

27th November, 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: Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: James Murphy, James Gaul, James Crosbie, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Atkins, James Sinnott, Stephen McMahon, Patrick Hawkins, Thomas Hayes, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, and Nicholas Connolly.

ALLOTMENTS.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received 48 applications for allotments. In the field at present used for this purpose at John Street there was only provision for 12 allotments which left 36 more to be provided, and would require, approximately, 4½ acres of land. As regards the field at John Street it was unanimously decided that the applicants who had been granted these plots during the current year should be given first preference for them for the year 1940. The Town Clerk further reported that he had received an offer of 3 acres of land at Bishopswater from a man named Hamilton, who required £10 per acre.

He had, however, informed Hamilton that the average price paid by the Corporation for such land was at the rate of £3 per acre, the owner paying all rates, taxes, etc. and Hamilton had now made an offer to let the Corporation have the land for the purpose of allotments at £6 per acre, so it was unanimously agreed that this be accepted, subject to the approval of the Borough Surveyor if the land were suitable, and to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

It was also decided to write to Messrs. Brockhouse & Co., inquiring if they would be prepared to lease a field they had at Maudlintown for the purpose of the provision of allotments.

CORPORATION'S SOLICITORS COSTS.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had received the Corporation's Solicitors Bill of Costs and asked the Members to appoint a Solicitor to represent the Corporation at the Taxation Proceedings, so it was unanimously decided, as in previous years, to appoint Mr. J. G. Byrne, Solicitor, to do this work.

FEEES DEMOLITION & CLEARANCE ORDERS.

Under even date the Borough Surveyor renewed his application for payment of the usual fee of £1 per house for all work done by him in connection with demolition and clearance orders. He stated that he had made considerable inquiries regarding this matter and was advised that the work was extra to the duties set out in the terms of his appointment, and respectfully submitted that he should be allowed these fees.

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It was pointed out a couple of years ago that a proposal had been made by the Corporation to pay such fees to the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk, but sanction had been refused, so it was decided to again approach the Department of Local Government and Public Health with a view to having sanction to the payment of such fees.

DEMOLITION OF HOUSES.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with the demolition of houses condemned as unfit for human habitation, and it was decided to have a report submitted to the next meeting setting out a list of the houses condemned but not yet demolished.

W.C. HOUSE - WILLIAM STREET.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when the question of the provision of a W.C. for house at William Street, occupied by Miss Margaret Johnson, was under consideration, the owner Mrs. Gordon, Parnell Street, intimated that she was not prepared to install this convenience at present, so it was decided to inform her that the Corporation proposed to do the work themselves and requested the Borough Surveyor to make an estimate of the cost.

HOUSE - PARNELL STREET.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of house at Parnell Street, formerly occupied partly by a Club and partly by a man named Francis Kehoe, who had been rehoused on an undertaking being given by the then lessee that the premises would not again be let for human habitation, Dr. Sinnott, reported that portions of the house were still very damp and that there was only one room which could be regarded as fit for human habitation.

It was decided to ask the Medical Officer of Health to state if, in his opinion, the house was fit for human habitation at all, and as well, the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to make a report on the house as soon as possible.

The owner of the premises was also to be informed of the undertaking given by the previous lessee and reminded of the fact that no plans for the alterations she had carried out to the premises had been submitted to the Corporation.

PUBLIC LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS.

The Town Clerk intimated that in connection with the Lighting Restrictions Order it was not possible to have the 14 public lamps lighted by gas made capable of instantaneous switching except at very great expense, so it was decided to inform the Department of Defence that certain of the public lamps were lighted by gas and to inquire what action the Corporation would take and what action was being taken in other places.

PROPOSED NEW TOWN HALL.

The Town Clerk referred to the overdraft which had been procured to finance preliminary expenditure in connection with the proposed new Town Hall, and pointed out that as there did not appear to be any prospect of this building being erected in the near future that the overdraft should be converted into a short-term loan and it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to convert the overdraft into a short-term loan, and to add to the amount of the loan whatever outstanding accounts there were in connection

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with the matter, including the Balance of fees due to the Architect, Mr. R. Donnelly.

WATER CLOSETS.

It was reported that notice requiring the provision of W.C.'s had been served on the owner of 5 houses in King Street and one at Francis Street on the 9th ultimo, but up to the present nothing had been done to provide the conveniences, and it was decided to write the owners pointing out that unless the conveniences were provided forthwith, the Corporation would be compelled to do the work themselves.

The Town Clerk was requested to phone the Department of Local Government and Public Health on Tuesday morning to ascertain when the Winter Relief Grants might be released.

Richard Coombs T D
Mayor of Wexford

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MINUTES.

The Minutes of Meetings of the Corporation on 6th and 20th ultimo; Finance & Works, Etc., Committees on 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th ultimo, were submitted for ratification and signature, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Coffey, the Minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

ACCOUNTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting, in the aggregate, to £3,692. 0. 8 were submitted, and having been examined, were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

BOOTS.

Arising out of the Accounts, Alderman Coffey asked if any one had examined the boots received from the Official Contractors to see if they were in accordance with the Specification, which at the Alderman's request was read by the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk replied that the boots had not been examined by anyone but himself and he was not in a position to say whether or not they were in accordance with the Specification, so it was agreed to have a pair of the boots examined by one of the members in the Boot Trade.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Also arising out of the Accounts, Councillor Byrne referred to the cost of public lighting during the period of the black-out and during the present period of restricted lighting and asked if any refund had yet been made by the Electricity Supply Board in respect of these periods, and on being informed that no adjustment had yet been made the Councillor produced a cutting from a newspaper showing that Dundalk Urban Council had received a refund of over £200 in respect of the restriction of public lighting, and the Town Clerk was directed to take the matter up again with the Electricity Supply Board so that the Contract Account might be adjusted before the close of the Financial Year.

RAILWAY ENTRANCE.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the ground outside the Great Southern Railways Station, Wexford, and the Town Clerk was requested to communicate with the Company asking them to have the surface of the ground repaired.

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SPECIAL FAIR.

At this stage the Mayor intimated that he had been approached by a number of farmers and cattle dealers with the object of having a Fair held in the near future in lieu of the one due to be held on the 28th ultimo, but which had not been held. There was also submitted a memorial signed by a number of victuallers and cattle dealers requesting the Corporation to convene a Special Fair for Saturday, the 9th instant. The majority of the members seemed in favour of holding a Special Fair but there appeared to be a sharp division as to the best day on which to hold it. Some favoured Saturday the 9th instant while others held that sufficient notice could not be given for a Fair on Saturday and that buyers from Dublin and Cork would not attend on this day, and suggested that the Fair should be held on Wednesday, the 13th instant. After some discussion Alderman Coffey proposed that a Special Fair be held on Wednesday the 13th instant, and Councillor Byrne seconded. Councillor Moran however, proposed an amendment that the Special Fair be held on Saturday the 9th instant and Councillor Atkins seconded. On a show of hands five voted in favour of the amendment and seven against. Councillor Moran then asked for a poll, when their voted for Saturday 9th, Councillors. Moran, Atkins, Murphy, Dunne, Hayes, and Alderman Walsh. (6). For Wednesday 13th instant, Councillors. Cashman, John Billington, Hawkins, Crosbie, Byrne, Alderman Coffey, and the Mayor. (7). Declined to vote Councillors. Connolly, Gaul and Sinnott. (3). It was accordingly decided to hold the Fair on Wednesday the 13th instant.

SUGAR PRICES.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when the question of the price of sugar was under consideration, the Minister for Supplies under date of the 15th instant acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Town Clerk on this matter and referred the Corporation to a recent statement made by him.

The Minister also stated that with regard to the complaint that traders were charging 5d. per pound, if the names and addresses of such traders were furnished to the Department the matter would be investigated.

Arising out of this Councillor Murphy stated that the wholesale price of sugar was £40 per ton and to retail it at 4½d. per lb showed a profit to the retailer on a ton of sugar of £2, out of which he had to pay for paper bags, staff, etc. No further action was taken on this matter.

DELIVERY OF MILK.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the subject of the delivery of milk in Town was referred to, a lengthy report on the matter was submitted from the Acting Co. Medical Officer of Health who set out the dangers of leaving milk too long before its use, and strongly recommended that the practice of morning and evening delivery in the Borough be continued. It was decided to publish this communication in the Local Press.

SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS.

There was submitted to the Meeting the Corporation's Solicitor Bill of Costs together with a Requisition to Tax and a recommendation from the Finance Committee that Mr. J. G. Byrne, Solicitor, be appointed to represent the Corporation at the Taxation Proceedings.

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Chairman.....

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh, it was unanimously agreed to have the Requisition to Tax completed on the part of the Corporation, and to appoint Mr. Byrne as recommended by the Finance Committee to attend the Taxation Proceedings on behalf of the Corporation.

AMALGAMATION OF POSTS OF MILK AND MEAT INSPECTORS.

The Public Health Committee recommended that the post of Milk and Meat Inspector be amalgamated under the charge of Francis Staples, Esq., V.S., (Milk Inspector) at a revised salary of £150 per annum, and that the post held by M. J. Finucane, Esq., V.S., (Meat Inspector) be determined.

It was explained that for some years past up to 1938, the Corporation employed a wholetime veterinary Inspector for the supervision of the Meat Supplies to the Borough. This Officer also carried out duties for the Department of Agriculture under the "Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts in the Town, for which service the Department of Agriculture refunded the Corporation two-thirds of the Inspector's salary.

In May, 1938, the Minister for Agriculture intimated that he proposed appointing a wholetime officer of the Department in Wexford to deal with the work formerly carried out by Mr. Finucane and that this officer would take up duty on 1st August, 1938, and that the arrangement between the Department and the Corporation would cease as from the 31st July. In May 1938 the Public Health Committee of the Corporation decided to employ Mr. Finucane (Meat Inspector) as a part-time officer to supervise the meat supplies to the Borough at a salary of £200 per annum, and in December, 1938, the Corporation ratified this temporary part-time appointment with effect as from the 1st August. The Minister for Local Government and Public Health, however, in November 1938 stated that he would not be 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, and requested the Corporation to amalgamate the duties under one Officer.

A lengthy correspondence ensued on this subject, and, eventually, the Public Health Committee agreed to appoint Mr. Staples, who was at present Inspector for Milk Supplies, with a salary of £30 per annum to the combined post of Milk and Meat Inspector at a revised salary of £150 per annum.

Councillor Connolly moved the adoption of the Committee recommendation and Councillor Gaul seconded.

Councillor Atkins, however, proposed an amendment that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to permit the post to be advertised for open competition. On a show of hands three voted for the amendment and twelve against. The amendment was accordingly declared lost, and Councillor Connolly's motion that the Committee recommendation be adopted was declared carried by thirteen votes for to three against.

Mr. Staples was accordingly declared appointed to the combined posts of Milk and Meat Inspector in accordance with the Provisions of Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

GRAVEDIGGERS WAGES.

The Finance Committee recommended that John MacDonald, Gravedigger at Crosstown Cemetery be granted an increase of 3/- per grave opened.

MacDonald was paid a weekly wage of 16/6d. and was allowed 12/- in addition for every grave opened. It was stated that he had to pay his own assistant and some time ~~expended~~ applied to the Finance Committee to have his wages increased by 5/- per grave.

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Councillor Byrne moved the adoption of this recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Hayes, and unanimously agreed to.

LOAN RE TOWN HALL.

The Finance Committee recommended that a loan of £2360 be obtained from the Corporation Treasurer for a period of 7 years with interest at the usual rate in order to discharge an existing overdraft and outstanding liabilities in connection with preliminary expenditure on the provision of a proposed new Town Hall. The expenditure on preliminary work amounted to £3746. 12. 0 and there was due to the Architect as balance of fees £358. 7. 0 making the total liabilities £4104. 19. 0, from which had to be deducted a Government Grant of £1750, leaving £2354. 19. 10 to be met by the proposed loan. In addition, the costs of the Mortgage would amount to, approximately, £5, making up the total of £2360 recommended by the Finance Committee to be borrowed.

Councillor Gaul moved the adoption of this recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Sinnott and unanimously agreed to.

THEATRE ROYAL LICENCE.

An application was submitted from the Manager of the Theatre Royal, Wexford, for a renewal of his Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, for a further year.

Alderman Walsh objected to the renewal of the licence on the grounds that Trade Union wages were not being paid in this Cinema, but the Town Clerk pointed out that they could not hold up the Licence except for a breach of the Cinematograph Act, and in reply to Alderman Walsh further stated that there was nothing in the Regulations under the Act dealing with wages. In reply to a further query, the Town Clerk stated, that some time ago the Borough Survevor and himself had been asked to have that building and others surveyed, and they were doing so at the moment, but in the meantime there was no objection to the Licence.

On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to grant the Licence, and it was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

UNTRIED PRISONERS.

A Resolution from the Wexford Trades Council called for the release of all untried prisoners was submitted but was not proceeded with, it being stated that all the prisoners had now been released.

CO. MANAGEMENT BILL, ETC.

The business on the Agenda having been completed Councillor Connolly said he thought it would be more or less their duty to pass a vote of congratulation to the Mayor on the very able way he had represented the people during the past couple of weeks in his fight against the proposed County Management Bill, and in the Dail on the Supplementary Budget Debate. Councillor Cashman also congratulated the Mayor on this matter, and in reply the Mayor gave a resume of what had taken place at the Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities and the Meeting of the General Council of County Councils in connection with this Bill.

He also replied to a leading article in the "Irish Times" of last week which he stated, tried to ridicule the efforts of the Councils in having this Bill defeated. According to the "Times" the Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities represented only 70 or 80 thousand of the population, but the Mayor submitted a list of a few of the Towns and Cities represented at the Conference which showed their total population to be 716,775. He further stated that if the proposed Bill became law the members of the Councils would be merely rubber stamps and would have no say whatever in the administration of the affairs of the Town.

PRINTING.

Councillor Sinnott said that in connection with a public building opened recently in the Town printing was sent out of Wexford and he understood that orders for some equipment were also sent away. He did not want to attack anybody but would like those people in future if anything like that came along to give the local people a chance. The Mayor stated he thought the matter was an over-sight.

FOOTPATH - JOSEPH ST. AND DISTILLERY RD.

Councillor Byrne referred to the condition of the footpath at Joseph Street and Distillery Road and stated that the Corporation were being blamed for its condition, although they had nothing whatever to do with it, it being on a main road under the jurisdiction of the County Council. The Mayor stated the matter had been raised by two or three Councillors and since it was raised the last time he had sent in a Scheme to the County Council asking them to include it in this years rates and this would be considered at the next meeting of that body.

*Richard Cairns T. D.
Mayor of Wexford*

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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 members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

THEATRE ROYAL

With reference to the discussion at the Statutory Meeting on the subject of the Theatre Royal the Town Clerk stated that in order to have a complete survey he had obtained a copy of the London Co. Council Regulations dealing with this matter of public buildings, and had come to the conclusion, after consultation with the Borough Surveyor, that if the Regulations were applied in Wexford none of the Cinemas could be allowed.

He had asked the Town Clerk of Dublin and Cork for a copy of their Regulations on this matter and soon as he received them he would make a further report to the Committee.

A. R. P.

Under date of the 1st instant the Minister for Defence referred to the outline Scheme of Air Raid Precautions submitted on the 12th September last, and approved the appointment of the Town Clerk as Air Raid Precautions Officer for the period expiring on the 31st May next. The Minister, however, pointed out that having regard to the comparatively limited extent of the Scheme for the Borough of Wexford he was not prepared to approve of the payment of any extra remuneration in respect of additional duties to be carried out in connection with the organisation and administration of the Scheme.

In this connection the Mayor pointed out that some time ago the Parliamentary Secretary had informed him that it was intended to issue a Model Scheme for adaptation to the needs of the different Local Authorities, and the meeting directed the Town Clerk to apply for a copy of such Model Scheme.

As regards the last paragraph of the Minister's letter wherein he stated that the Scheme for Wexford would be comparatively limited in extent the Minister was to be asked what portions of the outline scheme might be deleted to carry out the limitation suggested by him.

As regards the provision of lectures it was agreed that Mr. Henry F. Doyle, of the Town Clerk's Office and Dr. MacDonald, Acting Co. Medical Officer of Health should consult regarding the arrangement of such lectures.

REPORT - BOROUGH SURVEYOR.

The Town Clerk submitted a lengthy report from the Borough Surveyor on the question of Domestic Scavenging which pointed out that since the Corporation had adopted a General Scheme for the Town in March last that the work of emptying ashpits had become absolutely abnormal and out of all proportion to the work previously done.

The Borough Surveyor did not agree with the Town Clerk that there was an obligation on the Corporation to empty every ashpit in Town, and the Town Clerk stated he had written a lengthy letter to the Department of Local Government and Public Health asking for advice on the obligations of the Corporation under section 52 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

Pending a reply from the Department on this matter it was decided to adjourn consideration of the Borough Surveyor's report.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM

A Malicious Injury Claim on behalf of Thomas Hayes, Gibson Street, for alleged damage to a plate glass window was referred to the Corporation Solicitor to deal with.

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APPLICATION FOR LOAN.

An application was submitted from Mrs. Catherine Kehoe, of 41, South Main Street, for a loan of £500 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to enable her to purchase her residence at this address, but the Committee decided, that having regard to the necessity for financial economies at the present time, to refuse the application.

REPORT - M.O.H.

The Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Pierse, submitted a report on the condition of a house at John Street, occupied by Thomas Roche, and it was decided to serve notice on the owner fixing a day and hour when any representations with regard to the future user of the dwelling would be considered.

Dr. Pierse also reported that he inspected the premises at Selskar Street occupied by Timothy McCarthy and Edward Cunningham, and in each case found no sanitary accommodation and stagnant water flowing over the yards, so it was agreed to serve notice on the owners requiring the provision of W.C.'s within one month and the provision of a proper drain to carry off surface water.

HOUSES - KING ST.

With reference to minutes of previous meetings on the subject of the provision of water closets for 5 houses at King Street, the owner, Mrs. McKnight, under date of the second instant intimated that she intended to comply with the wishes of the Corporation in this matter early in 1940, but it was decided to request Mrs. McKnight to fix a definite date when the work would be complete.

CARTS ON STREETS.

The Town Sergeant was directed to visit Duke Street some night and ascertain if horse-carts were being parked there, and if so, to warn the owners against this practice. In the event of they not complying with the Order the Town Clerk was to take legal proceedings against the offenders.

HOUSE O'CONNELL AVENUE.

The Borough Surveyor was directed to have the house at O'Connell Avenue occupied by John Gethings covered with an absorbent material to prevent dampness, and to have weather boards fixed on some of the houses at Whiterock View.

*Richard Corry TD
Mayor of Wexford*

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Councillors: Robert Moran, Patrick Atkins, James Murphy, Nicholas Connolly, James Billington, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Hawkins, Stephen McMahon, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes and James Sinnott.

CORNER - FOLLY.

The Town Clerk was directed to write to Mr. Richard Doyle, South Main Street, and inquire if he was yet in a position to say whether he would sell them the ground necessary to remove a corner at the Folly.

RAILWAY ENTRANCE.

With reference to Minutes of Corporation on 4th instant, the District Engineer, Great Southern Railways, stated that the resurfacing of the ground in front of the Wexford Station was included in the 1940 Works Programme and would be commenced about February or March.

ALLOTMENTS FOR UNEMPLOYED.

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting, the Borough Surveyor reported that the Land offered at Whiterock by Mr. Hamilton was suitable and value for £6 per acre, so it was agreed to accept same. Mr. James Boyle wrote asking for £8 for his field at John Street and it was also agreed to pay this sum.

A Mr. Rogers of Commercial Quay offered three to five acres of land at Mulgannon at £6 per acre and subject to approval by the Borough Surveyor this was also accepted.

DEMOLITION OF HOUSES.

The Town Clerk submitted a list of houses condemned as unfit for human habitation which had not yet been demolished, and in view of the cost to the Corporation of demolishing two at William Street it was agreed to again write to the owners requesting demolition.

