Irish Bank's rate rising and falling therewith from time to time but at no time to be less than £4 per cent per annum, said Loan to be secured by a Mortgage over the rates available for that purpose. AND that the Seal of the Corporation be affixed to said Mortgage."

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

REPORT OF ANALYST.

The Report of the Borough Analyst for the quarter ended the 31st December last showed that he had examined thirteen samples of milk, six of butter, four of cheese, two each of olive oil and margarine, and one each of strawberry jam, rice, whiskey, sherry, vinegar, raspberry jam, camphorated oil and cocoa. All the samples with the exception of one of butter, which contained 18.6% moisture, were found to be genuine, and it was reported that proceedings had been taken against the Vendor of the defective sample of butter.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Curtis T.D.

Mayor

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6th February, 1939.

A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above Meeting, the Members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

HOUSE AT MONUMENT PLACE.

Reference was made to the condition of the gable end of a Corporation house at Monument Place owing to the demolition of an adjoining house by the owner Mr. Thos. O'Leary, John Street, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had written to Mr. O'Leary in November last and pointed out his liability to repair the gable end and to provide the necessary support which the house enjoyed prior to the demolition. It was agreed that he should again communicate with Mr. O'Leary on this matter.

RATE COLLECTION.

In submitting a report on the state of the Rate Collection as at the 31st ultimo, the Town Clerk reminded the Meeting that in November last he had seriously commented on the manner in which Rate Collector O'Leary was collecting the Poor Rate.

At the present time he had only collected 43% of his total Warrant although it was less than 8 weeks from the close of the Financial Year, whereas the Town Rate Collector had collected 59%.

He (Town Clerk) informed the Council that the time had now come for strong disciplinary action to be taken against Collector O'Leary. He was now over 12 months in office, and he had not the excuse of last year that he was a new Collector. He (Town Clerk) was definitely of opinion that Collector O'Leary was not sufficiently energetic in the pursuance of his duties.

The Members would know, he stated, that some years ago the Corporation were very heavily in arrears with the County Council and for some time past they had been gradually reducing such arrears, so that the amount at present due was £3,000 as against £10,000 some ten years ago.

He feared that if much more energy was not put in the collection of the Rates by Mr. O'Leary that the close of the present Financial Year on the 31st March would see the Collection in a state of chaos. The Members considered the Town Clerk's report on this matter as a very serious one and agreed that Councillor O'Leary did not appear to be sufficiently energetic in the collection of the Rates, and informed the Rates Committee to direct Collector O'Leary to appear before the Special Rates Committee on the 13th instant to give an explanation as to the backward state of his Collection.

TIMBER CONTRACTS.

The Town Clerk intimated that this morning he had received a lengthy communication from the Wexford Timber Co., Contractors for the supply of timber to the Housing Schemes at present proceeding, intimating that a disagreement had arisen between the Borough Surveyor and themselves in connection with Timber delivered to Davitt Road. On receipt of this communication, he had asked the Borough Surveyor for his observations together with copies of the correspondence which had passed between himself and the Timber Co. on this matter. He now read this correspondence for the Members.

The first letter was from the Borough Surveyor on the 5th January last wherein he stated his reasons for rejecting the timber as not complying with the Specification. He had again written on the 23rd January intimating that he had received no reply to his letter of the 5th and stated that he expected ample supplies of suitable timber at an early date or he would close down the work and report the matter in full to the Corporation.

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TIMBER CONTRACTS.

On the 24th January the Timber Co., acknowledged receipt of his letters of the 5th and 23rd and suggested that he should have the unprepared timber inspected in their yards before machining, which procedure, to their minds, would eliminate delay in deliveries. On the 25th the Borough Surveyor replied that he considered their suggestion of inspection absolutely unworkable and he ~~considered that the suggestion was~~ referred them to Paragraph 2, Page 4 of the Specification, which authorised him to obtain the goods elsewhere at their expense.

On the 3rd instant he informed the Company that he had no course open but to enforce the conditions above referred to, and intimated that from that day he would not accept deliveries of timber of any kind under the Contracts. The letter from the Timber Co., above referred to stated they were satisfied that the timbers were up to the Specification and did not accept Mr. McNally's description. They were in a position to prove that the timbers they imported were the best quality imported into the country and would welcome an inspection of their stock by experienced unbiassed persons, and were prepared to have experts there to meet representatives of the Corporation.

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter during which it was suggested that the entire correspondence should be referred to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, but this suggestion did not meet with favour as in the opinion of the Members, the Borough Surveyor was responsible for deciding whether or not the timber supplied was in accordance with the Specification.

It was eventually decided to inform the Timber Co., that they failed to see what they could do in the matter as the Specification laid down the quality of the timber to be supplied, and the Borough Surveyor's decision of the interpretation thereto appeared to be final. They did not wish to invoke the penalty Clause in the Specification without giving them an opportunity of supplying the timber in accordance with the Surveyor's requirements, and asked them to immediately execute all orders outstanding. If no satisfactory reply were received to the Town Clerk's letter the matter would be dealt with at next Meeting, and in the meantime, if the Town Clerk considered it necessary he should convene a Special Meeting to deal with the matter.