WATERWORKS.

There was submitted to the Meeting tenders for the supply of pipes and fittings in connection with the proposed new Waterworks which had been obtained by the Consulting Engineers. They amounted to £8628 and the meeting thought that an effort should be made to purchase them forthwith in order to avoid a further rise in price, so it was decided that the Mayor, Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor should interview Officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health with a view to obtaining their permission to purchase the pipes immediately and to obtain overdraft accommodation to pay for them pending final approval of the General Scheme; the pipes to be taken over by whatever Contractor obtains the Contract for the Scheme.

ALLOTMENTS FEES

It was agreed on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Ald. Walsh to pay the Borough Surveyor a fee of two guineas per field and the Town Clerk 2/6 per plot for the administration of the Allotments Scheme for the coming year.

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COLUMBA VILLAS.

A complaint was read from Mr. M. Doyle, 5, Columba Villas that trees had been planted by Mr. B. Quirke at the end of his garden which in a short time would grow to such an extent as to obscure the light from his premises.

In a report on the matter the Borough Surveyor agreed with Mr. Doyle regarding the trees, and it was decided to inform Mr. Quirke that these must be kept cut to hedge height namely, 4' 6". Mr. Quirke had also erected barbed wire on his premises and it was agreed that if the Corporation were likely to be made liable for accidents through this that notice should also be served on Mr. Quirke requiring its removal.

A Meeting of the Fire Brigade Committee was held at the close of the above meeting. The members being the Mayor, in the Chair, with Alderman Walsh, Councillors. Moran, Connolly and James Billington. The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The following report on the cost of the Davitt Road Housing Scheme (for the Fire Brigade) was submitted:

"The above scheme is now completed, and I set out below my report giving details of cost, etc.

Work on this Scheme commenced on the 25th October, 1938, and finished 6th December, 1939, that is practically fourteen months. This was at least three months in excess of the normal time it should take to carry out such a small scheme. This delay is attributable to two causes (1) delay due to hold up on account of the negotiations with the Electricity Supply Board regarding alteration of Overhead High-tension Line; (2) the unsatisfactory supplies of timber.

A. The total actual expenditure on the Eight Bungalows was £3193. 6. 8. My revised Estimate of 3rd August, 1938, was £2876. 0. 0. made up as follows:-

Eight Bungalows @ £332 each-----	£2656.
Development (House drains, garden paths, front and back fencing) -----	<u>220.</u>
Total Estimate -----	<u><u>£2876.</u></u>

This gives an over expenditure of ----- £ 317. 6. 8.

This over expenditure is partly accounted for as follows:-

(1) Extra to Estimate for changing Electricity Supply Board's
High-tension Line ----- £ 40. 0. 0.

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(2)	Reinforced Concrete Raft, including extra filling, and not estimated for -----	£86. 0. 0.
(3)	Clerk of Works wages (not included in Estimate) -----	<u>152. 11. 11.</u>
	Total amount of Extras (not included in Estimate) -----	<u>£278. 11. 11.</u>
	This leaves a nett over expenditure of -----	£ 38. 14. 9.

The tender of Mr. R. B. Nolan for the work was £2957. 0. 0. My nett expenditure on Direct Labour was ----- 2914. 14. 9. or £42. 5. 3. under Mr. Nolan's tender. It must be taken into account that Mr. Nolan's tender did not include (1) (2) or (3) of above which amounts to £278. 11. 11. It will, therefore, be seen that notwithstanding unforeseen difficulties encountered that the scheme actually worked out slightly cheaper than the lowest tender received.

The actual expenditure shown on your Books is £3193. 6. 8, or, approximately, £399. 3. 4. per house.

B.	The actual expenditure on Fire Station, etc. is -	498. 16. 10.
	The amount of my Estimate was -----	<u>426. 0. 0.</u>
	Excess over Estimate -----	£ 72. 16. 10.

This excess of expenditure is partly accounted for by the fact that, due to weather conditions, concrete was substituted for bituminous macadam in the development around the Station.

Extra for concrete over bituminous macadam ---	£ 40. 0. 0.
Leaving excess over Estimate of -----	32. 16. 10.

The tender of Mr. R. B. Nolan for this work was-----	£717. 10. 5.
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My actual nett expenditure was ----- £458. 16. 10. or, £258. 13. 7. less than the lowest tender received for this work."

The Town Clerk further reported that on the basis of the above costs the economic rent of each of the eight houses would be 13/- per week. If a 2/3rds subsidy was received it would amount to 5/5d. each per week and a subsidy of 1/1d. by the Corporation would enable the houses to be let at 6/6d. each per week.

The Department of Local Government and Public Health asked -

- (1) what rents it was expected would be received from these houses and
- (2) if it was intended to advertise them.

It was decided to inform the Department that 6/6d. would be the expected Rent and that the houses had already been advertised and it was proposed to select persons already living in rooms in overcrowded houses.

The following tentative selection of the Brigade was then made:

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T. Crosbie, Captain and Driver; T. Power, second Driver; W. Harpur, reserve driver; P. Lacey, Vice Captain; Members - F. Bolger, Jr., L. Breen, James Roche and F. Nolan.

It was agreed that the cost of a new footpath at Davitt Road should be charged to Streets and Paths instead of to the houses.

It was also agreed to hold a further meeting before submitting final recommendations to the Corporation.

*Richard Corbett TD
Mayor of Wexford*

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: Atkins, Moran, Connolly, Jas. Billington, Crosbie,
Byrne, Dunne and Sinnott.

DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES.

The Meeting had been convened at the request of several members, and Alderman Walsh as one of those who asked the Town Clerk to convene a meeting, stated that it had been done to consider the dismissal of some 13 of the employees on the William Street Housing Scheme.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor stated that the Scheme had now advanced to such a stage that these men were superfluous, and he reminded the Committee that some time ago, following strong representations by the Corporation and against his better judgement he had taken on extra carpenters and plasterers with the result that the men were now in one another's way.

This matter was debated at length and the members accepted the Borough Surveyors view that it was necessary to dispense with these men's services owing to the advanced state of the houses, but they considered it a pity that the men should have been dispensed at this particular time as owing to having to sign at the Labour Exchange for 6 clear days they would not have any money at Christmas.

Eventually, a suggestion was made by the Mayor that the Borough Surveyor should try and give these men two days each during the coming week, which with their allowance in lieu of holidays as well as payment for Xmas Day, to which they were entitled, they would have 4 to 5 days pay each to draw on Friday next.

He (Mayor) made it clear that he accepted the Borough Surveyor's view and did not mean to force the suggestion on him. The other members endorsed the suggestion made by the Mayor and after some time the Borough Surveyor agreed to it.

TOWN PLANNING.

It was mentioned that some time ago the Corporation had decided to advertise for a person to advise the Corporation on Town Planning, and that the Town Clerk had now received a Draft Advertisement from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, so it was decided to issue this advertisement inviting applications for the post against the January Meeting.

FOLLY - CORNER.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that he had written to Mr. R. Doyle, regarding the acquisition of property at the Folly for the purpose of easing the corner there, and up to the present had received no reply. As well, Councillor James Billington gave an account of a conversation he had with Mr. Doyle on the matter, and it was decided that the Town Clerk should try and get an answer from Mr. Doyle in time for the meeting of the Finance Committee on Monday next.

TENDERS.

The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders for the supply of stone-ware, pipes, etc. in connection with Relief Grants. They were from Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty, and the Wexford Timber Co. The former quoted £36. 4. 10 and the latter £37. 19. 4, so it was unanimously decided to accept the lowest tender.

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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)

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: James Murphy, James Gaul, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, James Billington, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Hawkins, Patrick Atkins, Stephen McMahon, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, James Sinnott and Thomas Buckland.

HEALTH VISITOR'S HOLIDAYS.

Miss Francis M. Daly, Health Visitor, applied for and was granted portion of her annual leave from the 21st instant to the 8th proximo.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

The Town Clerk submitted a draft of the Regulations proposed by the Gardai Siochana to deal with traffic in the Borough, and after some discussion it was decided to furnish copies of the Regulations to the members before the next meeting.

LOAN - S. D. A. ACTS.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when an application was submitted from Mrs. Catherine Kehoe, South Main Street for a Loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and the application had been refused, Mrs. Kehoe under date of the 13th instant appealed to the Corporation to reconsider this matter and pointed out that the Bank had a Mortgage of £800 on the premises and were now willing to sell them for £550.

A number of members stated they had been making inquiries about this matter during the week and in their opinion Mrs. Kehoe would be well able to re-pay this amount by monthly instalments, so it was unanimously agreed, subject to approval by the Corporation's Technical Officers, and the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to recommend the Corporation to grant this Loan.

DECEMBER FAIR.

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting when the question of the December Fair was under consideration, and had been adjourned to the present meeting, a discussion now took place on the matter.

His Worship the Mayor proposed that the fair be held on Thursday December 28th and Councillor Byrne seconded. Alderman Coffey, however, proposed that the Fair be held on Wednesday December 27th and Councillor Murphy seconded.

At this stage His Worship the Mayor had to leave the meeting and Alderman Walsh took the Chair. After a lengthy discussion as to the merits and demerits of Wednesday or Thursday for the Fair a poll was taken when there voted for Wednesday -

Councillors. Buckland, Atkins, Billington, Moran, Murphy, and Alderman Coffey. (6)

For Thursday -

Councillors; McMahon, Hawkins, Byrne, Crosbie, Gaul, and Alderman Walsh.(6)

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Declined to vote Councillors. Sinnott, Connolly and Hayes. (3).

The Town Clerk intimated that as three members had declined to cast their votes the proposal could not be regarded as carried even if the Chairman gave his casting vote in the same manner as his original vote, namely, for Thursday, as that would not be a clear majority of the members present. Consequently, it was not possible to change the date of the Fair from Wednesday to Thursday.

It was decided, in view of the amount of speculation around the Town and district in connection with the date of this Fair to publish in the Press a notice to the effect that it would be held on Wednesday.

REPORT - M.O.H.

Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, reported that he had inspected the premises at Allen Street behind an unoccupied shed lately tenanted by Mrs. Scanlon, and found a heap of rubbish and other matter causing a nuisance and danger to public health, and recommended that the rubbish be removed. It was decided to serve notice on the owner of the premises requiring the rubbish to be removed within seven days.

*Richard Carew T.D.
Mayor of Wexford*

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~~ ^{eight} o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

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

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

Councillors: Patrick Atkins, John Billington, Phillip McGuire, Patrick Hawkins, James Crosbie, Thomas Byrne, Robert Moran, Nicholas Connolly and Thomas Dunne.

PAYMENTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate, to £2,388. 14. 4, were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

Arising out of the accounts Alderman Coffey questioned an amount of £5 on account of contribution agreed to be paid to the Irish Tourist Association, and objected to the payment, but it was pointed out that the Corporation had entered into a legal agreement with the Association to pay them £20 during the current Financial Year and the payments would have to be made; the only thing the Alderman could do would be to raise the matter when the estimates for 1940-41 came up for consideration. Alderman Coffey then withdrew his objection.

RESOLUTIONS

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Rev. M. J. O'Neill, The Presbytery, on the death of his Father. Councillor Dunne seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Nicholas Byrne, "Clifton," ex-Mayor of Wexford, on the death of his only daughter. Alderman McMahon seconded this motion which was also supported by those present and adopted in the usual way.

TENANCY OF HOUSE

The only other business on the Agenda was to select a tenant for a vacant house at Wolfe Tone Villas and before the applicants were read the Mayor suggested that the Corporation should transfer to any house that became vacant in that locality some of the people residing in the houses at Green Street adjacent to the new housing site. If this were done it would give the Borough Surveyor an opportunity to take down those houses because they were in the way of the new site.

These 16 houses were acquired by the Corporation some time ago with a field at the rear from Messrs. Phillip Pierce & Co., Ltd., and they had been certified by the then Co. Medical Officer of Health as unfit for human habitation. A number of members complained of the condition of these houses and pointed out that they were dangerous to the occupants.

Councillor Connolly questioned the condition of the house which was vacant at Wolfe Tone Villas inquiring if any official knew of the condition of this house. He also stated that when that house was vacant it should have been brought to the notice of the Corporation before now. In reply the Town Clerk stated that the key was not

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handed up and he had to take possession of the house himself, the tenant had gone from the house to Dublin some three weeks before he received any intimation whatever that she was not returning and that her furniture had been removed. A glass panel in the doorway was broken and it was quite easy for anybody to get into the house. Immediately he took over possession of the house he had had this panel repaired and a new lock put on the dwelling.

Arising out of this matter members thought the Rent Collectors should be more vigilant in reporting apparent damage to Corporate property, and it was decided to instruct the Rent Collectors to report any damage they saw to Corporation houses immediately.

As regards the vacant house the members did not favour the suggestion made by the Mayor that some of the tenants at Green Street should be transferred to it or any other vacant house in the neighbourhood, and in reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that the Corporation were legally bound to give a person in a condemned house first preference and that a lodger had no rights at all when there was an application from a condemned house. Alderman Walsh stated that there were lodgers living in houses that should be condemned, and that where lodgers had been removed other persons had been allowed to re-occupy the rooms;

After some further discussion it was decided to let the house at Wolfe Tonn Villas and five applications for it were read by the Town Clerk. On a poll being taken there voted for:-

William Murphy, Faythe. - Councillors. Dunne, Moran, Byrne, John Billington, and Alderman Walsh. (5).

For Andrew O'Brien, Thomas Clarke St.- Councillors. Connolly, McGuire, Atkins, McMahon, Alderman Coffey and the Mayor. (6).

For Michael Byrne, Keysers Lane.- Councillors. Crosbie, and Hawkins. (2).

As no candidate had a clear majority of the members present Byrne was eliminated and Councillor Crosbie transferred to Murphy giving him 6 votes and Councillor Hawkins to O'Brien giving him 7 votes, and a clear majority of the members present.

O'Brien was accordingly declared the tenant of the house.

As regards the suggested transfer of the Green Street tenants the Mayor intimated that he would move at a Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation on the 8th instant that future vacant houses (for slum clearance) be allocated to the occupiers of houses at Green Street.

A Quarterly 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, and Robert Coffey.

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

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and approval:- Minutes of the Corporation on 14th ultimo and 2nd instant; Finance and Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees on 4th, 11th, and 18th ultimo; Housing Committee on 15th ultimo, and Fire Brigade Committee on 11th ultimo.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the Minutes as submitted, were taken as having been read and signed by the Mayor.

COUNTY HOSPITAL

Alderman Coffey stated he would like if the Mayor, as a member of the County Board of Health, would make inquiries as to when the Hospital Scheme was going to be put in working order, and said a big grant was promised for the work and there was no sign of it being commenced, while there was three or four months of very severe weather in front of the unemployed.

The Mayor said it was not really the fault of the Health Board as there were delays in acquiring the land and obtaining sanction for the proposed building, and he thought the matter would be put in hands as quickly as possible now.

TOWN PLANNING ADVISER

Five applications were submitted in accordance with a public advertisement for the post of Town Planning Adviser to the Corporation.

The applications were from:-

- (1) Messrs. McDonald & Dixon, Architects, 20 Ely Place, Dublin, who quoted a sum based on a scale per acre, which worked out at approximately, £250, plus 15% for maps plus travelling expenses.
- (2) Mr. Thomas J. O'Connor, Consulting Engineer, Commercial Buildings, Dame Street, Dublin, who quoted an inclusive fee of £210.
- (3) Mr. R. Donnelly, Architect and Consulting Engineer, 63-64 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, who quoted a sum of £240.
- (4) Mr. Dermot Gogarty, Architect, 42 Merrion Square, Dublin, who quoted a price of £1. 1. 0 per hour, in addition to 1/- per mile travelling expenses, or alternatively, he would be prepared to act in an advisory capacity for the sum of £350 per annum.

- (5) Mr. Frank Gibney, Architect and Town Planning Consultant, 29 Merrion Square, North, Dublin, who quoted a sum of £275.

Alderman Walsh moved that Mr. Donnelly be appointed and said he was a man that they knew, and who had carried out an amount of work for the Corporation and The Vocational Education Committee. Councillor Byrne seconded and pointed out that Mr. Donnelly was a man who knew the Town of Wexford intimately.

In reply to a query by Councillor James Billington as to whether the advertisement stipulated that the Corporation would accept the lowest price, the Town Clerk replied that there was no such stipulation in the advertisement. It merely asked the terms on which they would be prepared to undertake the duties of the post, and any agreement which might be made by the present meeting with any of the applicants would be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health:

Alderman Coffey, however, proposed the appointment of Mr. Thomas J. O'Connor, and Councillor Atkins seconded.

On a poll being taken there voted for:-

Mr. Donnelly, - Councillors. Hayes, Dunne, Sinnott, Cashman, James Billington, Crosbie; Byrne, Murphy; Connolly, Gaul, McGuire; Hawkins; Alderman Walsh, and the Mayor: (14)

Mr. O'Connor, - Alderman Coffey; Councillors. Moran, Atkins, and John Billington: (4)

Mr. Donnelly having a clear majority of the members present was declared appointed, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

HOUSES AT GREEN STREET

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when the question of the transfer of persons residing in houses at Green Street acquired by the Corporation in connection with a Housing Site, and which were considered by the County Medical Officer of Health as unfit for human habitation, the Mayor, in accordance with notice given, moved that future vacant houses (slum clearance) be allocated to the occupiers of these houses at Green Street.

In moving the motion the Mayor stated that the conditions under which these people were living were very bad, and coupled with that was the fact that the Borough Surveyor wanted to clear away some of these houses to enable him to finish the road going into the plot on which they intended to erect further houses. Continuing, the Mayor stated, that the Town Clerk was of opinion that unless something was done about the conditions under which these people were living that their subsidies would be affected. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion. After some discussion the Mayor's motion was unanimously agreed to.

With reference to this decision to allocate the persons in Green Street vacant houses as they were available, it was agreed that when houses were erected at Green Street these people should be given the option of transferring back to the area from which it was now proposed to displace them.

SITE AT TALBOT STREET

Arising out of this matter Councillor Connolly stated that there was a site at Talbot Street on which they could build at least 12 houses with fine gardens. The Town Clerk stated, however, that in his opinion, if he had in mind the same property as Councillor Connolly he thought the question of title would give them trouble, and it was eventually agreed that Councillor Connolly should interview the Town Clerk after the meeting and give him particulars of the place so that he could get in touch with the owners with a view to its acquisition.

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DERELICT SITES

Councillor Sinnott referred to the number of derelict sites in the Town consequent on the making of Demolition Orders, and suggested that in at least two areas, the Faythe and Trinity Street, that steps should be taken to acquire these sites with a view to erecting houses on them.

As regards Trinity Street the Town Clerk pointed out that the Mayor and himself had tried to acquire some land there some time ago for the purpose of clearing up derelict sites by the erection of houses thereon, but found it practically impossible to get to a fee simple interest, there being so many persons involved in the title.

HOUSE AT WHITEROCK VIEW

The next business on the Agenda was the selection of a tenant for a vacant house at Whiterock View, and it was unanimously decided in view of the decision to transfer the people from the Green Street houses that a start should be made by transferring one of them to the house now vacant at Whiterock View.

RESOLUTION

The following Resolution from the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities was submitted:-

"That we the Corporation of Wexford request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the Minister for Finance to abolish the sums payable to the Commissioners of Public Works on account of all Old Loans, as the Minister for Finance has stated that the sum of £600,0000 paid to the British Government under this head has been written off and is no longer payable, and therefore each Local Authority should be relieved from this payment."

The adoption of this Resolution was moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Walsh, and unanimously agreed to.

NUMBERING OF HOUSES

Reference was made to the numbering of houses in the Town, and at the request of several members the Town Clerk agreed to commence the numbering of the Faythe and Castlehill Street together with William Street in the near future.

BILLPOSTING

Complaint was made regarding the practise of billposting on electric light and telegraph poles, and it was decided to approach the Electricity Supply Board and the Department of Posts and Telegraphs with a view to having the practise stopped.