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RATES - ~~RAX~~, ANNE ST.

Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, stated that their client, Mr. Owen Fox, had for some time past been trying to dispose of his premises at Anne Street without success. The premises were in a serious state of disrepair and he had now a chance of disposing of them for the sum of £70, but the Liabilities on the premises were much more and they suggested that the Corporation should accept the sum of £20 in discharge of the liability for Rates. The Town Clerk reported that the amount due to the 31st March next was £62 and the Members thought that they could not do any better than to accept the offer as nothing could be got by recourse to law, and as well, the Rate Collectors recommended that the offer of £20 be accepted. It was therefore agreed on the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to accept the sum of £20 in discharge of the liability to the 31st March next.

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RENEWAL OF WATERMAINS.

With reference to the renewal of Watermains at Hill Street and Whitemill, The Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that having regard to the amount of the Loan required namely, £460, this should be obtained from the Treasurer, and it was unanimously agreed to apply to the Treasurer for a loan of this amount for a period of 10 years.

CONCRETE MIXER.

With reference to Minutes of the 16th January last when it was decided to purchase a high discharge concrete mixer at a cost of £220, the Town Clerk intimated that on further consideration he did not think the Corporation should raise a loan for this amount but should include it in the Rates Estimates for the 1939-40, and this suggestion was agreed to.

RATE BOOKS.

The Committee sanctioned a proposal by the Town Clerk to expend a sum of £50 on the work of applotting the Rate Books, etc., for the coming Financial Year, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

BILL OF COSTS.

The Corporation Solicitor's Bill of Costs for the past 12 months amounting to £61 was submitted and it was agreed to appoint Mr. J. G. Byrne, Solicitor, to have the account taxed.

DIRTY WORK.

With reference to previous discussions on the question of extra remuneration for men employed on "dirty" work the Borough Surveyor submitted his definition as follows:-

- (1) Excavating old built sewers while such were in use in order to replace them by modern pipe sewers.
- (2) Cleaning out open sewers, such as the horse river or other streams carrying sewage.
- (3) Cleaning out public sewers built or piped where such work involved the loading and unloading of sewage matter, or where it became necessary for the men concerned to stand in the sewers or manholes to effect the cleansing.

These definitions were accordingly accepted by the Meeting and it was decided that all future work coming within their scope should be paid for at the extra rate of 1d. per hour agreed to by the Corporation on the 2nd January last.

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MEAT INSPECTION.

With reference to Minutes of the 16th January last when the question of the employment of a Meat Inspector was under consideration, the Town Clerk reported that the Veterinary Inspectors of the Board of Health were paid £150 per annum for work under the Milk & Dairies Act and in the Gorey Area the Inspector was paid an extra £40 per annum for Meat Inspection. After some discussion it was decided that the Corporation did not appear to have any choice but to appoint Mr. Staples to do this work who was the existing Officer under the Milk & Dairies Act, and to dispense with the services of Mr. M. J. Finucane, so it was decided to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health if he would be prepared to sanction the appointment of Mr. Staples at an inclusive salary of £150 per annum.

MILK & DAIRIES ACT.

The County Medical Officer of Health recommended that six persons in the Rural Areas who had applied for registration under the Milk & Dairies Act should be refused. Their applications had already been refused by the Board of Health, so it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to make Refusal Orders for same.

The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of persons whose premises were now fit for registration, and it was decided that they be registered in the Register kept by the Corporation.

The County Medical Officer of Health further recommended that a Refusal Order be made in the case of Miss Bridget Kirwan, Mary Street, Wexford, but before making a recommendation in this case, the Committee decided to ask Miss Kirwan if she was prepared to carry out the recommendations of the Medical Officer.

CHANGE OF ST. NAME.

An application to have the name of Oyster Lane changed to Carr Street was submitted and referred to the Town Clerk to take the necessary legal steps to have the matter put in order.

HOUSES - WHITEROCK VIEW.

A Complaint regarding the backs of some of the houses at Whiterock View was referred to the Borough Surveyor for his attention.

FIRE BRIGADE.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that he had been called to a Fire at the premises of Madame Gaul's, Main Street, at midnight on the 5th instant when a floor under the grate caught fire. The time on the fire was one and a half hours.

HOUSE - DAVITT ROAD.

An application from a number of the residents at Davitt Road, North to have separate entrances provided for their houses was referred to the Borough Surveyor for an estimate of the Cost.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

Councillor Byrne again raised the question of the employment of men on the Housing Schemes and referred to the list of names which had been supplied to the Borough Surveyor by the Members, and Mr. McNally intimated that he would employ some of them on the work of the new Watermains at Ballinacorney and Whitechurch.

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Richard Quinn T. J.
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13th February, 1939.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m. to select a tenant for a house vacant at Maudlintown.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor, (in the Chair)

Alderman: Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Thomas Hayes, James Murphy, Thomas Dunne, Robert Moran, James Sinnott, Stephen McMahon, Thomas Byrne, Phillip McGuire, James Billington, Patrick Hawkins, John Billington, Patrick Atkins, and James Crosbie.