DISTILLERY RD. FOOTPATH

In reply to a query by Councillor Byrne, the Mayor stated that the County Council had allocated a sum of £60 in the current year to deal with the Distillery Road footpath which was on a Main Road. This would do about half the footpath and it was possible that the remaining half would be done next year.

"DIRTY WORK"

Councillor Connolly asked if the men now employed at Waterloo Road as at Bride Street and Castlehill Street last year would be paid extra money for the "dirty work", and it was agreed that if their work came within the definition of "dirty work" as laid down last year that they would be paid.

RELIEF GRANT EMPLOYEES

Reference was also made to men being employed for 5 days per week on Relief Grants, and the Borough Surveyor replied that the men kept on were used to quarry work and in this street there was a considerable amount of rock excavation. Some members held, however, that more men were being kept on for 5 days than were engaged on excavating the rock, and the Borough Surveyor said he would investigate the matter.

EXPLANATION

Councillor Sinnott said that some time ago he referred to orders for printing and equipment going out of the Town. Since then an explanation was given in the local Press in reply to his statement. He wished to accept that explanation in public as he made his statement in public.

TENDERS

Two tenders were submitted from the Wexford "People" and Wexford "Free Press" for printing work for the ensuing twelve months, and having been examined the lower price in each case was accepted.

R. C. ... TD

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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.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when the Regulations proposed to be made by the Garda Siochana under the Road Traffic Act, 1933, to regulate traffic in the Town were under consideration, and when it had been decided to submit a copy of these Regulations to each member before the present meeting, such a copy had been submitted and the proposed regulations were now open for discussion.

In addition a lengthy letter was read from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, on behalf of a number of traders in or near the Bull Ring who claimed that they would be adversely affected by the restriction of parking cars in this area, and requested the Corporation to seriously consider the affect any restrictions might have on business. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to set up a Committee composed of Alderman Coffey, Walsh, Councillors. James Billington, Moran, Murphy, Hawkins, and the Mayor, to consult with Mr. Kirwan, Solicitor, and three traders of the trading public together with the Superintendent of the Garda Siochana on the effect of these regulations and with a view to making such regulations as would impose a minimum amount of hardship on the trading community.

ALLOTMENTS

The Town Clerk submitted a Scheme for the provision of allotments during the 1940 Season, which showed that the Economic Rent would be £1. 9. 6 per plot, so it was unanimously decided to reduce this to a 1/- per plot in the case of unemployed persons.

MAIN ROAD FEES

With reference to Minutes of 6th November last when it was agreed to request the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the payment of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ to the Borough Surveyor for the administration of the Road Grant of £1500 for re-surfacing and widening Redmond Road, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 2nd instant by letter No. RS/32, stated that the carrying out of Road Works formed part of the ordinary duties of the Borough Surveyor, and fees for such work could not be allowed.

It was decided to refer this matter back to the Minister for re-consideration and to point out that in the opinion of the Committee this work was not part of the normal duties of the Surveyor, as the road in question, being a main road, was under the jurisdiction of the County Council and was only maintained by the Corporation under agreement with the latter body.

As well, they understood that the County Survey Staff was allowed fees for the administration of this grant and they saw no reason why the Borough Surveyor could not be treated in the same manner.

OYSTER LANE

A complaint was read from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners regarding the alleged unsightly state of Oyster Lane, and it was thought that the best remedy in this case would be the provision of an extra light, but as the cost of maintaining lights in the streets leading from the Quays was a liability to the Harbour Commissioners under the recent agreement by which the Corporation took over control of these streets, it was decided to request the consent of the Commissioners to the installation of a light there.

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The Sub-Sanitary Officer was also to be requested to make a report on the condition of the Lane and on the condition of Gaffney's Lane leading from the Quay.

ATTENDANCE OF THE FIRE BRIGADE

The Town Clerk reported that the Fire Brigade had been called to two fires in Town on Friday last, and as most of the members of the Brigade were employees of the Corporation and as the fires had occurred during their normal working hours he asked for a direction as to the payment of these men for attendance at the fires, so it was decided that they should be paid the normal rate of 2/- per hour, less their ordinary Corporation pay.

CINEMAS

The Town Sergeant was to be asked for a report as to whether seats were being placed in the passages of the Cinemas in the Town, and as well, a report was to be obtained on the sanitary conveniences attached to these buildings.

RENT COLLECTION

The Town Clerk reported that the Rent Collection for the month of December showed an increase in the arrears of approximately, £53, and the only explanation the Collectors could give him was that it was due entirely to the strike in the local foundries during the month. The Members agreed that this could be the cause and postponed taking action until the end of the current month.

HOUSES - JOHN ST.

Two reports were submitted on houses at John Street occupied by James Roche, and Thomas McGuire, both of which the Medical Officer of Health considered unfit for human habitation, so it was decided to make recommendation to the Corporation that Demolition Orders be made in respect of the dwellings.

REILLY'S LANE

It was also decided to obtain reports on the condition of the houses at Reilly's Lane, off John Street.

DAVITT RD. HOUSES

It was further agreed that caretakers should be employed on the Davitt Road houses pending their occupation by the members of the Fire Brigade.

HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

With reference to sanitary notice served on the owner of house at William Street occupied by Miss Margaret Johnson, requiring the provision of a W.C. as far back as September last, and which the owner had refused to comply with, the Borough Surveyor reported that the total cost of the provision of W.C. in this case would be £41. 3. 5, so before advertising tenders it was decided to communicate with the owner and give him one final opportunity of providing the convenience himself.

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DISTILLERY LANE

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were requested to examine the possibility of making a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of land at Distillery, owned and occupied by Mr. John Kirwan.

STREET NAME

A letter was read from Mr. F. M. O'Connor, Westlands, requesting the Corporation to put a name on the road leading to St. John's Road from Windmills Hill as during the Christmas Holidays numbers of letters, parcels and telegraphs not intended for Westlands had been delivered to his residence, and some persons living in the vicinity were calling their residences "Westlands," so the Mayor gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that this road be called "Raven View."

R. Carrol TD

15th January, 1940.

A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Etc. 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: Thomas Walsh, James McMahon, and Robert Coffey.

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

FOOTPATH - BRIDE ST.

Reference was made to the condition of the footpath adjoining the Church at Bride Street, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to prepare an estimate for a new footpath.

Further reference was made to the condition of the footpath at the Main Street and of Bride Street which had been recently disturbed by the Electricity Supply Board, and the Borough Surveyor stated that he was in communication with the Board regarding reinstatement.

CORNER - FOLLY

With reference to the proposal to widen the corner at the Folly and Mill Road, it was stated that no arrangement could be come to with Mr. Doyle, the owner of the land, to sell the amount required and after a lengthy discussion Alderman Walsh gave notice that he would move at a Special Meeting due to be held on the 22nd instant that steps should be taken to compulsorily acquire the property.

"DIRTY MONEY"

The following Committee were appointed to investigate a Claim by Councillor Connolly that the men engaged at Waterloo Road should be paid 1d. per hour extra as "dirty money", the officials of the Corporation having refused to pay this extra money on the grounds that their work did not come within the definition of "dirty" work as laid down when it was agreed to pay this 1d. last year, namely, Councillors. Hayes, Crosbie, Byrne, John Billington and Alderman Walsh.

RENT COLLECTOR'S COMMISSION

An application was submitted from the Irish Transport and General Workers Union asking to have the remuneration of Rent Collectors Roche and Lacey increased from 3½ to 5%. In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that their average remuneration for the year 1939 was - Lacey £2. 10. 0 and Roche £2. 8. 0 per week.

After some discussion it was decided to recommend the Corporation to grant an increase of one-half per cent. on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

EXCHANGE OF HOUSES

An application from Mr. Patrick Ferris, of Monument Place, and Mr. Bernard Quirke, of Columba Villas, to exchange houses was submitted, and as both tenants were clear with their rent it was unanimously agreed to grant this exchange on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Sinnott.

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SUB-TENANT - ANTELOPE RD.

A letter was read from a Mr. Joseph Pitman, who had been residing as a sub-tenant at No. 19, Antelope Road, and against whom a Decree had been obtained in the Circuit Court for possession of the house, appealing to the Corporation to allow him to become the tenant. In reply to a query, the Town Clerk intimated that the Decree for possession became operative on the 13th instant, and he was applying to the District Justice on the 17th instant for a warrant to obtain possession. A lengthy discussion followed on this matter during which some members thought that it would be very hard to put a man with his wife and children on the street at the present time, but against that it was pointed out that if sub-letting were to go on unchecked the Corporation would not have any control over their property, so it was agreed not to interfere with the action taken by the Town Clerk to obtain possession of the house, but if Pitman gave up possession without any further trouble the Committee would be prepared to recommend the Corporation to give him the next available house.

DAMAGE TO HOUSES

The Rent Collectors were to be directed to submit a report on any apparent damage to Corporation property in each of their areas against next meeting.

PAINTER - WILLIAM ST.

A letter was read from the Wexford Trades Council requesting the employment of another painter at William Street, and the Borough Surveyor stated that if he had work for a painter he would employ one as soon as possible.

EAVE GUTTERS.

A complaint was read from the Trades Council and the Plumbers' Society regarding the condition of the eave gutters in the town, and it was decided to request the Turncock to submit a report on the condition of the eave gutters as soon as possible, with special reference to the Main Street.

HOUSE - ANNE STREET.

A further letter was submitted from the Trades Council asking if any plans had been submitted for the reconstruction of a house at Anne Street, formerly owned by Mr. Owen Fox, and now being reconstructed by Mr. Patrick Meyler, but it was intimated that there was no legal obligation on Mr. Meyler to submit plans for reconstruction. Some members considered that this building was very dangerous, and the Borough Surveyor was requested to examine it as soon as possible.

REPORT - M.O.H.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected a yard of house occupied by John Flaherty, Hill Street, and found drain leading to main sewer choked, and recommended that the drain be opened and cleaned without delay. It was decided to serve notice on the owner requesting the work to be carried out within seven days.

GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME.

Reference was made to the position of the Green Street Housing Scheme, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would be able to submit plans to the Housing Department during the coming week.

15th January, 1940.

A Meeting of the Special Committee appointed to consider the proposed Traffic Regulations was held at the close of the above meeting. The members present being:-

The Mayor, with Aldermen Walsh and Coffey, and Councillors Hawkins, Murphy and Moran.

The Committee carefully examined the proposed Regulations, and after suggesting a number of amendments, it was decided that the Mayor and Town Clerk should consult with the Superintendent of the Garda Siochana on the suggested amendments prior to meeting a deputation of local traders appointed to discuss this matter.

R. Carr TD

19th January, 1940.

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

The members present being The Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh, Councillors McGuire, Moran, and Connolly, and the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimating that a subsidy of one-third would be paid in respect of the Fire Brigade houses, and the Town Clerk explained that the economic rent would be 13/- each per week. The subsidy would amount to $2/8\frac{1}{2}$ leaving $10/3\frac{1}{2}$ to be found by rent and Corporation subsidy.

Having regard to the purpose for which the houses were erected, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to fix a weekly rent of 6/6 each; the balance of $3/9\frac{1}{2}$ to be regarded as an addition to the firemen's stipends.

The selection of members for the Brigade was then taken up. The list provisionally selected on 11th December last was examined, and it was seen that as Frank Nolan was the occupier of a house he could not be recommended or the Corporation would lose the subsidy in respect of the house, so after some discussion it was agreed to substitute in the list a man named James Malone of North Main Street.

It was thereupon agreed to recommend the following to the Corporation for membership of the Brigade and occupancy of the houses:- Thomas Crosbie, Grattan Terrace, Captain and Driver; Thomas F. Power, William Street, second Driver; Walter Harpur, Thomas Clarke Street, third driver; Patrick Hacey, Faythe, Francis Bolger, Junr., Upper John Street; Laurence Breen, Clifford Street; James Roche, 16, Parnell Street; and James Malone, North Main Street.

The Members of the old Brigade were to be discharged as soon as the new members had taken up possession of the houses and all their equipment was to be handed up to the Corporation.

As regards the annual retaining fee to be paid to the members of the new Brigade as well as payment for attendance at Fires, it was agreed that in view of the large subsidy the Corporation were recommended to pay to the cost of the houses that no increase should be recommended in the present scale, which was as follows:-

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Captain £5 per annum; members £3 per annum, in addition to 5/- per practise attended and 2/- per hour for attendance at fires within the Borough and 3/- per hour for attendance at fires outside the Borough.

The following heads of an agreement to be entered into by each member of the Brigade were also agreed to:-

1. Each person will cease to be a member of the Brigade if he misses two practises or two attendances at fires or one of each in succession except through illness.
2. If the rent is not paid regularly a person will cease to be a member of the Brigade and must give up possession of the house.
3. The Corporation reserve the right to dismiss any member of the Brigade at any time and he must give up possession of the house.
4. When a person ceases to be a member of the Brigade for any reason he must give up possession of the house.
5. Each member of the Brigade must retire on reaching the age of SIXTY years or earlier if he is suffering from any bodily or mental infirmity likely to impede an active discharge of his duties and on such retirement he must give up possession of the house.
6. He must keep his equipment clean and be responsible for any loss except through wear and tear or accident.
7. He must wear the full equipment provided by the Corporation at any fire or fire practise.

It was further agreed that a telephone should be installed at the Captain's residence and a system of alarm bells to each of the members houses with a control from the Captain's house.

A second set of hydrant keys were to be provided at the fire station for the use of the brigade.

It was also agreed that an arrangement should be made whereby men when leaving their houses should leave word where they would be found in case of a fire.

As regards the naming of the terrace, it was agreed that if the houses could not be numbered without conflicting with the numbering of those on the opposite side of the road that they should be called "MERRYWEATHER TERRACE."

R. Carr TD

22nd January, 1940.

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: McMahan, Coffey, Tobin, and Walsh.

Councillors: Atkins, Gaul, Byrne, Cashman, Connolly, Dunne, Moran, Hawkins, Hayes, Crosbie, McMahan, Sinnott, and Murphy.

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the Meeting commenced His Worship the Mayor moved that the Corporation extend their sympathy to Mr. James Hurson, Secretary of the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the death of his brother. 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.

CONDITION OF STREETS

Alderman Coffey referred to the condition of the streets during the heavy snowfall of the past week and thought that they could have been cleaned off even if extra men had had to be employed for the purpose, but it was pointed out that in the first place, no one had authority but the Corporation to employ extra men for this work, and as well, had the snow been cleaned off during the first couple of days the streets would have been in a much more dangerous condition than they were with the snow on them. No action was taken of the Alderman's complaint.

LAND AT FOLLY

In accordance with notice given Alderman Walsh moved that the necessary steps be taken to compulsorily acquire land at the Folly to enable a dangerous corner to be removed and other works to be carried out.

In moving his motion Alderman Walsh stressed the danger of the corner in question, especially with the development of modern traffic, and stated that in its present condition it was a danger to life. Councillor Dunne seconded the motion.

Alderman McMahan objected to the taking of the corner compulsorily, as did Councillor Moran, and after some discussion a vote was taken when 16 members voted for Alderman Walsh's motion and 2 against.

The Motion was declared carried.

FIRE BRIGADE HOUSES

The next business was to receive recommendations from the Fire Brigade Committee regarding eight Bungalows and a Fire Station erected at Davitt Road, North.

The Committee had had before them at their meeting on the 11th December the following report on the cost of the Davitt Road Housing Scheme from the Borough Surveyor:-

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"The above scheme is now completed, and I set out below my report giving details of cost, etc.

Work on this Scheme commenced on the 25th October, 1938, and finished 6th December, 1939, that is practically fourteen months. This was at least three months in excess of the normal time it should take to carry out such a small scheme. This delay is attributable to two causes (1) delay due to hold up on account of the negotiations with the Electricity Supply Board regarding alteration of Overhead High-tension Line; (2) the unsatisfactory supplies of timber.

A. The total actual expenditure on the Eight Bungalows was £3,193. 6. 8. My revised Estimate of 3rd August, 1938, was £2,876. 0. 0. made up as follows:-

Eight Bungalows @ £332 each.....	£2656.
Development (House drains, garden paths, front and back fencing).....	<u>220.</u>
Total Estimate.....	<u>£2876.</u>

This gives an over expenditure of-----£317. 6. 8.

This over expenditure is partly accounted for as follows:-

(1) Extra to Estimate for changing Electricity Supply Board's High-tension Line.....	£40. 0. 0.
(2) Reinforced Concrete Raft, including extra filling, and not estimated for.....	86. 0. 0.
(3) Clerk of Works wages (not included in Estimate).....	152. 11. 11.
Total amount of Extras (not included in Estimate).....	<u>£278. 11. 11.</u>

This leaves a nett over expenditure of----- 38. 14. 9.

The tender of Mr. R. B. Nolan for the work was £2,957. 0. 0. My nett expenditure on Direct Labour was £2914. 14. 9. or £42. 5. 3. under Mr. Nolan's tender. It must be taken into account that Mr. Nolan's tender did not include (1) (2) or (3) of above which amounts to £278. 11. 11. It will, therefore, be seen that notwithstanding unforeseen difficulties encountered that the Scheme actually worked out slightly cheaper than the lowest tender received.

The actual expenditure shown on your Books is £3193. 6. 8., or, approximately, £399. 3. 4 per house.

B. The actual expenditure on Fire Station, etc. is. -----£498. 16. 10.

The amount of my Estimate was..... 426. 0. 0.

Excess over Estimate.....-£ 72. 16. 10.

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This excess of expenditure is partly accounted for by the fact that, due to weather conditions, concrete was substituted for bituminous macadam in the development around the Station.

Extra for concrete over bituminous macadam.-- £40. 0. 0.
Leaving excess over Estimate of.----- 32. 16. 10.

The tender of Mr. R. B. Nolan for this work
was.----- 717. 10. 5.

My actual nett expenditure was.----- 458. 16. 10.
or, £258. 13. 7 less than the lowest tender
received for this work."

As well, the Town Clerk reported to the Committee on the 11th ultimo that on the basis of the above costs the Economic Rent of each of the 8 houses would be 13/- per week. If a 2/3rds subsidy were received it would amount to 5/5d. each per week, and a subsidy of 1/1d. per week by the Corporation would enable the houses to be let at 6/6d. each per week.

At the time the Committee were not aware of what subsidy would be paid, but at their meeting on the 19th instant a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimating that a subsidy of 1/3rd would be paid in respect of the Fire Brigade Houses, and the Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that this subsidy would amount to 2/8½d. per week, leaving 10/3½d. to be found by rent and Corporation subsidy.

Having regard to the purpose for which the houses were erected the Committee unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to fix a weekly rent of 6/6d. each per house, the balance of 3/9½d. to be met by the Corporation.

The Committee further recommended the following persons to the Corporation for membership of the Brigade and occupancy of the houses:-

Thomas Crosbie, Grattan Terrace, Captain and Driver;
Thomas F. Power, William Street, Second Driver; Walter Harpur, Thomas Clarke Street, Third Driver; Patrick Lacey, Clifford Street, James Roche, 16, Parnell Street, and James Malone, North Main Street.

A third recommendation by the Fire Brigade Committee was that the annual retaining fee be -- Captain £5, and members £3, in addition the members were to be paid 5/- per practise attended, and 2/- per hour for attendance at fires within the Borough, and 3/- per hour for attendance at fires outside the Borough.

A further recommendation was that an agreement on the following lines be entered into by each member of the Brigade:-

Each person will cease to be a member of the Brigade if he misses two practises or two attendances at Fires or one of each in succession except through illness.

If the rent is not paid regularly a person will cease to be a member of the Brigade and must give up possession of the house.

The Corporation reserve the right to dismiss any member of the Brigade at any time and he must give up possession of the house.

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When a person ceases to be a member of the Brigade for any reason he must give up possession of the house.

Each member of the Brigade must retire on reaching the age of SIXTY years or earlier if he is suffering from any bodily or mental infirmity likely to impede an active discharge of his duties and on such retirement he must give up possession of the house.

He must keep his equipment clean and be responsible for any loss except through wear and tear or accident.

He must wear the full equipment provided by the Corporation at any fire or fire practise.

Arising out of the Surveyor's report on the Scheme when it came before the present meeting, Councillor Byrne stated he notified that it had taken the Corporation 14 months to build 8 Bungalows. To his mind that was a very long time and suggested that the Borough Surveyor's explanation with regard to the hold-up was not satisfactory. He would like to know who authorised the putting in of a concrete raft or if the Corporation were ever acquainted that it was necessary. A number of members clearly remembered the question of the raft being discussed at the Corporation. Objection was taken by a number of members to the charge of £40 by the Electricity Supply Board for changing their High-tension Cable, but it was pointed out that the original demand from the Board for the removal of this was considerably in excess of £40. As regards the concrete raft it was pointed out that it was only when the foundations were opened that it was seen that a raft was necessary.

It was seen that even with the extra expenditure on the Scheme that it had been carried out below the Contractors estimate, and after allowing for the extra expenditure, which had not been estimated for at the beginning, the Borough Surveyor was only £38. 14. 9 over, which most of the members considered very satisfactory.

As regards rent it was explained that when this Scheme was originally commenced the Department had intimated that no subsidy would be payable, but on the Fire Brigade Committee undertaking only to give houses to persons residing in rooms in overcrowded dwellings, the Department had decided to pay a subsidy of one-third. In this connection reference was made to a man named Francis Nolan, who was an excellent member of the old Brigade, but Nolan was residing in a house and consequently not eligible for one of these houses unless the Corporation were prepared to forego the subsidy. A number of members objected to Nolan having been left off the Brigade, so it was eventually agreed on the suggestion of the Mayor, that he should be retained as a member of the Brigade which would bring its full strength up to nine men.

After some further discussion the recommendations of the Fire Brigade Committee were unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

The Meeting then terminated.

R. Cross T.D.

22nd January, 1940.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held at the close of the above Meeting, the members present being the same as at the Special Meeting.

A letter was read from the Wexford Gas Company referring to their letter of the 6th July, 1939, regarding the installation of gas on the Green Street Housing Scheme. According to figures submitted by the Gas Company the installation of gas fires in the bedrooms would reduce the size of the chimney-breasts necessary and would mean a saving of some £17. Two fires would cost £4. 12. 0 which would show a net saving of £12. 8. 0, if their suggestion was adopted.

The Borough Surveyor intimated that he agreed with the figures submitted by the Gas Company as regards the saving, and after some discussion it was decided when the houses were being advertised for tender to have alternative estimates submitted for gas fires and ordinary fires when it would be seen what the saving in a contract price would be.

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29th January, 1940.

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)

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

Councillors: James Murphy, Thomas Dunne, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Atkins, Robert Moran, Stephen McMahon, James Crosbie, and Patrick Hawkins.

CONTRACT FOR RAILINGS

A letter was read from Mr. T. Malone, Newtown, on the subject of his contract for the erection of gates and railings at William Street and Davitt Road, North, houses in which he pointed out that the cost of iron had increased by 100%, and asked the Corporation to allow him an extra £21 to cover such increase.

The Members did not feel disposed to grant Mr. Malone's request, but adjourned consideration of the matter for a week, so that a report could be obtained from the Borough Surveyor on the matter giving particulars of the date of the Contract and the time Mr. Malone was notified to proceed with the work.

HOUSES - JOHN ST.

A letter was read from Mr. T. J. O'Brien pointing out that two houses at John Street on the Estate of Mrs. M. A. Hore, which the Committee had decided at a previous meeting to recommend the Corporation to make Demolition Orders in respect of, Mr. O'Brien intimated that the owner had informed him that two years ago she had expended £40 on repairs, which were then approved by the Acting Borough Surveyor. In view of this recent heavy expenditure he would be glad if the Corporation would reconsider their decision to make Demolition Orders.

This matter was adjourned to enable particulars of the repairs and the date they were ordered to be looked up against next meeting.

SCAVENGING COSTS

The Town Clerk reminded the members that some time ago he had read a lengthy report from the Borough Surveyor on the cost of cleansing ashpits in the Town, which had risen to considerable proportions in recent months as a result of which no more money was available in the present Financial Year to carry out this work. He further reminded the members that he had taken up the matter with the Local Government Department with a view to ascertaining if the Corporation were liable for cleansing privies and ashpits in the Town free of charge.

He now read a letter from the Minister under date of the 23rd instant No. P.H. 1548/4/39, stating that by the adoption of the Code of Bye-Laws Series No. 1, issued by the Department, the Corporation could place the duty of the cleansing of privies and ashpits on the occupiers of premises. It was open to the Corporation to rescind previous resolutions passed in the matter and adopt a Scheme for the removal of house refuse in the Borough. This could be done by putting Bye-Law No. 14 of Series No. 2 into operation. Finally, the Minister suggested that it would be advisable to obtain a report from the County Medical Officer of Health with regard to the whole matter of cleansing of privies and ashpits and the removal of house refuse in the Borough. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed to adopt the suggestion contained in the Minister's letter and to submit draft Bye-Laws on the lines he suggested for provisional approval.

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RENT COLLECTION

On the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was agreed to give the Rent Collection of the new Fire Brigade houses at Davitt Road to Collector Roche.

MILK & DAIRIES ACT

Reference was made to the fact that Miss B. Kirwan, Mary Street, was still selling milk despite the fact that a Refusal Order had been made in August last, so it was decided that as soon as the necessary evidence could be procured to prosecute Miss Kirwan for a breach of the Milk & Dairies Act, 1935.

A letter was read from the County Medical Officer of Health recommending a number of persons for registration under the Milk & Dairies Act, 1935, and a number of persons in respect of which Refusal Orders should be made, so it was decided to recommend the Corporation to carry out the recommendations of the County Medical Officer of Health.

BUILDING PLAN

A Plan of an extension to the Saint John of God Convent was submitted by the Contractor, Mr. R. B. Nolan, Waterford. The Borough Surveyor saw no objection to it and it was unanimously decided to approve of it.

LAND - WHITEMILL

With reference to the proposal to acquire land at Whitemill from Mr. Robert Harvey for the purpose of a Housing Scheme, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 23rd instant, by letter No. H. 14605/6/39 intimated that the Corporation would do well to defer the matter of a Housing Scheme on this land until a decision is arrived at in regard to the Town Planning of the Borough. No further action was taken on this matter.

APPLICATION - CAPITOL CINEMA

An application was read from the Capitol Cinema for permission to hold a Cineamograph Exhibition on Sunday, 11th February in the afternoon and evening, the proceeds of which would be given to the Sisters of the Saint John of God Convent for the poor of the Town. They also applied on behalf of the Holy Chost Fathers, Blackrock, for permission to have Cinematograph Exhibitions on the last two Sundays in Lent. The Town Clerk explained that he had asked the Administrator if he had any objection, and he informed him no, so the necessary permission was granted.

REPORT - TOWN SERGEANT

A report was read from the Town Sergeant intimating that he had visited the Theatre Royal and Capitol Cinemas and instructed the Managers that the seats in the passages would have to be removed. As it appeared that this had not yet been done the Town Clerk was directed to take up the matter with the Cinema Managers.

REPORT - M.O.H.

A letter was read from the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sinnott on the subject of a dump at Oyster Lane, and the Borough Surveyor was asked for a report on the drain which the Dr. stated was choked, and the Town Clerk was requested to write to the Harbour Commissioners on the question of the provision of an extra light on the street.

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The Sub-Sanitary Officer was also to be informed that in the opinion of the Corporation he should be in a position to discover the persons who are dumping nuisance in the Lane.

A complaint was made also regarding dumping at Trimmers Lane, and it was decided to issue a public notice in the Press warning the public that the Corporation would deal severely with persons found dumping rubbish on the public streets, more especially, in view of the fact that dustbins were now being emptied free of charge.

Councillor Connolly referred to a defective chimney between the premises of Mr. Purcell and Miss Dempsey, South Main Street, and inquired if the Corporation had any power in the matter, but he was informed that the Corporation had no such power and would only have power in the case of new buildings if Building Bye-Laws were adopted.

HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

With reference to previous discussions on the question of the provision of a W.C. for house at William Street, occupied by Miss Margaret Johnson, and owned by Mrs. Gordon, Parnell Street, it was decided to have a Specification drafted and an advertisement issued inviting tenders for the carrying out of the work.

TRANSFER

An application from Mr. Henry F. Doyle, of the Town Clerk's Office, for a transfer from his house at Whiterock View to one at Grattan Terrace recently occupied by Thomas Crosbie was refused.

INSURANCES.

The Town Clerk called the attention of the meeting to the fact that in his opinion a considerable number of their older houses and property were very much under-insured, the most of the houses having been insured when erected for their cost only. Such cost was considerably less than what would be required to replace them at present day prices and he suggested to the meeting that the insurances should all be revised in the light of present-day values.

The members considered this matter of very great importance and decided that the Town Clerk should discuss it with the General Manager of the Irish Public Bodies Insurances as soon as possible and to take the necessary steps to revise the policies as suggested.

WATERWORKS.

Reference was also made to the Waterworks Improvement Scheme and in reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that the Provisional Order had been issued but he did not know what stage the plans had reached, so he was asked when in Dublin in connection with the Insurances to see the Consulting Engineers and the Officials of the Department with a view to ascertaining the exact position and if possible to have the matter expedited.

A. C. [Signature]

5th February, 1940.

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: Robert Coffey, James McMahon, Patrick Tobin and Thomas Walsh.

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

MINUTES

The Minutes of Meetings of the Corporation on 2nd, 8th and 22nd ultimo; Finance, Etc., Committees on 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th ultimo; and Fire Brigade Committee on 19th ultimo were submitted, for ratification and approval, and on the motion of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Moran, they were taken as having been read and signed by the Mayor.

ACCOUNTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate, to £4,931. 14. 7 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

Arising out of the Accounts Alderman Coffey queried an item of £50 to the Electricity Supply Board for cowling the public lights in connection with Air Raid Precautions, and was informed that this was done by order of the Department of Defence who would recoup the Corporation portion of the cost.

RESOLUTION

The Mayor referred to the death sentence passed on Messrs. McCormack and Barnes in Coventry, and moved the following resolution:-

"that whilst we deplore the circumstances which brought about the untimely death of innocent citizens in Great Britain, we at the same time are of opinion that in the interests of a better understanding and mutual goodwill between Great Britain and Eire, the British Home Secretary should intervene to prevent the execution of Messrs. McCormack and Barnes."

Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and unanimously adopted.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor further moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. P. T. Daly, Dublin, on the death of his wife. Councillor Crosbie seconded the motion, which was supported by the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Letters were read from Rev. M. J. O'Neill, The Presbytery, Wexford; Mr. N. Byrne, "Clifton," Wexford; and Mr. James Hurson, Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health, acknowledging Resolutions passed at previous meetings.

DEMOLITION ORDERS

The next business on the Agenda was to make Demolition Orders in respect of houses at Green Street occupied by:- Patrick Berry, Mrs. Reddy, Patrick Barnes, Mrs. S. Saunders, James Cullen, Edward Byrne, Patrick Harpur, J. Whitty and Joseph Breen, and owned by the Corporation. These houses had been acquired together with a field at Green Street which had been developed as a Housing Site. The houses in question were old thatched, mudwall cabins, and had been condemned by the County Medical Officer of Health as unfit for human habitation. On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Demolition Orders were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

RENT COLLECTOR'S REMUNERATION

The Finance Committee recommended that the remuneration of Rent Collectors Lacey and Roche be increased by one-half per cent. This matter came before the Finance Committee on the 15th ultimo through an application from the Irish Transport and General Workers Union to have their commission of $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ increased to 5%, owing to the abnormal increase in the cost of living.

The Finance Committee had carefully considered this matter and were informed that in the 12 months ended December, 1939 the average remuneration of Collector Lacey was £2. 10. 0 per week, and Collector Roche £2. 8. 0 per week. The percentage increase proposed would give them an increase of approximately 7/- each per week.

The Committee recommendation was adopted on the motion of Councillor Dunne seconded by Councillor Crosbie, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

REPORT - CO. M.O.H.

The County Medical Officer of Health recommended that Refusal Orders under the Milk & Dairies Act, 1935, be made in respect of applications of:- Mrs. Stephens, Kereight, Kyle; Mrs. P. O'Brien, Kingsford, Barntown; Mr. James Cullen, Ballygoman, Barntown; Mr. John Beary, Rathaspeck; Mr. John Ennis, William Street; Mrs. M. Hackett, Trinity Street; Mr. Bartholomew Colfer, Mulgannon; Mr. Phillip Doyle, Slaneyview, Barntown; Miss Devereux, Staplestown; Mrs. Ellen Mahony, Colestown; Mr. Cyril Ross, Wygram; Mrs. A. Sheil, Trinity Street; Mrs. Kate Mahon, Coolcotts & Westgate; Mr. Nicholas Merriman, Greenlake, Murrintown; Mr. James Murphy, Newbog, Taghmon; Mr. Patrick Murphy, Rosetown, Barntown; Mr. Aiden Downey, Quanstown, Drinagh; Mr. Laurence Devereux, Seaview; Mr. William Johnson, Staplestown; Mrs. K. McDonald, South Main Street; Mr. John Sparrow, Bargo Commons.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, Refusal Orders in the above cases as recommended by the County Medical Officer of Health were sealed on the part of the Corporation.

The County Medical Officer of Health further recommended that registration be granted in the following cases:- Mrs. Patricia Finucane, Beechville, Clonard; Mr. Patrick Wall, Knottown, Castlebridge; Mr. Patrick Stafford, Cools, Barntown; Mr. Richard Crosbie, Daviestown, Glynn; Miss Sheila Mernagh, North Main Street; Miss Joan O'Connor, Westlands; Mr. Nicholas Doran, Coolree; Mr. Henry Rowe, Ballyharron; Mr. Michael Kelly, Kevin Barry Street; Mr. Thomas Cullimore, Green Street; Mrs. Mary Anne Whitmore, Bishopswater; Mr. Peter Kelly, South Main Street; Mr. Francis

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Leader, Green Street; Mr. John Furlong, Kellystown; Mr. Michael Carr, Ferrycarrig; Mr. James Pierse, Wolfe Tone Villas.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was decided to enter the names of these applicants in the Register of Dairies.

Arising out of this question of milk, complaint was made that butter-milk was being sold in the Town from carts, and that the measure was short, and the Town Clerk was asked to take the matter up with the Inspector of Weights and Measures.

EXTENSION - ST. JOHN'S RD.

In accordance with notice given the Mayor moved that the extension of St. John's Road be known as "Raven View." Councillor Connolly seconded the motion. Councillor Atkins, however, proposed that it continue to be known as St. John's Road, but as there was no seconder for his motion the proposal of the Mayor was adopted.

REPORT - BOROUGH ANALYST

The report of the Borough Analyst for the quarter ended the 31st December last showed that he had examined 12 samples of milk, three of butter, two each of whiskey and sausages, and one each of cheese, dripping, margarine, sugar and sherry, making a total of 24 samples, all of which had been found genuine.

HOUSE - GRATTAN TERRACE

The next business was to select a tenant for a house vacant at Grattan Terrace, and on a poll being taken there voted for:-

Patrick Banville, John's Gate Street. -- Councillors. Byrne, Hayes, Connolly, Dunne, James Billington, Murphy, John Billington, McMahon, and Alderman Coffey. (9)

Thomas Walsh, Paradise Row. -- Councillors. Cashman, Atkins, Alderman Walsh and the Mayor. (4)

Michael Roice, Hill Street. -- Councillors. Sinnott, McMahon, McGuire, and Moran. (4)

Benjamin Carrol, Roches Terrace. -- Councillors. Hawkins and Crosbie. (2)

William Foote, Selskar Street. -- Alderman Tobin. (1)

Michael Pender, Carrigeen Street. -- Councillor Gaul. (1)

As no candidate had a clear majority Pender and Foote were eliminated, when Councillor Gaul transferred to Walsh giving him five votes, and Alderman Tobin transferred to Banville giving him 10 votes. This did not give any of the remaining candidates a majority and Carrol was eliminated, when Councillor Hawkins transferred to Walsh giving him 6 votes and Councillor Crosbie transferred to Banville giving him 11 votes. As Banville now had a clear majority of the members present he was declared the tenant.

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COUNTY MANAGEMENT BILL

A letter was read from the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities enclosing copies of resolutions passed at the Annual Conference in Cork and at a Special Conference in Dublin condemning the proposed County Management Bill, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Walsh, it was resolved --

"that we the Wexford Corporation hereby disapprove of the County Management Bill and consider that it should not apply to Municipal Authorities at all and ought to be withdrawn as far as these municipalities are concerned."

HOSPITAL COMPLAINT

Under date of the 22nd ultimo the Secretary of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance wrote that it was brought to the notice of the Board that a statement was made at a Meeting of the Corporation by Councillor James Billington to the effect that a pneumonia patient could not be admitted to the County Hospital because room did not exist there for him. He was directed by his Board to say that they had inquired into the matter and were satisfied that no patient suffering from pneumonia was ever refused admission to the County Hospital, and that no delay ever occurred in admitting a patient so suffering to the Hospital. He asked that the letter be brought to the notice of Councillor Billington so as to have the matter cleared up. The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that he had sent a copy of the letter to Councillor Billington, and the Councillor now stated that he had no intention of casting any reflection on the Officials or staff of the County Hospital, and he merely referred to the case which had been brought to his notice to stress the necessity for the provision of a new County Hospital. The case he had been informed about had occurred on a Monday when a Doctor had ordered this man into the County Hospital on the following day, and on ringing the Hospital for the ambulance, the man's relatives were informed that he could not be admitted until Wednesday. There was no discussion on this matter and it dropped.

A lengthy communication was submitted from the Secretary to the Irish Prisoners National Aid Society calling for the release of all political prisoners in both Northern Ireland and Eire. Councillor Hawkins proposed that the Corporation pass a Resolution calling for the release of all political prisoners. Councillor Crosbie seconded the motion, which was supported by Councillors Sinnott, McMahon, Byrne, together with the Mayor, and was unanimously adopted.

HOLIDAYS

It was decided to substitute the following holidays under the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936, and the Holidays Employees Act, 1939. Ascension Thursday in lieu of Easter Monday; Corpus Christi in lieu of Whit Monday; August 15th in lieu of August Monday; 1st January, 1941, in lieu of St. Stephen's Day.

STREET LAMPS

Reference was made to the large number of street lamps broken recently by catapults and although these were replaced by the Electricity Supply Board immediately the matter was brought to their notice a considerable amount of inconvenience was caused to residents in the areas before replacements could be made. An appeal was made to parents to prevent children using catapults for the purpose of breaking street lamps and the Garda were also asked to co-operate in putting a stop to the practise.

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A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Etc. Committees was held at the close of the above Meeting the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

CONFERENCE

It was decided to fix a Conference between the Special Committee appointed to consider the Traffic Regulations and a deputation of local traders for Thursday next, the 8th instant at 3.0. p.m.

FOOTPATH - BRIDE STREET

In reply to a query, the Borough Surveyor stated that it would cost approximately £60 to re-lay portion of the footpath at Bride Street outside the Church, and if there was any money available from the Relief Grants this year he would do it.

LIGHT - OYSTER LANE

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting when the question of an extra light at Oyster Lane was under consideration, the Secretary to the Wexford Harbour Commissioners stated that when this matter was discussed at a meeting of the Board on the 22nd ultimo it was agreed to provide an extra light, but the Manager of the Gas Works stated that owing to delay now in getting extra fittings for the erection of the light the Daylight Saving Scheme would be in operation and the present light would have to do for this season. Alderman Coffey proposed that a gas light be provided in the Lane as soon as one was available, and Councillor Murphy seconded the motion which was agreed to.

CIRCULATION OF MINUTES

Reference was made to the cost of having Minutes of the Corporation and some of the Committees duplicated and furnished to the members, and it was pointed out, as well, that paper was becoming very scarce and in the interests of economy the practise should be discontinued, so it was unanimously decided to discontinue the practise of furnishing copies of minutes to the members for the present.