At the outset His Worship the Mayor referred to the Death of His Holiness Pope Pius XI, and enumerated His many virtues and his efforts to preserve the peace of Europe. At the conclusion of his remarks he moved "That the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to His Lordship the Bishop of Ferns, the Irish Hierarchy, and the Catholic Church generally in their great loss; and that the Meeting stand adjourned as a mark of respect."

Councillor Moran seconded the motion, which was supported by all the Members present; by the Town Clerk on behalf of the Corporation Officials and Employees; and adopted in respectful silence - all the Members and Officials present standing.

The Meeting then separated.

*Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor of Wexford
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13th February, 1939.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held at the close of the above Meeting to allocate the vacant house. The same Members being in attendance.

On a poll being taken there voted for:-

John White, Castlehill St.:— Councillors: Atkins, John Billington, Patrick Hawkins, James Billington, James Crosbie, Phillip McGuire, Thomas Byrne, Stephen McMahon, James Sinnott, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, James Murphy, and Alderman Walsh. (13)

John Molly, Faythe:—

Councillor Hayes and the Mayor. (2)

This Meeting then terminated.

Richard Corbett T.D.
Mayor of Wexford
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A Meeting of the Finance & Works Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor, (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, James McMahon.

Councillors: James Billington, Patrick Atkins, John Billington, Patrick Hawkins, Phillip McGuire, Nicholas Connolly, Stephen McMahon, Thomas Byrne, Timothy Cashman, James Crosbie, Thomas Dunne, James Gaul, James Murphy, Robert Moran, Thomas Hayes and Thomas Buckland.

There was submitted to the Meeting the proposals of the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk for the re-organisation of the Scavenging System of the Town.

It was pointed out that early in 1938 the Borough Surveyor had made certain reports concerning the Scavenging System in operation, consideration of which had been adjourned until the present time. The matter had since been considered on different occasions by the Special Rates Committee, and as a result of their deliberations, the Borough Surveyor had been asked to prepare a scheme for a general system of Domestic Scavenging throughout the Borough. This had now being done and the Scheme had been considered by the Rates Committee on the 30th ultimo, but the Committee had decided to submit it to the Finance & Works Committee prior to making a recommendation to the Corporation.

The new Scheme of Domestic Scavenging which would provide for the emptying of dust-bins from every house in the Town - for business areas daily, and for residential areas weekly, and the total cost of such a Scheme was estimated at £697. 14. 0. per annum.

For the cleansing of the Streets etc., the Estimated Cost was £1,321. 5. 0. making a total estimated cost for Scavenging of £2,018. 19. 0., as against the Current Year's Estimate of £1,876. As against this increase of approximately £140, the Town Clerk suggested that each of the Corporation's Artizans Dwellings not at present in the enjoyment of a dust-bin be charged the usual fee of 2d. per week in the rents to cover the costs. This would bring the estimated charge for future years and the estimate for the current years about equal, and would not show any increase in the rates.

A Very lengthy discussion followed this matter during which it was suggested that horses and carts should be used for the work instead of lorries, and eventually it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Billington, that the Corporation be recommended to provide a general system of Domestic Scavenging for the Town, and pending a decision on the actual method to be adopted, that a copy of the figures submitted by the Town Clerk together with an alternative estimate of the cost of having the work done with horses and carts be circulated to the Members.

HOUSE - GRATTAN TERRACE.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of house at Grattan Terrace, formerly occupied by Thos. Barnes, Mr. Barnes under date of the 13th instant, stated that he intended to retain the tenancy of this house and asked if the Corporation would be willing to consider him purchasing it. The Members appeared favourable to Mr. Barnes being allowed to purchase this house as he had been its occupant since it was built some 30 years ago, provided that they had an assurance that he intended to re-occupy the dwelling with his family. So the Town Clerk was directed to request this assurance from Mr. Barnes when the question of purchasing would be favourably considered.

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TENDERS.

Two tenders were submitted for the supply of 8 street covers from Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty and the Wexford Timber Co. Both Firms quoted the same price for the 8 covers, namely, £24, and on the toss of a coin the tender of the Wexford Timber Co. was accepted.

Two tenders were submitted for the supply of sewer pipes for the Housing Developments at Green Street from the Wexford Timber Co. and Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty, the former Firm quoted £303. 0. 5 and the latter firm £303. 0. 2., so it was agreed to accept the tender of Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty subject to ratification by the Corporation.

Tenders for cement were also submitted from the Wexford Timber Co. and Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty for the Green Street Developments, each Firm quoting £2. 15. 3. per ton, less $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ Discount monthly account and a further rebate of 1s. per ton if a maximum of 1,000 tons be purchased in any one year.

As the Tenders of the two firms for the cement were identical, and, as on a previous occasion a Contract had been divided, it was agreed, to accept both tenders each of them to supply half the quantity required, subject, of course, to ratification by the Corporation.