CINEMAS

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when the Town Clerk was directed to write to the Managers of the Capitol Cinema and Theatre Royal requesting them to remove seats in the passages forthwith, the Secretaries of the Capitol Cinema under even date stated that these seats were fitted with collapsible legs to allow them to fall down. When in use they stood out 10" over all from the wall and when not in use they were so close to the wall as not to protrude in the passages as far as the heating radiators on both sides. They were rarely in use and interfered with the passages very slightly, if at all, and for that reason before removing them they asked the Corporation to instruct the Engineer to examine the seats, and if he was of opinion that they did not create a difficulty for their patrons in connection with the exits they further asked the Corporation to reconsider their decision to have them removed. It was agreed to ask the Borough Surveyor for a report as suggested by the Cinema Secretaries.

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Arising out of this Councillor Cashman asked if members had any authority to go into a Cinema or Theatre to see if the Regulations were being complied with, and the Town Clerk replied that in his opinion they had not. Some members, however, thought they recollected a previous Town Clerk giving an opposite opinion to that now given, and at their request the Town Clerk agreed to look up the matter and report to the next meeting.

INSURANCE

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when the question of the revising the Insurances of the Corporation was under consideration, the Town Clerk intimated that he had discussed the matter in Dublin with the General Manager of the Irish Public Bodies Insurances last week, who informed him that if the amounts for which the houses were insured was increased the Corporation would be paid replacement costs up to the maximum amounts for which the houses were insured, and in view of this he was having a complete Schedule of Insurance revised with a view to having them brought up to date. He further reported that whilst in Dublin he had interviewed Mr. Ryan of the Engineering Section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the question of the Waterworks. Mr. Ryan informed him that certain plans had been submitted and were under examination by him, after which he would arrange an interview with the Consulting Engineers to settle any outstanding differences. As well, he had asked the Consulting Engineers to expedite the preparation of detailed documents in connection with the proposed Waterworks Improvement Scheme so that they could be forwarded to the Department.

HOUSE - PARNELL STREET

The Borough Surveyor reported that as directed he had inspected the house at Parnell Street occupied by Miss Johnson, and in his opinion, the existing gully trap was ineffectually tapped and should be scrapped. A proper gully trap should be installed in yard to drain yard and take all waste water away. Apparently the kitchen was built over part of the yard steps in recent years. It was decided to serve notice on the owner of the house requiring this nuisance to be abated within 14 days.

REPORT - MEAT INSPECTOR

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of January showed that he had examined 99 cattle, 276 sheep and 36 swine. Of the cattle, 2 heads and 3 organs were destroyed for tuberculosis and 50 for other diseases. Of the sheep, 4 organs were destroyed for tuberculosis and 100 for other diseases. Of the swine, 4 organs were destroyed for tuberculosis.

FIRE BRIGADE PRACTISE

The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that he had a practise with the new Brigade on Saturday last and in his opinion the members worked well for the first time.

SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS

The Town Clerk reported that the Corporation's Solicitor's Bill of Costs had been taxed in the High Court on the 23rd ultimo when deductions amounting to £12. 9. 6 had been made by the Taxation Officer.

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RATES

Councillor Dunne inquired if a letter had been received from a man named White with Civil Bill issued by the Rate Collectors for £30 Rates, and the Town Clerk replied that it had, but he had informed White that the Collection of Rates was entirely a matter for the Collectors and one in which the Corporation could not interfere. He further pointed out to the Meeting that it would be most injudicious for them to interfere with the Collectors in the discharge of their duties. It was stated, however, that White was prepared to pay the sum due by weekly instalments, and the Town Clerk undertook if White wrote to him making an offer to pass it on to the Collectors.

It was made quite clear to the meeting, however, that any decision they came to in this case would be entirely a recommendation and they could not compel the Collectors to take the Rates by instalments if they did not desire to do so.

Richard Carr

Richard Carr

12th February, 1940.

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: Robert Coffey, James McMahon, Thomas Walsh, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Patrick Atkins, Patrick Hawkins, James Crosbie, Thomas Byrne, James Gaul, Thomas Hayes, James Murphy, James Sinnott, Robert Moran and Thomas Dunne.

CINEMATOGRAPH EXHIBITION

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, permission was given the Cinema Palace to have an Exhibition on Sunday next, the 18th instant, in aid of the Red Cross Association.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Town Clerk was authorised to apply to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for sanction to the obtainment of overdraft accommodation in the sum of £560 on the Housing Capital Account pending the completion of the necessary arrangements in connection with a Supplementary Loan to discharge outstanding liabilities on the Davitt Road houses.

SYMPATHY

Councillor Moran moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of Messrs. Barnes and McCormack, who were executed last week in England and that the meeting adjourn as a mark of respect to their memory. Alderman Walsh seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members present, and adopted in respectful silence.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish

16th February, 1940.

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: Atkins, Byrne, Crosbie, John Billington, Moran, Hayes, Connolly, and Sinnott.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against
BYRNE, Alderman Gus						
ROCHE, Alderman Peter						
KELLY, Alderman Philip						
ROCHE, Councillor John						
DOYLE, Councillor Mrs. A.						
MAHONEY, Councillor James						
RECK, Councillor Padge						
MORRIS, Councillor K.						
HAYES, Councillor J.						
O'FLAHERTY, Clr. John						

TOTAL for Buildings..... £22,470.

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GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

The Borough Surveyor submitted the following report and estimate on the proposed Green Street Housing Scheme:-

"Herewith Plans, Specification and Conditions of Contract in duplicate, also my revised estimated cost of the Scheme.

The site is already developed in regard to sewerage, water-mains, roadway and footpaths for 54 - 4 Roomed two storey Houses as follows:-

42 No. 69 Plan suitable for aspects other than southerly.

6 No. C7 Plan suitable for southerly aspect.

6 No. 8A Plan suitable for any aspect and necessary owing to the nature of the south end of site.

My estimate is for either Solid Block or concrete in situ walls, tiled roofs and timber windows.

The above estimate is based on conditions prevailing in the building industry at present and owing to the abnormal conditions created by the European War it may be necessary to revise same whenever Tenders are received.

ESTIMATE

BUILDINGS:

42 Houses of Plan No. 69 @ £400.....	£16,800.
6 Houses of Plan No. C7 @ £420.....	2,520.
6 Houses of Plan No. 84 @ £430.....	2,580.

NOTE.- Above includes for house drains, water services and garden paths.

Front and back division fences.....	570.
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TOTAL for Buildings.....	<u>£22,470.</u>
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DEVELOPMENT:

Front Boundary Fencing and gates.....	£	530.
Underworks for 16 Houses @ £35 per house.....		560.
Abnormal excavation and filling to level site.		532
Bituminous macadam footpath west side of site.		48
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TOTAL for development.....		<u>£1, 670.</u>
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TOTAL Estimate.....		<u>£24,140.</u>

MISCELLANEOUS:

(1) Add for Contractor's Bond, legal costs, advertising, contingencies, etc.....	£	240.
(2) Clerk of Works say 70 weeks @ £6 per week.....		420.
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TOTAL.....	£	<u>660.</u>
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TOTAL estimated all-in-cost.....		<u>£24, 800.</u>

Say £460 per house all-in."

The Town Clerk pointed out that this showed an average cost of £460 per house, but in addition, the Corporation's contribution towards the cost of site development was £3,000, the acquisition of further land was estimated to cost £100, and the cost of Mortgage, etc. was estimated at £50, making a total extra cost of £3,150. The entire Scheme when completed would contain 76 houses, and these latter expenses could be spread over 76 which would be £41. 10. 0 per house, making the average cost per house at £501. 10. 0, say £500.

To repay £500 over 35 years would cost.....	£31.	7.	6.
Rates on assumed Valuation of £5 on the current years figure at £1. 1. 8 would be.....	5.	8.	4.
Depreciation, Rent Collection, etc. @ 1%.....	5.	0.	0.
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Total annual charges.....	£41.	15.	10.

or, 16/1d. per week.

A Government contribution of 2/3rd of the Loan Charges to a maximum of £350 per house would amount to 5/3d. per week, leaving 10/10d. to be found by rent and Corporation subsidy. From these figures it was seen that the proposed houses would be absolutely outside the reach of slum dwellers to pay, and in reply to a query, the Town Clerk stated that if a 2/3rd subsidy was paid on the full cost of the houses it would mean a difference of 3/- per week, and would reduce the amount to be met by rent and Corporation subsidy to 7/10d. per week.

The Committee carefully considered this Scheme and were of opinion that if the houses could not be built for much less than £500 each it would be impossible to carry on, and they asked the Borough Surveyor if there was anything extra in the Specification to the Whiterock View houses. The Borough Surveyor stated that the only alteration he had made was to insist on full sizes for all carcassing timber.

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Members recalled that this Clause insisting on full sizes had been the cause of a considerable amount of delay and friction in connection with the building of Davitt Road, and William Street houses, and full size timber was not generally accepted in Wexford where nominal sizes were used in all Housing Schemes, so it was thought that if the Corporation agreed to the usual trade sizes it might be possible to reduce the estimated cost, and before submitting a Scheme to the Department of Local Government it was decided to ascertain from the local Timber Merchants what percentage increase there would be on timber supplied in accordance with the Borough Surveyor's Specification as against the generally accepted sizes used in Wexford.

WILLIAM STREET HOUSES

The Town Clerk further reported that he informed the Borough Surveyor last week that the William Street Houses had exceeded the estimate and had asked him to make a full report on the matter to the present meeting. Mr. McNally accordingly submitted the following report:-

"I find that the above Scheme will cost approximately £9,260, inclusive of Building Costs, Clerk of Works salary and legal expenses.

My estimate of the 7th July, 1938, for the erection of the Houses and development was £7,340, exclusive of Clerk of Works salary and legal expenses. In order to compare the Estimate with the actual cost it will be necessary to set out the various reasons for the over expenditure.

- (1) When excavation commenced, it was found that there was an excessive depth of humus which varied from 4 feet to 8 feet in places, consequently, excessive excavation was necessary, resulting in extra under building and as a precautionary measure the footings were increased in width by 1 foot all over.

The cost of this worked out at £499. 3. 6, say £500.

Tender for railings and wire fences was.....	£242.	14.	2.
Cost of kerb wall (and gate piers) under boundary railings was.....	75.	0.	0.
Total cost of fencing.....	<u>£317.</u>	<u>14.</u>	<u>2.</u>

My estimate for this work was..... 190. 0. 0.

- (2) Extra over my estimate was..... 127. 14. 2.

- (3) Clerk of Works Salary not included in my Estimate.. 250. 0. 0.

- (4) I would like to point out, however, that when I came to do the work by Direct Labour I specified better quality materials in my Specification and Schedule of Quantities than in the original General Specification. In other words better class materials were used and better workmanship was done than originally contemplated. This must be regarded as a further extra to my estimate. I calculated that this extra cost of materials would be approximately 15% of the actual cost of the timber and Ironmongery Contracts.

Extra cost of materials.....	£300.	0.	0.
Extra cost of workmanship....	<u>70.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>

Extra for materials and workmanship..... £370. 0. 0.

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(5) New scaffolding and plant bought and charged to work..... £158. 0. 0.

(6) It has taken Fourteen Months to complete 14 Houses. This of course is out of all proportions to the time it should take to complete such a Scheme. It will be remembered that the supplies of materials and in many cases the quality of same has been very unsatisfactory. This applies particularly to the carcassing and joinery timbers. In fact joinery that should be completed and ready for fixing last July was only finished at the end of January. I would like to say that a Scheme could not be carried out under more uneconomic conditions and I estimate these conditions caused an additional labour cost of approximately £500 on the Scheme.

Estimated extra cost of Labour..... £500. 0. 0.

That is the total extra over my Estimate is as follows:-

(1) extra on underworks.....	£500. 0. 0.
(2) extra on fencing.....	127. 14. 2.
(3) Clerk of Works Salary.....	250. 0. 0.
(4) Extra on materials and workmanship.....	370. 0. 0.
(5) New Scaffolding and Plant.....	158. 0. 0.
(6) Extra cost of Labour.....	<u>500. 0. 0.</u>
TOTAL.....	£ 1905. 14. 2.
Add my Estimate.....	<u>7340. 0. 0.</u>
	9245. 14. 2.
(7) Add for legal expenses, etc.....	<u>21. 9. 6.</u>
	£ 9267. 3. 8.

This works out at £662 all-in-cost per house.

Taking the tender of Mr. R. B. Nolan at..... 7971. 9. 6.

To this must be added certain extras set out above, viz:-

(1) Extra on underworks	500. 0. 0.
(3) Clerk of Works Salary (part over 9 mths).....	90. 0. 0.
(7) Law Costs, etc.....	21. 9. 6.

Also it must be taken into account that the cost of preparing the bond must be added which would be approximately..... 50. 0. 0.

TOTAL all-in-cost by Contract.....£ 8632. 19. 0.

Say £8633 all-in or £616 per house.

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It must be borne in mind, however, that Mr. Nolan would be bound to a specific period (nine months) in his Contract under a penalty clause. It has taken us fourteen months which alone involved an extra expenditure of:-

Extra to Clerk of Works salary.....£160.

Extra cost of Labour..... 500.

TOTAL.....£660.

or, £47 per house approximately.

That is to say taking into account Par. 4 and 5 above we could have built a better finished house, than originally planned, at the same cost as the one tendered for if we were supplied with proper materials in an expeditious manner."

This report of the Borough Surveyor's was examined in detail, item for item being separately debated. It was admitted that under-building was definitely necessary for the houses as the Members were aware that when the foundations were opened a black powdery clay was met to a considerable depth, and of course the fencing had been obtained by competitive tender. The members, however, did not agree with Mr. McNally's explanation of (4) in connection with the alteration of the Specification. They definitely contended that they had not been consulted at any stage in connection with this alteration. On questioning the Borough Surveyor it became clear that the Specification for timber issued to the Contractors who tendered to erect the houses provided for the usual nominal sizes known to the Wexford timber trade, whereas the Specification issued for timber for the erection of the houses by Direct Labour provided for full sizes, and the Borough Surveyor estimated that this with other changes caused an increase of 15% on the actual cost of the ironmongery and timber contracts. The members were very annoyed to learn at this stage that two different Specifications had been adopted, Contract and Direct Labour, and were not satisfied that 15% was sufficient to cover the increased price of materials.

After a lengthy debate it was decided that the Town Clerk should be authorised to apply for overdraft accommodation on the Housing Capital Account to enable the houses to be completed, and when they were completed and accurate figures available they should be discussed in full by the Committee.

Richard Corish TD

19th February, 1940.

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, Robert Coffey and James McMahon.

Councillors: Thomas Dunne, James Murphy, Patrick Hawkins, James Gaul, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Byrne, Robert Moran, James Sinnott, Timothy Cashman and Patrick Atkins.

FIRE BRIGADE REGULATIONS

On the motion of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Moran, the Fire Brigade Regulations, to which each member of the Brigade who occupied one of the houses at Davitt Road, North, had subscribed, were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

CAPITOL CINEMA

On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Alderman McMahon, permission was granted to the Capitol Cinema to hold matinees and evening exhibitions on Sunday 25th instant and 3rd prox. in aid of local charities.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The Committee which had met a deputation of local traders in connection with the Traffic Regulations proposed to be made for the Borough by the Garda Siochana, reported that after a very lengthy discussion an agreed measure had been arrived at. The principal alteration in the draft Regulations submitted by the Garda and amended after consultation with the Mayor and Town Clerk was that waiting was allowed on the east side of the Main Street for a period of two hours. This gave rise to a very lengthy discussion during which it appeared to be the feeling of the meeting that two hours was much too long to allow waiting on the Main Street even with one-way traffic, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to substitute one hour instead of two hours as the maximum period of waiting on the Main Street during the daytime. It was agreed that the one-way traffic should only operate between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. and that the prohibition of motor traffic on Saturday nights on the Main Street should be continued as in the Regulations, but in order to avoid confusion with the hour of one-way traffic it was agreed that 6.30 p.m. on Saturday nights would be ample time to commence this prohibition.

DUMP AT FARNOGUE

A letter was read from the Department of Industry & Commerce in reference to the proposal of the Corporation to acquire portion of the foreshore at Farnogue as a Municipal Dumping Ground, stated that in view of the objections put forward by residents in the vicinity the Minister was not in a position to give further consideration to the application until the Corporation arranged matters with the local residents.

In this connection the Minister was to be informed that in the opinion of the Corporation it would be impossible to placate the residents in the area, and consequently, they would allow the matter to drop, but in their opinion a dumping ground would not be near as objectionable as the present swamp, and they did not consider that a few residents should be allowed to hold up this matter without even an inquiry.

It was further agreed that a public advertisement should be issued inquiring for land suitable for the purpose

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RAILWAY RATES

A letter was read from the Great Southern Railways on the subject of the valuation of their premises at Wexford, and stating that for the three years 1937/38, 1938/39 and 1939/40 a sum of £55. 7. 3 had been overpaid in respect of local rates, consequent on a recent Court decision providing for a minimum valuation as from the 1st April, 1937, and asking the Corporation to make arrangements to repay this amount at the earliest possible moment.

This was considered a very serious matter for the Corporation as the sum mentioned represented the equivalent of over 1/- in the pound in the Rates, and the Corporation considered it very unjust that there should be legislation in force to give retrospective effect to such a judgement as had been recently given. They considered that any alteration in valuations of this nature should only be effective in the year following such alteration. It was thought that these views should be placed before the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and if it was not possible to provide amending legislation that the State should come to the aid of Public Bodies in the meeting of this Claim.

ST. JOHN'S RD. EXTENSION

A letter was read from the occupiers of property on the extension of St. John's Road, objecting to the name "Raven View," placed thereon at a meeting of the Corporation on the 5th instant and suggested that the most suitable name would be "St. John's Road" or "St. John's Drive," so the Mayor gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting the rescission of the resolution naming it "Raven View" and that he would also move that the name be "St. John's Drive."

JOHN ST. - REGISTER

The attention of the Poor Rate Collector was to be called to the fact that in the opinion of the Corporation the numbers of the houses in John Street should have been provided on the Register of Electors just completed.

THEATRES

With reference to the question at last meeting as to right of members to enter theatres, etc. to see that the Regulations regarding accommodation were being carried out, the Town Clerk reported that in Section 36 (1) of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, an Officer of the Corporation authorised in writing for the purpose could enter any place of public resort to see that the Regulations were being carried out, and similar provisions were contained in the Cinematograph Act, 1909, but he (Town Clerk) could find no Statute authorising the entry of members for this purpose.

LAND - FOLLY

With reference to the proposal to acquire land at the Folly from Mr. R. Doyle for the purpose of easing the corner and widening the road there, Messrs. Little & Elgee, Solicitors, in the course of a lengthy letter on behalf of Mr. Doyle, stated that he was not disposed to sell any part of the premises to the Corporation, so in the circumstances, it was unanimously decided to proceed with the obtaining of the Provisional Order decided on at a recent meeting of the Corporation. Arising out of this it was seen that it would not be possible to procure a Provisional Order in this matter in time to enable the Winter Relief Grants to be finished this year, and it was decided that the Borough Surveyor proceed with concreting the road from the Folly to the Borough Boundary at Cromwell's Fort, and to estimate for the provision of a new footpath outside the Church at Bride Street, and as well, he was to examine the possibility of concreting lower Rowe Street.

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ACCIDENT AT KING ST.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Busher, Distillery Road, Wexford, claiming compensation for accident he alleged occurred to him in November last when he fell in King Street and dislocated his shoulder, but it was decided that the Corporation had no responsibility in the matter.

HOUSES AT GREEN STREET

Mr. R. Breen, a person having control of a house at Green Street, formerly occupied by a man named Thomas Murphy, agreed to give an undertaking that he would not again let the house for human habitation if the Corporation did not insist on him throwing it down until such times as he would be demolishing the house in which he resided himself, all of which had been condemned as unfit for human habitation. Arising out of the Green Street Demolition Orders Mr. T. J. O'Brien, on behalf of Mrs. J. Keating wrote asking the Corporation to provide Mrs. Keating with alternative shop accommodation at Green Street, and compensation towards inconvenience and disturbance of her trade, but no action was taken of this matter until next meeting to enable the Corporation to examine as to whether or not they were in a position to grant Mr. O'Brien's request.

RATES

Councillor Sinnott again raised the question of Rates due by Richard White, Castlehill Street, and stated that in accordance with a discussion at last meeting, Mr. White had offered in writing to pay the sum of 10/- per week until the arrears were cleared off, but this had been refused. The Town Clerk stated he had received the offer mentioned by Councillor Sinnott and had referred it to the Rate Collectors, who informed him that a similar arrangement was made a few years ago when White only paid the Solicitor's Costs and then ceased to pay the 10/-. It appeared that a Decree had been obtained in this case, but had been returned by the Sheriff marked "no goods," and that an Examination Order was now about to be sought, but the members thought that even with an Examination Order the Magistrate would not order a payment in excess of 10/- per week which was offered by White and that the Examination Order should be adjourned, and White's offer accepted on the condition that immediately he failed to pay the 10/- that it be re-entered for hearing, White to be responsible for all the costs to date.

The Town Clerk pointed out that it was most injudicious for the Corporation to be interfering in matters of this kind, and that they would be well advised to leave the collection of Rates entirely in the hands of the Collectors, but nevertheless, the meeting decided that White should be asked to pay the current years Rates to the 31st March together with the costs incurred to date, and as from the 1st April to pay a sum of 10/- per week until the arrears were cleared off. If this arrangement was broken at any time it ought then be re-entered for hearing and this proposal was to be conveyed to the Rate Collectors as the considered view of the Corporation.

PLUMBERS

The Mayor stated that the Town Clerk and himself had had an interview that evening with representatives of the Plumbers Society in connection with unauthorised plumbers and a discussion on this subject would be continued at a later date, but the Plumbers had complained at the interview that Patrick Lacey who assisted the Turncock was on occasions doing the Turncock's work. They complained that he was inspector for waste of water, and contended that he had no right to do this, but the

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Borough Surveyor stated that this was not the case, as Lacey invariably reported to Molloy whenever he saw a waste of water, and Molloy saw to the matter with the Borough Surveyor, so Mr. McNally was requested to see that this practise was followed on all occasions.

REPORT - M.O.H.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected the premises at Lower John Street, owned by William Hayes, and found a drain from yard to main sewer choked causing the yard to be filled with stagnant water, and he recommended that the drain be opened and cleaned. It was decided to serve notice on the owner of the premises requiring this work to be carried out in seven days.

The Sub-Sanitary Officer was to be requested to report on the condition of the place known as "The Black Cow" and to report on the sanitation of house at 8, Clifford Street, occupied by O'Reilly.

R. Corrid TD

26th February, 1940.

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)

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

Councillors: James Murphy, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Hawkins, Stephen McMahon, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, and James Sinnott.

ALLOTMENTS

Under date of the 23rd instant the Minister for Local Government and Public Health referred to the Scheme of Allotments proposed for 1940 and pointed out that the Economic Rent of £1. 9. 6 per plot was considered excessive, and he was therefore unable to confirm the Scheme submitted by the Corporation. Steps should be taken, he added, to see if it was possible to reduce the expenditure on the Scheme and arrive at a more reasonable Economic Rent.

In this connection the Town Clerk submitted a copy of Form E showing the estimated expenditure on the Scheme, and after careful examination the members saw that in view of the price of land which was £6 per acre, or 100% more than was paid in previous years, that it was impossible to reduce the expenditure and the Minister was to be so informed.

HOUSE - GREEN ST.

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting when a letter was read from the Agent for the Estate of Mrs. Keating, Green Street, the Town Clerk read the relative Section of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931 dealing with the payment of compensation for removal from houses condemned as unfit for human habitation.

In this connection the Members pointed out that the occupier of this house at the present time was not Mrs. Keating, but a Mrs. Kehoe, and in view of this it was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter to enable the Agent to be asked how Mrs. Keating came into the matter.

RENT COLLECTORS REMUNERATION

With reference to Minutes of the Corporation on 5th instant, when it was decided to increase the remuneration of Rent Collectors, Hacey and Roche from 3½ to 4%, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 20th instant by letter No. H. 6011/40, intimated that having regard to the unsatisfactory state of the Rent Collection he was not prepared to approve of this increase.

In this connection it was pointed out that a considerable amount of the arrears were irrecoverable, and it was decided that the Special Rates Committee should examine this matter before the next meeting and report to the Corporation as to what could be struck off as irrecoverable, and what could be carried forward as arrears, when the question of the Rent Collectors increase could again be taken up with the Minister.

The Minister further inquired what action it was proposed to take regarding arrears of Rent in view of the further increase as revealed by the Return for the month of January, 1940, and it was decided to inform the Minister that some of the arrears may be regarded as irrecoverable due to persons having left houses leaving rent due, and to evictions for non-payment of rent. As well, the Corporation were satisfied that a large amount of the arrears was due entirely to unemployment, and that every effort was being made by the Collectors to keep the arrears at as low a figure as possible. They had, however,

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referred the matter to a Special Committee to make recommendations as to what amounts could be written off as irrecoverable and to what action, if any, could be taken against persons in arrear.

PLUMBERS WAGES

A letter was read from the Plumbers Union asking for an increase of 4d. per hour in the wages paid to members of their Union, and it was decided to inform them that the Corporation were precluded from adjusting rates of wages in advance of any agreement with local employers. If, however, an agreement was reached between the Master Plumbers and the Union to increase wages the Corporation would follow suit.

A letter was read from the same Society regarding the work of John Molloy, Turncock, and it was decided to inform them that it had always been the practise and always would be the practise in Wexford Corporation to employ an extra plumber to do any plumbing work which John Molloy had not time to carry out.

COST OF LIVING

At this stage, Councillor Hayes intimated that he would initiate a discussion at the next Statutory Meeting on the cost of living.

HOUSE - GREEN ST.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when Richard Breen, Green Street, attended and promised to give an undertaking that he would not re-let a house at Green Street formerly occupied by a man named Murphy, the Town Clerk reported that on presenting such an agreement to Breen he refused to sign it.

It was seen that no further action could be taken in this case but to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order.

The Town Clerk reported that he was finding it extremely difficult to get the people living in condemned houses at Green Street to occupy houses at Maudlintown and other places a distance from their present abode, and he was given permission to apply to the Courts for possession of all these houses.

62 HOUSES - WHITEMILL

The Town Clerk submitted a copy of the Borough Surveyor's report in reply to a complaint made by an Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the 62 houses at Whitemill, a copy of which he stated, had already been forwarded to the Department, and it was decided that no further action be taken pending the observations of the Department.

TRESPASS - DAVITT RD.

A complaint was made by Councillor Moran that a woman named Ellen Hogan, Davitt Road, North, was being subjected to an amount of trespass by children, and it was agreed that the Garda should be requested to help to put a stop to this trespass.

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DUMPING

Complaint was made regarding the dumping of refuse around the Town, and it was decided that the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk be authorised to employ a man to keep watch at night-time with a view to detecting people engaged in this practise, and if any person could be found the Town Clerk was further authorised to institute legal proceedings without any more reference to the Corporation.

HOUSE - MAUDLINTOWN

Councillor Byrne complained of a crack in the gable end of a house at 31, Gulbar Road, which the Borough Surveyor stated was due to foundation settlement and would be repaired as soon as the weather permitted.

RATES

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when the question of the Rates due by Richard White, Castlehill Street, was under discussion, and when he had been asked to pay the current years rate against the 31st March, together with costs and 10/- a week as from the 1st April until the arrears were cleared off, Councillor Sinnott stated that this man had been asked to pay the current years Rates and the costs against 31st March and he did not think that was the decision of the Corporation. The Town Clerk, however, held that it was his interpretation of the decision and a number of members agreed with him, but it was finally decided that White should pay the current rate by the 31st March when the whole matter could again be reviewed.

OFFICE FURNITURE

The Town Clerk reported that for some time past he had been looking out for a desk for the Mayor's Office, where there was only a table which was now in a bad state of repair. He had come across a desk which he could purchase for approximately £15 and whilst it would not be suitable for the Mayor's office it would suit his (Town Clerk's) Office, and he would given the Mayor the desk he had. It was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Hawkins, that the Town Clerk be permitted to make this purchase.

Richard Cross

2nd March, 1940.

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

The Members present being:-

Mrs. M. K. McTaminey, (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh,
Miss Alice Fennell, Mrs. M. O'Connor, and Mr. Myles Bergin.

The meeting had been convened to consider tenders for the supply of food for School Meals during the year commencing on the 1st instant. On the tenders being opened it was found that two persons tendered to supply bread namely:-

Mrs. A. Murphy, Faythe, and Mr. Nicholas Lambert, North Main Street. The former quoted $4\frac{3}{4}$ d. per 2lb. loaf and the latter $5\frac{1}{2}$ d. For buns - Mrs. Murphy quoted $9\frac{1}{2}$ d. per dozen and Mr. Lambert 1/- per dozen, so it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to accept the tender of Mrs. Murphy for both bread and buns.

For the supply of cocoa there was only one tender, namely, that of Mr. N. Lambert at 9d. per lb, which it was also decided to recommend the Corporation to accept.

For the supply of sugar - Mr. James A. Lambert quoted $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb and Mr. Nicholas Lambert 5d. per lb. Mr. James A. Lambert's quotation, however, was subject to being able to obtain supplies and to the price ruling at the time of dispatch and he was unable to give any guarantee of regular supplies being available. It was decided to recommend the Corporation to accept the tender of Mr. James A. Lambert on these conditions.

For the supply of Golden Syrup only one tender was submitted, namely, Mr. James A. Lambert, who quoted $9\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb, subject to the same conditions as applied in the case of sugar, and it was also decided to accept this tender on these conditions.

The meeting was informed that the Convent of Mercy Schools, Summerhill, had applied for an allowance under the School Meals Scheme, and on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Mrs. McTaminey, it was unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk should make some provision during this year for the supply of bread to this School.

Richard Lamb

4th March, 1940.

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, James McMahon, and Patrick Tobin.

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

MINUTES

The Minutes of meetings of the Corporation on 5th ultimo; Finance and Works, Etc. Committees on 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th ultimo; and Housing Committee on 16th ultimo, were submitted for ratification and approval; and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, they were taken as having been read and were signed by the Mayor.

ACCOUNTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate, to £2,051. 6. 0 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Connolly asked what was the position regarding the provision of Allotments for unemployed persons during the current year, and was informed that the Scheme submitted had not been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the grounds that the economic rent was too high, so it was agreed that the owners of the land should be invited to meet a Committee of the Corporation consisting of Alderman Walsh, Councillors. Hayes, and Moran, together with the Mayor, to see if it were possible to make any reduction.

OFFICIALS BOOKS

Alderman Coffey requested that the books kept by some of the Officials be left on the table for inspection by any member interested, and it was pointed out that the books were always available and that there was no objection to having them left on the table.

RENT ARREARS

Alderman Coffey asked that a monthly statement of rent arrears be furnished because he stated the ratepayers were uneasy. In reply to a query by the Alderman, the Town Clerk stated that there had been a reduction of £3 or £4 during the past month, but that a big increase had taken place in the arrears during the month of December. He further stated that he had given instructions to the Rent Collectors to take drastic action against persons in arrear and he was aware that a number of notices to quit had been served. Alderman McMahon asked how many of the defaulters were on the dole, and the Town Clerk replied that he could not answer that question. It was eventually agreed that the entire question of collection of rents should be considered by the Special Rates Committee which would meet regularly during the present month to consider

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the Town Clerk's Estimates for the coming year.

TOURIST ASSOCIATION

Alderman Coffey again raised the question of the contribution to the Irish Tourist Association and objected to the payment, but the Town Clerk explained that the sum of £20 had been voted to the Association at the beginning of this year and a legal agreement had been entered into. Alderman Coffey intimated that he would raise this matter when next year's rate was being struck.

CHILD WELFARE

Councillor Byrne stated there were insinuations being made in the Town that the most deserving cases were not being supplied with free milk under the Child Welfare Scheme.

The Town Clerk stated there were some members of the Corporation on the Child Welfare Committee, and it was no use in Councillor Byrne making a general statement that the most deserving cases were not being supplied without giving specific instances which could be investigated. Councillor Byrne stated he would give the names privately to the Town Clerk.

DEMOLITION ORDERS

The Finance and Works Committee recommended that Demolition Orders be made in respect of two houses at Green Street occupied by Thomas Murphy and Mrs. Cullen, and on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, the orders were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

NAME OF ROAD

In accordance with notice given the Mayor moved the rescision of resolution of the 5th ultimo, whereby the extension of St. John's Road was named "Raven View." He stated that the residents there had objected to the name and suggested that "St. John's Drive" would be more appropriate. Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion for rescision of the resolution which was unanimously agreed to; and it was further agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that the extension of St. John's Road be known as "St. John's Drive."

INTEREST RATE

Under date of the 21st ultimo, by Circular letter No. L.16/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that the Minister for Finance had fixed the rate of interest on advances from the Local Loans Fund at $5\frac{3}{4}\%$ per annum.

The Mayor stated that the Minister did not deserve any vote of thanks for that reduction. Prior to the war the rate was $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ and the Bank rate 3% . At the outbreak of war the Bank Rate was raised to 4% and the Government immediately raised the interest on loans borrowed from the Local Loans Fund from $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ to $5\frac{3}{4}\%$. A few weeks after the outbreak of war the Bank rate came down 1% and it was only now that the Minister after pressure in the Dail had agreed to the rate of $5\frac{3}{4}\%$. He could not see why the Minister had not given a reduction of 1% and he thought that they should protest and ask that the rate be reduced to $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ at which it stood prior to the war. He, therefore, moved "that the Minister for Finance be asked to reduce the rate to that which prevailed prior to the outbreak of war, namely, $4\frac{3}{4}\%$."

Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

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CO. MANAGEMENT BILL

The following resolution from the Tralee Urban District Council was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Walsh:-

"That we request the Government to amend the County Management Bill so as to permit the larger townships, of say, a population of about 10,000 and over to be separate managerial areas, as distinct from their respective Counties, with their own Managers similar to the present arrangement in Limerick City, Waterford and Dunlaoghaire. We are of opinion that for a variety of reasons, this alteration would be more beneficial and satisfactory to the towns and counties, than that contemplated at present."

RELIEF SCHEMES

A resolution was submitted from the Cavan Urban District Council requesting the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to make the grant which for years past had been available for Road Works available for Public Health Schemes, on the grounds that in most Urban Districts it was very hard to find road work on which to spend the grant usefully. After some discussion it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Alderman Walsh, to mark this resolution "read."

DEED OF MORTGAGE

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage, whereby security would be given to the National Bank for the repayment of a loan of £2360 borrowed for the purpose of clearing off overdraft and outstanding liabilities in connection with preliminary expenses incurred on the proposed new Town Hall, and on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Connolly, the following resolution as submitted by the Bank, was unanimously adopted, and the Mortgage Deed sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation:-

"At a meeting of the Corporation of the Borough of Wexford held on the 4th day of March, 1940, it was resolved - that in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 2nd February 1940 the Corporation do borrow from The National Bank Ltd. the sum of £2,360 for the purpose of clearing off the overdraft and outstanding liabilities in connection with preliminary expenses on the proposed new Town Hall said loan to be repaid to the Bank by half-yearly instalments spread over the period of 7 years with interest thereon at one half per cent. under the Irish Banks' 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."

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RESIGNATION OF SANITARY SUB-OFFICER

The next business was to receive the resignation of Mr. Edward Byrne, Sanitary Sub-Officer for the Borough. Accompanying Mr. Byrne's resignation was a Medical Certificate regarding his health.

Mr. Byrne pointed out that he had served the Corporation to the best of his ability for a long period - since September 1901, and during that time there had never been an adverse report on his work either from the Corporation, the Medical Officers of Health, or the Inspectors of the Department of Local Government and Public Health. Having regard to this long service and the fact that he was retiring for health reasons he trusted the Corporation would see their way to grant him the maximum pension of 2/3rds. In conclusion, he expressed his gratitude for the courtesy he had always received from the members, Town Clerk and the other Officials of the Corporation, and expressed a desire that his resignation should take effect as from the 31st instant.

The Mayor stated he was sure the Corporation were sorry to part with the Sanitary Sub-Officer who had done his best in the interest of his native town since he was appointed. He thought the Corporation should add the necessary period of service required to entitle him to the full pension of 2/3rds of his salary. A number of members paid tribute to the service of the Sub-Sanitary Officer during his lengthy period of office, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Dunne, the resignation was accepted with regret.

The next item on the Agenda was to fix, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the retiring allowance to which Byrne would be entitled, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh, it was unanimously agreed that two years be added to Byrne's period of service, and that he be granted the maximum retiring allowance of 2/3rds of his salary of £143 per annum, namely, £95. 6. 8. a year, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

It was further agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, a temporary Sanitary Inspector be advertised for at a salary of £180 per annum. The person to be appointed to be qualified in accordance with the Public Health (Urban Sanitary Inspectors) Order 1930. This person would be obliged to carry out the duties laid down in Sanitary Order No. 2 of 3rd May, 1900, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Corporation or the Minister for Local Government and Public Health from time to time.

The Special Rates Committee was requested to submit recommendations to the Corporation regarding the salary and conditions of appointment for the post of permanent Sanitary Inspector.

HOUSE - MAUDLINTOWN

Five applications were submitted for the tenancy of a vacant house at Maudlinton. All the applicants were residing in rooms and on a poll being taken there voted for:-

William Thomas Scanlon, St. Magdalen's Terrace:- Councillors. Sinnott, Dunne, Moran, McGuire, John Billington, James Billington, Atkins, Crosbie, Alderman Tobin, McMahon and Coffey..... (11)

Thomas Doyle, Batt Street:- Councillors. Hayes, Hawkins, Connolly, Alderman Walsh and the Mayor..... (5)

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William Murphy, Faythe:- Councillors. Cashman and Byrne.....(2)

Joseph Pitman, Oyster Lane:-Councillors Gaul and Murphy.....(2)

Scanlon having a clear majority of the members present was declared the tenant.

TENDERS

The Schools Meals Committee recommended the acceptance of the following tenders, which were the lowest submitted, for the supply of food to the Town Schools under the Education (Provision of Meals) Acts for the ensuing 12 months, namely:-

BREAD - Mrs. A. Murphy, Faythe, at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per 2lb. loaf.

BUNS - Mrs. A. Murphy, " at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per dozen.

COCOA - Mr. N. Lambert, Main Street, at 9d. per lb.

SUGAR - Mr. Jas. A. Lambert, Main Street, at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb.

GOLDEN SYRUP - Mr. Jas. A. Lambert, Do. at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb.

Mr. Lambert's price for sugar and syrup was submitted subject to day to day changes and being able to obtain supplies as he was unable to give any definite guarantee of regular supplies being available. On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Coffey, the acceptance of the tenders was agreed to.

COST OF LIVING

In accordance with notice given Councillor Hayes referred to the rapid increase in the cost of living. He stated that a Committee had sat three times and sent correspondence to the Prices Commission but all the reply they got was a formal acknowledgement that the matter was receiving attention. A number of members supported Councillor Hayes in his complaint and a very lengthy discussion ensued at the end of which Councillor Hayes moved that the attention of the Minister for Supplies be directed to the alarming increase in the cost of living and that he be requested to take necessary steps to check this increase. Councillor Cashman seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

A. Lamb T.D.
Mayor

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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 Statutory Meeting.

CINEMATOGRAPH EXHIBITIONS

Permission was granted for Cinematograph Exhibitions in the Theatre Royal on the 10th and 17th instant, and in the Palace Cinema on the same date, the four exhibitions being in aid of local charities.

REPORT - M.O.H.