The Town Clerk intimated that the Administrator had inquired from him if the Corporation would attend the Pontifical High Mass to be celebrated in Rowe Street Church on Thursday morning at 11. a.m., and it was unanimously decided that all the Members possible should attend together with Officials.

REPORT OF RENT COLLECTOR.

Rent Collector Lacey reported that Mr. Patrick Donovan, the tenant of a house at St. John's Road, had refused to pay rent for his house there owing to dampness and pending the carrying out of repairs by the Corporation.

In this connection, it was pointed out that this house was a comparatively new one and had been replastered recently with a view to removing this complaint, but it was now fairly clear that the cause of the trouble was condensation which was very difficult, if not impossible, to entirely eliminate. It was decided, however, to point out to Mr. Donovan that the Borough Surveyor would be asked to make every effort to cure the complaint, but in the meantime, he was expected to pay the weekly rent, or the Corporation would be compelled to seek possession of the dwelling.

It was agreed to put the Resolution from the New Ross Urban Council on the Agenda for discussion at the next Statutory Meeting of the Corporation.

It was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should make a report on the condition of the footpath at Distillery Road, which was a main road, and communicate with the Co. Surveyor thereon.

It was also agreed that an application should be made for a Grant from the Road Fund to concrete the Main Road at John Street from John's Gate Street to Roches Terrace, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to make an Estimate of this work as soon as possible.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Curtis T.D.
Mayor of Wexford
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20th February, 1939.

A Meeting of the Special Rates Committee was held at the close of the above Meeting the Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor, (in the Chair)

Alderman. Walsh,
Councillors. James Billington and Thomas Buckland.

The Meeting had been convened in accordance with the decision of the Finance Committee on the 6th instant following a strong report from the Town Clerk on the condition of the Poor Rate and on the manner in which Poor Rate Collector O'Leary was carrying out his duties. The Town Clerk now intimated that since the 31st January when he reported that Collector had only collected £5860 which was 43% of the Current Years Warrant he had since collected up to the 16th instant a further £541 which brought his total percentage collected to 47%. This, however, the Town Clerk considered was not a good collection at this stage of the Financial Year and considered that Collector O'Leary was not exerting himself sufficiently in the discharge of his duties. He again pointed out that the Town Rate Collection should not be at approximately the same level. He feared that unless very strenuous efforts were made by the Collector, the close of the Collection at the 31st March would find it in a state of chaos, and in his opinion, the position called for strong Dicipinary action on the part of the Council.

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The Members agreed with the Town Clerk that the Collector was not sufficiently energetic in the discharge of his duties and on being called before the Meeting he was given a very strong lecture by His Worship the Mayor and the other Members. The Collector stated, however, that since the 16th instant he had collected a further £156 and he was strenuously engaged in trying to bring the collection up to date. The Members warned him that if there was not a big improvement in the collection they would be compelled to recommend the Council to take strong dicipinary action against him.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor of Wexford
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25th February, 1939.

A Meeting of the School Meals Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Mrs. McTaminey, (in the Chair) and Mr. Myles Bergin.

The Meeting had been convened to accept Tenders for the supply of cocoa, sugar, syrup, bread and buns for the ensuing 12 months.

The following Tenders were submitted:-

For Cocoa:- Mr. Nicholas Lambert at 8d. per lb.
Mr. James A. Lambert at 9½d. " "

For Sugar:- Mr. Nicholas Lambert and Mr. Jas. A. Lambert both quoted 3d. per lb.

For Golden Syrup:- Mr. Nicholas Lambert quoted 6d. per lb., and
Mr. Jas. A. Lambert 5½d. per lb.

For Bread:- Mr. Nicholas Lambert quoted 9½ per 4lb. loaf and
Mrs. M.A. Murphy, 8½d. for buns. Mr. Nicholas Lambert
quoted 1s. per dozen 4oz. buns and Mrs. Murphy quoted
8½d. per dozen.

The Meeting decided to recommend the Corporation to accept the tender of Mr. Nicholas Lambert for cocoa; Mr. Jas. A. Lambert for sugar and syrup; and Mrs. Murphy for bread and buns.

The Meeting then terminated.

27th February, 1939.

A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor, (in the Chair)

Aldermen: James McMahon and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Patrick Atkins, James Gaul, Phillip McGuire,
Stephen McMahon, James Murphy, Nicholas Connolly,
Patrick Hawkins, James Billington, James Sinnott,
Thos. Byrne, James Crosbie, Thos. Hayes, Robert
Moran, and Timothy Cashman.

NEW SCAVENING SYSTEM.

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting when the question of re-organisation of the Scavenging System was under consideration, the Town Clerk circulated the Members with a copy of the figures submitted at last Meeting together with a Memorandum and Estimate from the Borough Surveyor on the cost of carrying out the work by means of horses and carts.

NEW SCAVENGING SYSTEM.

The original method submitted would cost a total of £2018. 19. 0, and if horses and carts were used the total estimated cost would be £3659. 16. 4, an increase of approximately £1600. A very lengthy discussion took place on this estimate, during which the adoption of the Scheme was strenuously opposed by Councillor Connolly although, it was repeatedly pointed out that it would not mean dismissal of any employee but only the doing away of the use of horses. Eventually, Councillor Cashman proposed that the Scheme submitted by the Borough Surveyor for the Scavenging of the Town by mechanical means, at an estimated cost of £2018. 19.0, be recommended to the Corporation for adoption, and that the financing of it be considered by the Estimates Committee when examining the Town Clerk's Estimates for the coming Financial Year. Councillor James Billington seconded the motion which was agreed to by 14 votes for to 3 against.

HOUSE AT GRATTAN TERRACE.

With reference to minutes of last Meeting when the question of the house at Grattan Terrace formerly in the occupation of Thomas Barnes, was under consideration, the Town Clerk intimated that he had written to Mr. Barnes requesting him to give an assurance that he and his family intended to re-occupy the dwelling, when the question of purchasing would be considered. In his reply, Mr. Barnes stated, that it was solely his intention to purchase this house wherein he had resided for the past 30 years for his own use and for members of his family to reside therein. The Committee did not consider this a definite assurance that Mr. Barnes intended to reside in the house himself, and so it was agreed to inform him that as his letter did not contain a definite undertaking that he himself would re-occupy the house. The Corporation had no option but to ask for possession.

~~HOUSE~~ DAVITT ROAD. DISTILLERY ROAD PATH.

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting when the question of the foot-path at Distillery Road was raised, the Borough Surveyor reported that in November last he had sent an estimate to the County Surveyor for this work and he noticed it was included in the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the County.

~~GREEN STREET DEVELOPMENT.~~

The Town Clerk reported to the Meeting that in connection with the development of a housing site at Green Street considerable difficulty was being met in proceeding with the work; one difficulty was that the occupants of the houses at Green Street had not been removed before the Corporation commenced the building, which meant that they had no proper entrance to the site. The second was that Mr. John Kirwan claimed ownership of the Lane adjoining the site known as Distillery Lane.

HOUSES - DAVITT ROAD.

With reference to Minutes of the 6th instant, when an application from four tenants at Davitt Road, North, to have separate entrances provided for their houses was under consideration, the Borough Surveyor reported that to carry out their request would cost £60. It was decided to point out to the four applicants that when these houses were erected a few years ago the rents were calculated on the cost of erection, after allowing for State and Corporation Subsidies, and that at the present time the Corporation had not £60 to spend on improving the outside. If, however, the four tenants were willing to pay the £60 between them the Corporation would have the work carried out.

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LEASE - GARDEN PLOT.

It was agreed to recommend the Corporation to lease a plot of ground at Maudlintown as a garden plot to Mr. Thos. Rossiter, at a rent of £6 per annum.

DAMAGE TO WINDOWS.

The Town Sergeant reported on a number of youngsters for playing football in Cornmarket on Sunday, the 12th instant, and stated that they were the cause of breaking a pane of glass over the Town Hall door on that day, so it was agreed to issue a warning at the next Monday Meeting that in future these youngsters would be prosecuted for playing football in the street and damaging Corporate property.

APPRENTICE MASON.

An application was submitted from Thomas Murphy, Croke Avenue for permission to serve his time as an apprentice mason and the application was accompanied by a Resolution from the Brick & Stonelayers Association to the effect that they had no objection provided the Building Trades Group approved of him, so it was decided to write the Building Trades Group asking for approval, and pointing out that from time to time the Corporation had experienced a shortage of masons.

TRANSFER OF TENANCY.

It was agreed to transfer the tenancy of the house at Wolfe Tone Villas from the name of Mary McCormack to that of her son John.

HOUSING.

A very lengthy communication was read from Mr. James Pitman residing at 19 Antelope Road as to why he was not granted a house at Whitemill, but no action was taken thereon.

UNAUTHORISED PLUMBERS.

A complaint was read from the Plumbers Society regarding the Breaches of the Waterworks Regulations by the installing of W.C.'s by persons other than Waterworks Plumbers, and this was referred to the Borough Surveyor for investigation.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Corbett T.D.
Mayor of Wexford
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6th March, 1939.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor, (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, Robert Coffey, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Patrick Hawkins, John Billington, Patrick Atkins, Thos. Buckland, Thos. Dunne, James Billington, Thos. Hayes, James Sinnott, James Gaul, Timothy Cashman, James Murphy, James Crosbie, Phillip McGuire, Thomas Byrne, Stephen McMahon, Robert Moran and Nicholas Connolly.

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Corporation on 6th and 13th ultimo; Special Rates Committee on 20th ultimo; School Meals Committee on 25th ultimo (Copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the Meeting) and Finance & Works, Etc., Committees on 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th ultimo.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Minutes, as submitted, were approved and signed by the Mayor. Councillor Connolly asked to have copies of the Minutes of the Finance & Works, Etc., Committees circulated, but it was pointed out that under the Standing Orders of the Corporation recently adopted, Minutes of Committees not composed of the entire Council were not circulated but were laid on the table in the Council Chamber for 15 minutes prior to the hour of the Meeting at which they were to be confirmed, or, they could be inspected by any member at the Town Clerk's Office on any day.