A report was read from the Medical Officer of Health on the condition of a house at Faythe occupied by Miss K. Cullen, which he considered totally unfit for human habitation, but before serving notice on the owner it was unanimously decided that a complete list of the occupiers should be obtained.

HOUSE - GREEN ST.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when the question of the condition of a house at Green Street owned by a Mrs. Keating was under consideration and when it was decided to request the Agent to find out how Mrs. Kehoe came to be the occupier, the Agent under date of the 4th instant stated that Mrs. Keating carried on the business of the shop while Mrs. Kehoe resided there. Mrs. Kehoe was a sister of Mrs. Keating. In this case it was unanimously decided to recommend a Demolition Order.

No action was taken on a request from Mr. Richard Breen, Green Street, for compensation in respect of the proposed demolition of his house there.

REPORT - TOWN SERGEANT

The following report from the Town Sergeant, who is also Inspector of Milk Shops, was submitted:-

"I beg to report Mrs. Hayes of High Street, for exposing for sale new milk on the 27th February, 1940, she not being a registered purveyor under the Milk and Dairies Order 1935.

The milk was kept in a small earthenware bowl, and there was milk kept in a large crock as well, there might have been about a quart of milk exposed for sale when I was in the shop.

I spoke to Mrs. Hayes about the sale of milk and she said she would have to sell a sup of milk and that she never got a Refusal Order."

As regards Mrs. Hayes' remark that she had never got a Refusal Order the Town Clerk read a letter under date of the 3rd March, 1939 from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimating that he had had before him an appeal against a Refusal Order served by the Wexford Corporation on Mrs. Elizabeth Hayes, High Street, in connection with her application for registration under the Milk and Dairies Act, 1935. The Minister had decided to confirm the Refusal Order and he enclosed copy of an order embodying his decision for the information of the Corporation. A copy of the Minister's order had also been forwarded to Mrs. Hayes. In this case the Town Clerk strongly advised that a prosecution should be taken against the offender, but after some discussion it was agreed that he should first write to Mrs. Hayes pointing out that she had been discovered selling milk after a Refusal Order had been made and requesting her observations on the matter.

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HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the provision of a W.C. in house at William Street, occupied by Miss Margaret Johnson, the Town Clerk reported that as directed he had advertised for tenders in accordance with the Specification prepared by the Borough Surveyor and had only received one, so it was decided to request the Borough Surveyor to report on this tender against next meeting. Reference was made to the dismissal of a number of carpenters on the William Street Houses and the retention of the service of apprentices, which was against the Trade Union Regulations on this matter, and the Borough Surveyor was directed to see that the Trade Union Regulations were observed.

*R. Corish TD
Mayor.*

9th March, 1940.

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 being:-

Alderman R. Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman T. Walsh, Councillors. Thomas Hayes and Thomas Buckland.

The Committee carefully examined the estimates of Receipts and Expenditure submitted by the Town Clerk for the Financial Year 1940-41, and after making a number of suggestions, which would be dealt with in detail at their next meeting, they adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to examine these suggestions with a view to embodying them in his Estimates.

*R. Corish TD
Mayor.*

11th March, 1940.

A Meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks 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: Coffey, McMahon, Walsh, and Tobin.

Councillors: Hayes, Moran, Dunne, Murphy, Crosbie, Cashman, Byrne, Connolly, and Gaul.

MILK TENDERS

Five tenders for the supply of new milk under the National Free Milk Supply Scheme during the year 1940-41 were received. They were from the five contractors who were supplying milk in the current year, and each of them quoted 1/8d. per gallon for milk sold without a special designation and delivered to the homes of the recipients twice daily.

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The Town Clerk pointed out that this price was an increase of 4d. per gallon or 20% on the price being charged in the current year, and having regard to the fact that it was the price ruling in the Town during the present winter, which if the usual practise was followed, would be reduced during the summer months he thought the quotations excessive, as Contractors under the Free Milk Scheme were paid their accounts regularly and had no bad debts to contend with as was the case with the ordinary vendors.

The Committee decided not to accept any of these tenders and to so inform the Contractors, and as well to place the quotations before the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

For the supply of milk to a depot under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme Mr. James Barry Walker, Latimerstown, quoted 1/6d. per gallon. This price was also considered too high and action similar to that taken on the Free Milk tenders was taken in this case.

TRANSFER OF HOUSE

A letter was read from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, intimating that Mr. E. Howlin, St. John's Road, had disposed of his interest in his house there to Mr. Wm. H. Burns, of North Main Street, and asked for the consent of the Corporation to the transfer.

Mr. Howlin had been made an advance of £790 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to enable him to erect this house and he was considerably in arrear with his instalments, as a result of which legal proceedings had been taken against him to recover the sums due.

The meeting considered that having regard to all the circumstances of the case that Mr. Burns would be in a much better position to meet the instalments on the loan than Mr. Howlin, and unanimously agreed to the transfer.

EXCHANGE OF TENANTS

Permission was given on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walsh for an exchange of house between Mr. John Rossiter of Davitt Road, North, and Mr. Henry F. Doyle, Whiterock View.

DUMPING GROUND

The Town Clerk reported that as a result of his advertisement for land suitable for a dumping ground he had received an offer for a site from Mr. Thomas Grendon, at Clonard, and had asked the Borough Surveyor to inspect it. The following report from the Borough Surveyor was submitted:-

"I have visited the disused gravel pit on the lands of Mr. Grendon situate near Clonard Cross Roads. The place is quite accessible but at first there is an element of risk with regard to tipping due to the fact that vehicles will be obliged to back to the edge of the pit. In order to eliminate this risk it may be necessary to erect a timber staging on to which the scavenging vehicles can be reversed to facilitate tipping. The only matter that may arise, and which might be a serious objection, is the fact that the dump may become objectionable from a sanitary point of view as it will be rather difficult and expensive to provide a proper sealing coat. There is of course plenty of excavated matter lying around the floor of the pit which could be used but this will mean carting the material out from the lower side of the pit and tipping it in over the dumped refuse from the high side where the staging will be erected.

I expect we should get at least seven years service from

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this dump and perhaps by then a more enlightened view will be taken of the proposed land reclamation Scheme at Farnogue."

The Town Clerk further reported that Mr. Gendon was prepared to lease the land to the Corporation at a rent of £5, the Corporation to pay any legal costs incurred in the preparation of an agreement, so it was decided to accept this offer.

HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

The Surveyor reported that the tender of Mr. John Lacey for the erection of a W.C. in a house at William Street, occupied by Miss Margaret Johnson and owned by Mrs. Gordon of Parnell Street, appeared to be in order, so before referring the matter to the Corporation for a decision it was decided to inform Mrs. Gordon that the Corporation had now received a tender for this work and giving her one final opportunity of providing the W.C. herself before the Corporation entered into a contract.

MILL ROAD

The following report regarding the widening of Mill Road was submitted from the Borough Surveyor:-

"With reference to above I have reached an agreement with Mr. W.V. Stafford and Councillor Billington with regard to the amount of land required to carry out the widening in a satisfactory manner. In the case of Mr. Billington's garden it will be necessary to build a considerable portion of new boundary wall, lower the remaining portion and surmount the whole by a suitable wrought iron railing. I examined the gable wall of Mr. Doyle's house adjoining the Mill Road and in order to arrive at a proper estimate of the cost of the widening it will be necessary to examine the foundations of this wall as I have strong suspicions of the stability of this wall.

A further widening at the junction of the Faythe Lane and Michael Street is necessary, and portion of the yard opposite Wickham's house should be acquired. I feel that this corner, if left as it stands, would be highly dangerous after the road has been improved, and it would be wise to proceed with the necessary acquisition at an early date, probably this could be acquired by agreement, but it will be necessary to show all the portions to be acquired on the Map."

It was unanimously decided to agree to the acquisition of the further land required.

EASTER COMMEMORATION

A letter was read from the County Wexford Easter Commemoration Committee inviting the Corporation to attend the annual Mass on Easter Sunday, and it was decided to accept this invitation as usual.

HOUSES - REILLY'S LANE

Reports regarding the condition of houses at Reilly's Lane were submitted, and it was decided to adjourn consideration of them pending the receipt of reports on the houses adjoining the lane in John Street.

WHITEMILL ROAD

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to carry out temporary repairs to the portion of the road inside of the Borough beyond the houses at Whiterock View.

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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 being:-

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

Alderman Walsh, Councillors. Hayes and Buckland.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The Town Clerk reminded the members that the Ford Scavenging Lorry, which had been in operation since 1931 was now practically worn out and it was giving them their very best to keep it on the road. He submitted the following report from the Borough Surveyor on various types of mechanical vehicles suitable for Scavenging:-

"I have been making enquiries with regard to various types of mechanical Scavenging Vehicles. There are three types, viz:-

- (1) Standard type 3 Ton Lorry with suitable body with power tipping gear.
- (2) Tractor and trailer with suitable body and driver's cab.
- (3) Battery driven vehicle 30 cwts to 2 ton type body, with power tipping gear.

(4) The cost compare as follows:-

- (1) approximately £500.
- (2) approximately £500.
- (3) approximately £700 and an additional £75 for a Battery Charger.

No. 1 is a faster moving vehicle than either (2) or (3) it is much more easily handled in bad ground than No. (2), but is the most expensive type as regards fuel and oil, and of course its life is shorter than either (2) or (3). Comparing the cost of fuel for each type of vehicle on a basis of 50 miles per day

No. 1. would cost at present day prices of petrol 12/- per day,
 No. 2. would cost at present day prices of petrol 8/- per day,
 No. 3. would cost in Electric power 50 units @ $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 2/1d. per day.

In addition for (2) and (3) there is the cost of oil for the engines which would average about 6d. per day, and gradually increase with the age of the motor.

I wish to point out, as it will probably be necessary to go about 3 miles outside the District to acquire a suitable dump, that (2) and (3) types would be very slow, the maximum speed of either type being 15 miles per hour. It must also be taken into consideration that at present it is practically impossible to get any of the types and the prices given above will not hold good for any length of time.

Personally, I am not in favour of No. 1 Type but under present conditions, I fear it is the only type obtainable within a reasonable time. You will remember that it is 3 years ago since I advocated that the present Ford Truck be scrapped and a more efficient type be obtained, now we have reached the stage that it is absolutely necessary that a scavenging unit be procured at an early date to replace the Ford Truck at present in use which is wholly unreliable and too old for constant use.

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Tenders for all three types could be considered, delivery to be made within a reasonable period.

Another point to be borne in mind is the fact that the residents in the Borough District are gradually availing of the Dust Bin Service and I would say that 60 per cent of the residents have now provided themselves with dust bins and I reckon that in order to cope with a full dust bin service two Scavenging units will be necessary for domestic scavenging work practically every day. When this stage is reached it will probably be necessary to resort to a system of beat scavenging for the cleansing of streets with depots, for the temporary dumping of street refuse, and one of the scavenging units could empty these depots as the occasion arises."

From this report it was seen that the initial cost of the electric vehicle was higher but the running costs would be much smaller. The cost of petrol at the present time to run the 3 ton lorry proposed by the Surveyor would be approximately £775 per annum, whereas the electric would be about £35, and the meeting after examining the matter from all angles were inclined to the view that the electric lorry would be most economical.

Before making any recommendation to the Corporation, however, the Borough Surveyor was instructed to prepare a Specification, and when this was done the Town Clerk should invite tenders for the supply of scavenging vehicles in accordance with the Specification. When the tenders were received it would then be possible to compile accurate comparative costs of the different types.

Arising out of this discussion on the scavenging outfit it was pointed out to the Committee that in the Scheme now proposed no provision was made for Thomas Hore, Carter, who was in receipt of £4. 7. 6. per week, and the Borough Surveyor stated he would only be in a position to provide occasional employment for this man, but some of the members thought that Hore was up to 70 years of age, at which age it was the rule of the Corporation that the employees should retire, so it was decided to write to Hore asking him to produce a Birth Certificate.

ESTIMATES

The Committee then examined the Town Clerk's Estimates of the Receipts and Expenditure for the coming year. On a review of the housing estimate it was seen that the Town Clerk had provided a sum of £1,000 for the repair of Artizans Dwellings which was the same figure as for the current year, and the members decided to reduce this by £200. They further reduced the cost of maintaining the cemetery from £100 to £50, and reduced by £40 the sum allowed under the heading of Markets and other Corporation Property. On the receipts side of the markets they examined the rents being charged for the various stalls and decided that they should be levelled up at a rate of 6/- per week per stall, which it was estimated would bring in an extra £25 during the coming year. They reduced the amount allowed for the maintenance of streets by £100 and the amount allowed for scavenging by £100.

They reduced the amount allowed for the Maintenance of Sewers by £50 and decided to make Patrick Lacey, one of the Corporation labourers, responsible for keeping the Stonebridge River free from debris, as they felt that if such debris was not allowed to accumulate that the annual cost of cleaning this river would not be so high. The allowance for the bathing place was also reduced by £40.

They reduced the sum included by the Town Clerk for interest on the proposed Waterworks Scheme by £100 and the sum allowed for maintenance by £50.

On the receipts side of the Waterworks Account the Committee proposed to increase the rate for water supplied by meter to people inside the Borough by 3d. per thousand gallons, and the rate for water supplied by meter to people outside the Borough by 1/- per thousand gallons. For the supply of water through meter by special agreement and not covered by

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the two foregoing increases the present charges were to be increased by 25% per annum.

This brought the total deductions made by the Committee and additions to revenue proposed to £635, and as well, they decided to recommend the Corporation to increase the rents of Artizans Dwellings by 1d. each per week, which would provide a further £100 in the coming year.

An application was submitted on behalf of the Transport Union Employees on the permanent staff of the Corporation for an increase in their wages based on the cost of living index figure issued from time to time by the Department of Industry & Commerce, the application asked for 10½d. per week per man for every 5 points over which the cost of living index figure rose above the figure in operation at 1st September last, and they pointed out that a similar agreement had been made with the local Gas Company.

The Committee considered this application carefully and decided to recommend the Corporation to grant it and to include in the estimates a sum of £80 to cover it in the coming year.

An application from Mr. Henry F. Doyle, of the Town Clerk's Office, for extra remuneration in connection with the checking of the Rent Books of the Corporation tenants during the year was refused.

REFUND OF RATES

The Town Clerk referred to the application which he received from the Great Southern Railways Co. for a refund of rates over paid during the past three years consequent on a reduction in their valuation by the High Court, but the Mayor intimated that the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities and the General Council of County Councils, of which bodies he was a member, had approached the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a view to getting permission to appeal against the reduced valuation, and that question of appeal was being considered.

They would be meeting the Minister again in the coming week and in the circumstances he suggested to the Committee that no provision should be made in the current years rates for paying this amount to the Railway Co. pending a decision on the proposed appeal.

The meeting agreed with a suggestion by the Town Clerk that a special meeting of the Corporation should be convened for the 26th instant to consider the rate estimates and to agree on the rate in the pound of the Borough Rate for the coming year.

With reference to last meeting of the Finance & Works Committee when tenders for the supply of milk during the coming year had been under consideration and were rejected, the Town Clerk reported to the meeting that he had now succeeded in having the contractors reduce their prices by 2d. per gallon, and the meeting considered this satisfactory. They instructed the Town Clerk to provisionally accept the tenders and to submit them for approval to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and if this was received formal ratification could be had at the April meeting of the Corporation.

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Mayor

26th March, 1940.

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 eight o'clock p.m. to consider:-

- (1) The Town Clerk's Estimates (as revised by the Special Rates Committee) and the sums required to be raised by Town Rates in the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1941.
- (2) To agree on the rate in the pound of the Borough Rate, rate in lieu of County Cess, and Water Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1941.
- (3) A recommendation from the Special Rates Committee that the rents of all Artisans Dwellings (except the eight bungalows recently erected for the occupation of the Fire Brigade and those dwellings in respect of which the occupiers pay their rates direct) be increased by 1d. each per week.
- (4) A recommendation from the Special Rates Committee that the rents of stalls in the market be fixed at 6/- each per week.
- (5) A recommendation by the Special Rates Committee that the charge for water sold by meter to residents of the Borough be increased from 9d to 1/- per thousand gallons; that the charge for water sold through meter to persons outside the Borough be increased from 4/- to 5/- per thousand gallons; and that the charge for water sold through meter to persons not governed by the foregoing two increases be increased by 25%.
- (6) That a cost of living bonus be paid to the permanent employees of the Corporation who are members of the Irish Transport & General Workers Union, at the rate of 10½d. per week per man in respect of every five points which the cost of living index figure rose over the figure as at September 1939, the rate payable to be adjusted every three months as the index figure prepared by the Department of Industry & Commerce was issued.

The Members present were:-

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

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

Councillors: James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Byrne, Robert Moran, Patrick Atkins, James Gaul, Patrick Hawkins, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Dunne, and James Sinnott.

ESTIMATES

The Town Clerk's Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure; Estimates of Town Rates (other than Poor Rate) required to be raised in the Financial Year 1940-41, together with an explanatory memorandum was circulated amongst the members with a notice convening the meeting and a copy is attached hereto.

In opening the meeting, the Mayor stated that the probabilities were that in twelve months time the Estimates would be submitted by a different person under the County Management Bill. It was hard to know how that position would pan out at the moment as the Bill was still under consideration, but somebody would be there.

Owing to the war he stated the cost of everything they had to buy had gone up considerably, and it was therefore necessary that there should be an increase in Rates. The increase asked for was equivalent to 1/2d in the pound, and he thought at first that it would have been more

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but if they looked around them they would find that increases ranging from 2/- to 4/- in the pound had been asked for in other towns. The Mayor then dealt with the valuation of the Borough and pointed out that due to decisions of the Courts the gross valuation had been considerably reduced.

He next reviewed the position of the Corporation in relation to the unemployed, and pointed out what it was costing them in order to subsidise grants, together with their contribution under the Unemployment Assistance Acts. Referring to the dustbin service he pointed out that as a result of the provision of a free dustbin collection it was costing the Corporation approximately 3½d in the pound more than when the service was restricted.

A more serious matter he stated was the demand which had been made by the Great Southern Railways Company for a refund of Rates consequent on a reduction in their valuation; the amount asked from the Corporation was £863. He stated that a deputation from the General Council of County Councils and the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities, both bodies of which he was a member, had recently waited on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to discuss the question of an appeal against this reduction and so far no final decision had been arrived at. A deputation was, however, meeting the General Manager of the Great Southern Railways Company during the present week when the position would be further discussed.

In this connection, the Town Clerk pointed out that at present the legal position was that the Corporation would have to refund to the Railway Company the rates over-paid, and since issuing his statement he had received an intimation that unless the amount claimed was paid by the 16th prox. the Company would be obliged to institute legal proceedings for the purpose of obtaining judgement for the amount due, having regard to the fact that under Local Government Law any debt due by a rating authority must be paid within a fixed period.

No provision, however, had been made by the Estimates Committee to repay this amount, but the Mayor intimated that at the interview referred to above with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health the Minister had given an assurance that he would take steps to regularise the payment of this money by instalments, if necessary.

In view of the Mayor's statement in this matter the meeting decided not to make any provision in the current years estimates for the repayment of the sum due to the Railway Company.

Councillor Dunne asked if a list of names of people whose rates were outstanding would be circulated amongst the members, and the Mayor replied he did not think it would be a good thing to circulate but he could see it any time. The County Council did that some time ago and there was very near being a serious law case.

Councillor Byrne stated he thought that Rates at the present moment were becoming an impost, which eventually the people would be unable to bear. He said the great increase in the Rates on local authorities in the past years was due to too much interference from the Central Government. As regards the Vocational Education charge, Councillor Byrne stated that last year there was a reduction in the teaching staff of the local Technical Institute and classes had gone down in number in that period, and asked how the increase in the charge arose. He thought that when these estimates came before them that they would show a reduction as far as Vocational Education was concerned.

The Town Clerk stated that the charge for Vocational Education was a Statutory one. The Act laid down the contribution to be paid by Local Authorities over a number of years and it would be all the same if Vocational Education Classes were increased, the Corporation would not be called upon to pay any more.