The Councillor was satisfied when informed that he could inspect the Minutes referred to.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £5,008 : 0 : 7 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

SYMPATHY.

Councillor Sinnott proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Thomas Rossiter, a former Alderman of the Council, on the death of his mother. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion, which was supported by all the Members present. Councillor Gaul proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to John Larkin of Abbey Street, a former member of the Council on the death of his brother. Councillor Hawkins seconded this motion which was also supported by the Members present, and both Resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

With reference to Minutes of the Corporation on the 13th ultimo when a resolution of sympathy with the Catholic Church on the death of His Holiness, Pope Pius XI was adopted, the Apostolic Nuncio acknowledged it with sincere thanks, and expressed his deep appreciation of the sentiments contained in the Resolution. The Most Rev. Dr. Staunton, Lord Bishop of Ferns, through whom the resolution had been sent, also acknowledged receipt of the Corporation's Resolution in the following communication:-

"Dear Mr. Byrne,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter conveying the sympathy of the Corporation of Wexford on the sad loss sustained by the Church in the death of his Holiness, Pope Pius XI.

I shall immediately transmit this resolution of sympathy to his Excellency, the Apostolic Nuncio, with notice of the signal mark of respect to his Holiness in the adjournment of the Meeting, without transacting any business. He will appreciate, as I do, this renewed evidence of the traditional loyalty to the Holy See of the people of Wexford and its Municipal Authorities.

Would you kindly transmit my thanks to the Mayor and to the members of the Corporation.

I take this opportunity to express again my heartiest thanks for the official and unofficial welcome of myself to the Borough of Wexford, by the Mayor, Corporation, and people, which moved me very deeply and was an unforgettable ending to the day of my consecration.

With kind personal regards,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

x James Staunton,

Bishop of Ferns."

Councillor M. Martin also returned thanks for the vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his father.

ROTATIONAL EMPLOYMENT:

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting when a Resolution was adopted requesting the Government to discontinue the present system of three days on Relief Work and to substitute therefor five days per week, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 20th ultimo, by letter No. RU/205/131 intimated that it was not proposed to amend the regulations in the manner suggested.

This reply gave rise to a discussion on the subject of Employment on Relief Schemes which lasted for a half hour, and the arguments advanced at previous discussions on this subject were reiterated.

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Councillor Cashman, the original mover of the motion, spoke at length on the benefits to be gained by giving the men five days per week, and stated he intended to agitate until he obtained this concession.

During the discussion it was suggested that a deputation should wait on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the matter, but it was pointed out that it was very doubtful if the Minister would consent to receive one, and, as well, that a deputation from one part of the country could do very little good. Eventually, it was decided to approach the matter from the point of view of having the men employed week on and week off, and as a first step to request the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities to ascertain the opinions of other Councils on the matter, with a view to having combined action taken to do away with the present three day Rotational System.

TENDERS.

The next business on the Agenda was to ratify recommendations of Committees for the acceptance of tenders.

The first one was for cement for the Green Street Housing Site Development:- Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty and the Wexford Timber Company quoted the same price, namely, £2 : 15 : 3 per ton less $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ Discount Monthly Account and a rebate of 1s. per ton if 1,000 tons purchased in any one year. The Finance Committee recommended that this Contract be divided between the two firms. For Sewer Pipes for Green Street Housing Development:- the Wexford Timber Company quoted £303 : 0 : 5 and Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty £303 : 0 : 2. In this case the Finance & Works Committee recommended that the tender of Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty being the cheaper of the two be accepted.

For Street Covers:- The Wexford Timber Company and Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty both quoted £3 each.

The Finance Committee had agreed to decide this by a lot, and as the Wexford Timber Company won, they recommended that their tender be accepted.

For Food required for School Meals the following tenders had been received:-

Cocoa: Mr. Nicholas Lambert @ 8d. per lb.
Mr. James A. Lambert @ $9\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Sugar: Mr. Nicholas Lambert @ 3d. "
Mr. James A. Lambert @ 3d. "

Syrup: Mr. Nicholas Lambert @ 6d. "
Mr. James A. Lambert @ $5\frac{3}{4}$ d. "

Bread: Mrs. A. Murphy quoted $8\frac{1}{4}$ d. per 4lb. loaf, and
Mr. Nicholas Lambert quoted $9\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Buns: Mrs. Murphy quoted $8\frac{1}{2}$ d. per dozen of 4oz. buns and
Mr. Nicholas Lambert 1s.

These tenders had been considered by the School Meals Committee who recommended that the tenders of Mr. Nicholas Lambert for Cocoa @ 8d. per lb; Mr. Jas. A. Lambert for sugar and syrup; and Mrs. A. Murphy for bread and buns, be accepted.

The Committee recommendations in the case of each of the above tenders was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly.

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MILK & DAIRIES ACT, 1935.

The Finance & Works Committee recommended that Refusal Orders under the Milk & Dairies Act, 1935, be made in respect of the applications for registration of:- Denis Carroll, Rathaspeck; Martin Cogley, Glynn; M. Murray, Sleadagh, Murrintown; James Quirke, Tenchespit; William Tobin, Seaview; and John Corish, Colestown.

All the above persons were in the Rural District and had been refused by the Wexford Board of Health. The Acting Co. Medical Officer of Health recommended the Corporation to make Refusal Orders also, and on the motion of Councillor Dýnne, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Committee recommendation was unanimously adopted, and the Refusal Orders made.

CHANGE OF STREET NAME.

The Finance Committee recommended that the name of Oyster Lane be changed to "Carr Street."

This recommendation was made at the request of the residents and owners of some of the property there and it was explained that the necessary consent as required by Section 21 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment Act) 1907, had been obtained, so on the motion of Councillor Atkins, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was decided to change the name of Oyster Lane to "Carr Street."

PLOTS OF GROUND.

The Finance Committee recommended that a plot of waste ground at Maudlintown be rented to a man named Thomas Rossiter, Harbour View, at a rent of 1s. per annum subject to a proper agreement being drawn up which would permit the Corporation to take possession at any time if they so desired, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor James Billington, the recommendation was agreed to.

The Finance Committee also recommended the exchange of a plot of ground between the Corporation and the G. A. A. at Summerhill Road.

The G. A. A. wanted the strip of ground at present being used by the Corporation as a dump at Summerhill and on the west side of the football grounds, and the Corporation required a strip of ground from the Association on the east side of the football grounds. The former required the new piece as a practice ground, and the latter required the other strip in order to make a road from Summerhill to Whitemill.

In reply to a query, it was stated that there was very little difference in the value of the two pieces of land, and if anything the Corporation were getting the best of the bargain; they were certainly getting the best piece of ground.

The recommendation was unanimously adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Dunne.

TOWN PLANNING & BOROUGH EXTENSION.

Arising out of this motion, a question was asked if the Corporation had any further building sites for the erection of Working Class Dwellings in mind, but it was pointed out that as far as could be ascertained there was no further land available inside the Borough and it was high time the Corporation implemented the Resolution passed some years ago adopting the Town Planning Act and deciding to make a Planning Scheme for the Borough.

If this were done, an extension of the Borough Boundaries could be considered in conjunction with it, and the most useful way in which to extend the boundaries decided on. In addition, an

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comprehensive housing survey of the Borough was absolutely essential, and if this were done the question of derelict sites, which had been the cause of annoyance to the Corporation for some time past, could be dealt with in the Town Plan. It was suggested that the Special Rates Committee should examine this question of Town Planning and an extension of the Borough as soon as possible.

FREE MILK SCHEME.

Under date of the 20th ultimo, by Circular Letter No. PH21/39, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that a Grant of £807 : 14 : 5 would be available, under the National Free Milk Supply Scheme for the coming year, and on the motion of Councillor Cashman seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to administer a Scheme.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES INSURANCES.

The next business was to appoint a Representative to attend the annual Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Insurances. Councillor Dunne proposed that Councillor Moran, who had represented the Corporation for a number of years be appointed. Councillor James Billington seconded. Councillor McMahon proposed that Alderman Walsh be appointed and Councillor Crosbie seconded. At the request of Councillor Connolly, Alderman Walsh withdrew his name and Councillor Moran was unanimously selected.

RE-VALUATION BILL.

There was submitted to the Meeting a letter from the New Ross District Council under date of the 2nd January last, on the subject of the Re-Valuation Bill at present before An Dail together with a Resolution from the Limerick Chamber of Commerce protesting against this legislation.

Councillor Murphy proposed the adoption of the Resolution protesting against the Bill and Alderman Coffey seconded.

In the discussion which followed a number of the members spoke of the increased burdens which would be placed on the tenants of property if this Bill became law, and as well, the Mayor pointed out that as Agricultural land was definitely excluded from the terms of the Bill and as it was quite possible that rural buildings would also be excluded the Re-Valuation would only effect Urban Districts.

It was fairly certain that the Valuation of Towns such as Wexford would be increased, and if the valuation of Rural Districts was left as at present, the Towns would have to bear an inequitable share of the County Rate through the Co. Council demands, the amount of which was fixed in the proportion which the valuation of the Town bore to the entire valuation of the County.

On a show of hands the Resolution protesting against the passage of the Bill was carried out by 17 votes for to 3 against.

RESOLUTION FROM OTHER BODIES.

The next business on the Agenda was consideration of Resolutions from other Public Bodies.

In reply to a query by the Mayor about these Resolutions, the Town Clerk stated they were in connection with the Treason Bill and the Offences against the State Bill, and thereupon the Mayor intimated that they were Political matters and he ruled them out of order.

Councillor Byrne stated it was not from the political point of view that the Trades Council sent in their Resolution, but the Town Clerk advised that the Resolution was not from the Trades Council alone, which had not been mentioned except by

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Councillor Byrne, and the Mayor informed the Councillor that he was not in order in referring to the matter. He (Mayor) had always tried to keep political discussions out of the Corporation Meetings and he thought it was much better to continue to do so.

SELECTION OF TENANT - MAGDALENS TERRACE.

The next business was to select a tenant for a house vacant at St. Magdalens Terrace, and on a poll being taken there voted for:-

Patrick Roche, of Fishers Row:-

Councillors: McMahon, Byrne, Crosbie, Gaul, Atkins, John Billington, and Patrick Hawkins.....(7)

Patrick Banville, John's Gate Street:-

Councillors: Connolly, Murphy, James Billington, Buckland and Walsh.....(5)

Peter Byrne, Faythe:-

Councillors: McGuire, Cashman and the Mayor.....(3)

Vincent Whitmore, Faythe:- Councillors: Sinnott and Dunne. (2)

John Molloy, Faythe:- Councillors: Hayes..... (1)

William J. Foote, Selskar St:-

Alderman Tobin and Coffey..... (2)

James Marlowe; Faythe:- Councillor Moran..... (1)

It was seen that no Candidate had a clear majority and Messrs. Marlowe and Whitmore each having only 1 vote were eliminated, when Councillor Moran transferred his vote to Banville and Councillor Hayes transferred his vote to Byrne. This left the poll, Banville (6); Roche (7); Byrne (4); Whitmore (2); and Foote (2).

A Poll was then taken to ascertain whether Whitmore or Foote would be eliminated. There voted for Whitmore to remain in:-

Councillors: McGuire, Crosbie, Cashman, Gaul, Sinnott, Hayes, Dunne, John Billington, Hawkins, Alderman Walsh and the Mayor.....(11)

For Foote to remain in:-

Councillors: Connolly, Moran, McMahon, Byrne, Murphy, James Billington, Buckland, Atkins, Alderman Tobin and Alderman Coffey.....(10)

Foote was accordingly eliminated when Alderman Tobin transferred his vote to Byrne and Alderman Coffey to Banville. The poll was then, Banville (7); Roche (7); Byrne (5); and Whitmore (2).

Whitmore was then eliminated when Councillor Dunne transferred to Banville giving him (8) and Councillor Sinnott transferred to Roche giving him (8). Byrne received no vote remaining at (5).

Byrne was then eliminated and on the transfer of the five votes Councillor McGuire voted for Banville giving him 8 votes, while Councillors: Hayes, Cashman, Alderman Tobin and the Mayor transferred to Roche, giving him (12) votes and a clear majority of the Council.

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It was mentioned that a house was expected to be vacant in Wolfe Tone Villas during the next week or so, and it was agreed that if it became vacant the tenancy should be given to a man named Kenny, who was residing in a condemned house at Green Street.

TOWN SERGEANTS REPORT.

Reference was made by the Mayor to a recent report by the Town Sergeant to the effect that glass had been broken in the windows of the Town Hall by persons playing football in Cornmarket, and he issued a warning on behalf of the Corporation that in future if any similar report was received from the Sergeant that Legal proceedings would be taken against offenders.

The Meeting then separated.

R. Condy T.D.

With reference to Minutes of the 18th January 1939, the question of the deduction from Messrs. E. & A. Hamilton, Contractors, for the erection of 50 houses was under consideration. The following letter was read from Messrs. Hamilton's Solicitors addressed to the Town Clerk:-

I, Thornton & Son,
Solicitors & Valuers Dublin,

CITIZENS' CATHEDRAL SQUARE,
WEXFORD,
27th February, 1939.

Ref. 11/3.1.

Re. Wexford Housing Contract.
Claim of Messrs. E. & A. Hamilton.

Dear Sir,

Our clients, Messrs. E. & A. Hamilton of Thomas Street, Wexford, have asked us the correspondence herein together with a copy of the Contract and general conditions, and have instructed us to take up the matter with you.

The Contract was for the erection of 50 houses at Whitewill Road, Wexford, the contract price being £20,000. The entire contract money has been paid to our clients less £1000. 10. 0 retention money and a sum of £200. 10. 0 which has been wrongfully deducted. The sum of £200. 10. 0 is made up of 24 weeks at £8. 3. 0 per week, being less £1000. 10. 0 which was to have been suffered by them by reason of 24 weeks delay in completing the contract. The contract was to be completed on the 5th of June 1938. Our clients say that the contract was completed on the 20th of September 1938 and that the Clerk of Works, Mr. Miller, was so informed on that day by Mr. Angus Hamilton Jnr.

Our clients dispute the Corporation's right to pay any deduction in respect of delay in completing the contract. Any delay in completion was due entirely to actions of the Clerk of Works, and the Engineer, and our clients have given us detailed particulars of same which we do not consider necessary to send you at the moment, but merely give you a general outline.

1. On one occasion 50 external roof frames were made and left ready for use. The Clerk of Works did not pass any amount on them until they were about to be used six weeks afterwards. He then rejected the same lot.