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Alderman Coffey objected to the inclusion in the Estimates of a sum of £20 as contribution to the Irish Tourist Association. Having heard a letter read by the Town Clerk from the Association and to an explanation from him as to the functions of the Irish Tourist Association and the new Tourist Board, the Alderman withdrew his objection.

Councillor Dunne asked if there was any possibility of not increasing the rents of Artizans Dwellings by the 1d proposed, but it was pointed out that if the full increase in rates were put on the houses the tenants would be paying considerably more.

The Resolutions on the Agenda were then put to the meeting and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Hayes, it was agreed to increase the rents of all Artisans Dwellings (except those provided this year for the Fire Brigade members and those in respect of which the occupiers pay their rates direct) by 1d. each per week as from Monday 1st April, 1940.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Dunne, it was agreed that the stallage rents in the market be fixed at 6/- per week per stall with effect as from the first date of rent due in May next. On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Coffey, it was agreed that as from the 1st July next the charge for water supplied by meter to consumers in the Borough be increased from 9d. to 1/- per thousand gallons; that the charge for water supplied through meter to persons outside the Borough be increased from 4/- to 5/- per thousand gallons; and that for water supplied through meter not covered by the above two increases that the charge be increased by 25%.

In connection with the recommendation regarding a cost of living bonus, it was explained that the Rates Committee had under consideration an application from the Transport Union for a cost of living bonus for their members who might be regarded as being permanently employed by the Corporation. The increase asked for was the same as that recently conceded by the local Gas Company and was for 10½d. per man per week in respect of every five points which the cost of living index figure rose over that in operation at September 1939. The amount payable to be adjusted every three months as the index figure was issued.

On the motion of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to grant this bonus.

The Rate Estimates were then taken and the following three resolutions unanimously adopted:-

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Hayes, that a Borough Rate of 9/- in the pound (being 1/- for General Town Purposes and 8/- for Sanitary Purposes) be agreed to.

On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Cashman, that a rate in lieu of County Cess of 3/4d in the pound be agreed to.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that a Domestic Water Rate of 1/- in the pound and a Public Water Rate of 6d. in the pound be agreed to.

Arising out of the Rates the Town Clerk made the following Statement:-

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"A matter which has caused a considerable amount of trouble during the past two years both to the Rate Collectors and the staff is the mistaken view held by a number of ratepayers that rates need not be paid until the 31st March which is the last day in our Financial Year.

A little reflection should convince these people that if this view of the law was correct and every ratepayer withheld his rates until the end of the year that municipal administration would develop into a state of chaos in the early part of each year.

The result of this attitude on the part of some ratepayers is that the Collectors have to make a number of unnecessary visits to them. As well the Corporation must pay interest on money temporarily borrowed while awaiting the receipt of these rates, and their non-payment also necessitates the issue of communications from this office to the persons concerned.

I have discussed this matter with the Rate Collectors and should like to remind the public that the Town Rates are payable immediately on demand; the first moiety of the Poor Rate on demand and the second moiety on 1st October.

I must, therefore, warn these ratepayers that the adoption of this attitude in the coming year will be met with all the powers we are by law empowered to use in the collection of rates, and the costs added to the rates as a result of legal proceedings or recovery by distraint will be the fault of the persons concerned."

At the conclusion of the meeting Councillor Sinnott, Alderman Coffey and the Mayor congratulated the Town Clerk on the manner in which his statement was compiled.

R. Curran TD
Mayor

[Signature]
Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Wexford.
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I attach hereto (A) Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure for, and (B) the Estimates of Town Rates (other than Poor Rate) required to be raised in the Financial Year from 1st April, 1940, to 31st March, 1941, and do not think it will come as a surprise to the members of the Corporation to learn that it has become necessary to increase the total rate in the pound of the Town Rates from Twelve Shillings and Eightpence in the year just ending to Thirteen Shillings and Tenpence for the coming year - an increase of One Shilling and Twopence in the Pound.

Actually, the draft Estimates as submitted for the consideration of the Special Rates Committee showed an increase of Two Shillings and Twopence in the Pound. The Committee, however, gave a considerable amount of time to examining the Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure and scrutinized each item with the object of seeing what reductions could be made without impairing the Municipal Services.

The reductions and adjustments made by the Committee, which will be dealt with in detail in the review of the various Services, are such as will enable all the services to be efficiently administered only with the wholehearted co-operation of every member and official. If the Estimates were being made at a normal time, I could not agree to some of the reductions made, and it is only on the express undertaking of the Rates Committee that

expenditure will be kept strictly within the Estimates that I am not objecting to some of the deductions.

The coming year may prove to be a very difficult period for public bodies, and the financial arrangements now proposed may not plan out as anticipated. Consequently, every proposal involving expenditure - whether estimated for or not - must be carefully examined before being put in hands with a view to ascertaining if it is absolutely essential and not possible of adjournment. Every saving that can be made will be required, as owing to fluctuations in prices due to the War it is very difficult to submit accurate estimates, and some essential services may require more than is estimated for.

The Estimated Expenditure for the coming year is £29,675 and estimated Receipts £15,056, leaving £14,619 to be raised by Rates. Of this latter sum, £1,660 will be raised in the rents of the Artisans Dwellings and the balance of £12,959 to be provided by the remainder of the ratepayers. The poundage rate of 13/10 proposed will produce about £12,908.

The Rateable Valuation of the Borough has been reduced by a sum of about £475 consequent on recent decisions of the Courts and affects the produce of a penny in the Pound.

In one case where a reduction was made - that of the Great Southern Railways - the reduced valuation is effective from 1st April, 1937, and a claim has been made by the Company for a refund of £855 overpaid since that date. Up to date, no details of the reductions have been received from the Commissioner of Valuation, but he has intimated that the necessary certificates are in course of preparation and will operate as from 1st April, 1937. The Committee understand, however, that an appeal is contemplated in the case and are not making provision for any repayment in these Estimates.

The following is a comparative Table of the Rate in the Pound for the different Services in respect of the current and ensuing Financial Years. The various increases or decreases and the cause of such alterations will be dealt with after the Table.

SERVICE.	RATE FOR 1939/40 PENCE IN THE £.	RATE FOR 1940/41 PENCE IN THE £.
1. Housing	15.20	21.76
2. Graveyards	2.60	2.44
3. Markets, Etc.	.95	3.02
4. Vocational Education	7.80	8.21
5. Scavenging	18.78	23.91
6. Streets, Etc.	43.06	34.18
7. Public Health, Etc.	23.30	24.90
8. Fire Brigade	3.68	4.44
9. Waterworks	18.00	18.00
10. General Administration	18.54	21.18
11. Miscellaneous	.09	3.96.
TOTALS	152.00	166.00

NO. I. HOUSING:

The estimated loss on the provision of Working Class Dwellings for the year 1940/41 is £1,966 as against £1,447 for the present year - an increase of £519 which represents an increased rate for this Service of 6.56 pence in the Pound, making the total cost for the ensuing year 21.76 pence in the Pound.

The estimated expenditure is up from £12,762 to £13,781 - an increase of £1,019, and the estimated receipts are up from £11,315 to £11,815 - an increase of £500 which

makes the net increase of £519 in the cost of the service.

As to the increased expenditure:

Loan repayment charges are increased by £606 due to full provision having to be made in respect of the Davitt Road and William Street Housing Loans. The Collectors' Commission is up by £25 due to new houses and increased percentage. The provision for Fire Insurance has had to be increased by £25 to cover insurance of new houses, and, as well, the members will recollect that some time ago I pointed out that a number of the older Corporation houses were very much under insured. In accordance with instructions then given, I have now revised all the insurance and new policies are in course of preparation. This revision also accounts for the increased sum under this head.

The Rates increase of £563 is under two heads, viz.:- Town Rates £433 and Poor Rate £130. The first figure, of course, makes no difference to the total Rate in the Pound of the Town Rates and is only included here to show the total cost of the Service.

The allowance for maintenance and repair has been reduced by the Rates Committee from £1,000 to £800. This latter figure represents an average of £1.45 per house as against £1.84 last year. At the present time the Corporation have 550 houses let to weekly tenants the repair of which is their liability; 55 sold on the tenant-purchase system, in addition to 20 sold out-and-out, making a total of 628 houses provided - 494 of which have been erected since 1922. The allowance of £800 now made for maintenance will require strict watching in order to keep the houses in repair, and I do not think that any painting will be possible.

The increase of £500 in the Receipts is as follows:- Rents are up by £550 and subsidy under the 1932 Housing Act down by £50, leaving the net increase £500. Of the increased

Rents, £450 is from Davitt Road and William Street, £250 having been estimated for last year and not received. The other £100 increase is from a recommendation by the Special Rates Committee that the rents be increased by one penny per house per week. The average valuation of the Corporation dwellings on which rates are not paid direct by the occupiers is £4. 10. 0. and the one penny now proposed does not meet fully the increased rates proposed for the coming year; nor does the combined increase of twopence this year and the proposed increase of one penny next year more than meet half the Rate increase in the past five years. I, therefore, must again direct your attention to the provisions of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928; and to point out that a basic rent exclusive of rates should be fixed in respect of every house let to weekly tenants. The rent payable (inclusive of Rates) could then be fixed each year in accordance with the movement of Rates. If this were done it would greatly facilitate the making of Statistical Returns, Etc. The failure of the Corporation to carry out the provisions of this Statute has been commented on by various Local Government Auditors and by the writer, and I respectfully suggest that the time is now overdue to examine the entire question of the rents charged for Artisans Dwellings, and, if possible, to adopt a scheme of graded rents based on the incomes of the tenants. It does seem unfair to charge a man receiving, say, 15/- per week Unemployment Assistance the same rent as his next door neighbour with an income of, perhaps, £5 or £6. There are a great many difficulties, I admit, in the way of such a proposal as this, but with the goodwill and co-operation of the members I do not think they are insurmountable.

The Subsidy to be received under the Housing Act, 1932, is reduced by £50 due to intentional over-estimation on my part last year when I took into account arrears I then expected and actually did receive.

No. 2. GRAVEYARDS: Shows a reduction of £28 due to a number of causes. On the Expenditure side the sum of £80 provided last year for the removal of trees in the Intra mural graveyards is deleted, and the Special Rates Committee has reduced the annual allowance for maintenance from £100 to £50. Here, again, strict supervision will be necessary in order to keep expenditure within estimated limits. The Receipts show a big decrease. This is to be expected as the sale of Grave Spaces is bound to decline; most families now having one or more graves - in each of which three persons can be interred.

In this connection I believe that the matter of extending St. Ibar's Cemetery should be re-opened in the coming year.

NO. 3. MARKETS AND OTHER CORPORATE PROPERTY:

The sum required for this Service shows an increase of £210 over the current year's figure. Expenditure is increased by £215 due to the Loan obtained to discharge outstanding liabilities in connection with preliminary expenditure on proposed new Town Hall. This item is up by £230 and Insurance by £5., but the Rates Committee reduced the sum allowed for the repair of Corporate Property by £20. The Receipts side shows an increase of £25 due to a proposal of the Rates Committee to review the Market Rents.

NO. 4. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION: Remains practically the same as last year and the increased poundage rate is due to the reduced amount produced by a panny in the Pound.

NO. 5. SCAVENGING:

Last year a general system of Domestic Scavenging was put into operation for the first time, and a considerable number of householders availed of the opportunity of having a Dustbin emptied by the Scavenging Cart. This side of the Domestic Scavenging proved an unqualified success and was carried out at a reasonable cost. The emptying of ashpits,

however, proved quite the opposite. Numbers of people who previously had made their own arrangements in this connection applied to have ashpits emptied by the Corporation. As a result, the amount allowed for emptying ashpits was exhausted early in the year and the work was discontinued. It is not proposed to again take on the work of emptying ashpits which is the duty of the occupier of any premises, and Bye-laws are in course of preparation to enforce this duty.

The Ford Lorry has now reached the stage when it must be replaced by a proper scavenging outfit, and various types have been considered by the Special Rates Committee. Tenders will be invited for the supply of such a vehicle in the near future and details of those received, together with a comparative report on Capital and Working Costs submitted to the Corporation. The increase in the Estimate is due to two causes (1) the fact that last year the sum of £235 was taken as credit for the emptying of dustbins of Artisans Dwellings; the cost of this Service is now included in the rents of these houses and appears under No. 1. The second cause of the increase is the heavy increase in the cost of petrol, etc.

The staff necessary to operate the scavenging system has been reduced to the minimum and is detailed in the Estimate. No additions will be possible during the year unless provision is now made therefor.

NO. 6.

Maintenance of Streets shows a decrease of practically ninepence in the Pound. Receipts remain the same while expenditure is down by £818. Loans are less by £99, the amount allowed to supplement Grants is reduced by £448; the sum of £65 included last year for petrol for Morris Lorry is included under Scavenging as this lorry is no longer used on Roads, and the allowance of £56 to repay loan for concrete mixer has also been transferred to the miscellaneous heading.

The Rates Committee has reduced the sum allowed for the maintenance of streets, etc. from £600 to £450. This sum is comparatively small having regard to the maintenance necessary to enable roads to stand up to modern traffic. The total road mileage in the Town is 10.75, composed of Main Roads (maintained under contract with the Co. Council) 2.50, concrete 4.50, other 3.75. These figures relate to the position at 31st March, 1939 and slight variations may take place when the figures at the end of this year are available. On the basis therefore, of allowing only for the maintenance of macadam roads the sum now included is £120 per mile.

The reduction in loan charges is due to one of the early loans for streets being paid off.

This year it was necessary to make provision for a contribution towards a supplementary unemployment grant received at the close of the Financial Year 1938/39, and this sum has not to be included for next year.

NO. 7. PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES: show a loss of £2275 as against £2183 last year, an increase of £79. Expenditure is up by £82 and Receipts by £3.

Repayment and Interest on Loans for new sewers is up by £65 due to the full charge for some previous loans having to be met.

The Rates Committee reduced the allowance for the maintenance of sewers by £50. This work covers the cost of cleaning the Stonebridge River and usually the allowance of £200 is barely adequate. The Committee suggest, however, that it be made the responsibility of one of the Corporation employees to keep the debris from accumulating in the river and they believe if this were done that the annual cost of cleaning the river could be considerably reduced.

As the members are aware Edward Byrne, S.S.O. has resigned and that a Sanitary Inspector must be appointed in his

a Cost of Living Bonus to the Corporation Employees. The Committee had under consideration an application for such a Bonus on behalf of the members of the Transport Union employed by the Corporation, and the Corporation is recommended to grant a bonus of $10\frac{1}{2}$ d. per man in respect of each five points by which the Cost of living index figure rises above the figure in operation at 1st September, 1939. The figure payable to be reviewed every six months and wages to be adjusted accordingly.

From a perusal of the foregoing, together with the Statement and Estimates appended hereto, it will be seen that practically all the Services show an increase. I should like again to emphasise that the Estimated Expenditure has been reduced to the very minimum that will allow of the Municipal Services being efficiently administered during the next Twelve Months, and estimated receipts have been placed at the highest possible figure. Only Expenditure actually estimated for can be incurred during the ensuing year and the various services must be kept within the limits now set forth. If any member has any works in mind which he considers should be carried out in the Financial Period ensuing, and which are not embodied in the Estimates now presented, he should bring them forward immediately, as, after these rates are agreed on, no proposals not included therein can be carried out. In issuing this warning, however, I should like to pay tribute to the whole-hearted co-operation I have received from the members during the current year in this connection; no works (not absolutely urgent and essential) being insisted on which were not estimated for.

The Town Rates as estimated for 1940/41 are as follows:-

	s.	d.			
Borough Rate -----	9.	0.	in the Pound.		
Co. Cess-----	3.	4	"	"	"
Water Rates-----	1.	6	"	"	"
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Total-----	13.	10.	"	"	"

The Town Rates for the year 1939/40 were 12/8 in the Pound.

Finally, I feel it only right to record my appreciation of the help given me by His Worship the Mayor, the members of the Special Rates Committee, and the Borough Surveyor in the compilation of the Estimates for the year 1940/41.

Mise, le meas,

John J. Byrne,

Cleireach an Bhaile.

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

A

Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure

AND

B

ESTIMATE OF TOWN RATES (OTHER THAN POOR RATE) TO BE RAISED

IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON 31st MARCH, 1941.

A.

Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure

No. 1.—HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
	£ s d	£ s d
Repayment and Interest on Loans		9798 0 0
Maintenance and Repair of Houses		800 0 0
Ground Rents		18 0 0
Rent Collectors' Commission		300 0 0
Fire Insurance		125 0 0
Rates—Town, £1660; Poor, £1080		2740 0 0
Rents (including Rates)	7900 0 0	
Grant under Housing Act, 1908	40 0 0	
“ “ “ “ 1932	3875 0 0	
	£11815 0 0	£13781 0 0
Rate Chargeable with—Borough.		

No. 2.—GRAVEYARDS.

Repayment and Interest on Loans		30 0 0
Wages of Caretaker		117 0 0
“ “ Gravedigger		43 0 0
Cost of Grave openings		100 0 0
General Maintenance		50 0 0
Rates and Taxes		7 10 0
Telephone Service		8 0 0
Cleansing of Old Graveyards		20 0 0
Sale of Grave Spaces and Burial Fees	150 0 0	
	£150 0 0	£375 10 0
Rate Chargeable with—Borough.		

No. 3.—MARKETS AND OTHER CORPORATE PROPERTY.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
	£ s d	£ s d
Repayment and Interest on Loan—New... ..		430 0 0
Town Hall preliminary expenses		
Fee for Performing Rights Society		5 5 0
Toll Collector (part of Town Sergeant's... .. Salary)		31 4 0
Rent Collector (Corporate Estate)		10 0 0
Insurance		25 0 0
Rent of Market Site		50 0 0
Rent of Town Hall (Cornmarket) Site		13 8 6
Repairs to Corporate Buildings		50 0 0
Market Tolls and Stalls	125 0 0	
Fees from Town Hall	10 0 0	
Rents from Corporate Estate	200 0 0	
	£335 0 0	£614 17 6
Rate Chargeable with—Borough.		

No. 4.—VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
	£ s d	£ s d
Repayment of Loans for Extension		
Grants		455 0 0
Contribution in aid 1940/41		500 0 0
Recoupment of part Loan Charges	210 0 0	
	£465 0 0	£955 0 0
Rate Chargeable with—Borough.		

No. 5.—SCAVENGING—DOMESTIC & PUBLIC.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
	£ s d	£ s d
DOMESTIC:—Labour.		
1 Lorry Driver		
2 Helpers		
Man at Dump half time	...	567 0 0
Supervision		
Depreciation and Interest on New Lorry	...	150 0 0
Fuel	...	50 0 0
Oil, Grease, etc.	...	50 0 0
Insurance of Lorry	...	25 0 0
Insurance of Workmen	...	25 0 0
Miscellaneous Equipment, etc.	...	25 0 0
PUBLIC:—Labour.		
1 Lorry Driver		
5 Labourers		
Man at Dump half time	...	1014 0 0
Supervision		
Petrol	...	130 0 0
Insurance of Lorry	...	15 0 0
Repairs, Oil, Grease, Tyres, etc.	...	80 0 0
Brushes, Equipment, etc.	...	60 0 0
Insurance of Workmen	...	40 0 0
Scavenging—Main Roads	...	£50 0 0
Do. Harbour Streets	...	12 10 0
	£62 10 0	£2231 0 0

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

No. 6.—MAINTENANCE OF STREETS, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS (exclusive of Main Roads Upkeep).

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
	£ s d	£ s d
Repayment of Loans	...	1525 0 0
Repairs to Streets and Footpaths	...	450 0 0
Insurance (National Health and Unemployment)	...	40 0 0
Do. (Employer's Liability)	...	30 0 0
Rent of Stone Depot at Faythe	...	10 0 0
To supplement Unemployment Grants	...	1000 0 0
Contribution from Harbour Board	...	40 0 0
	£40 0 0	£3055 0 0

Rate Chargeable with—Rate in lieu of Co. Cess.

No. 7.—PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
	£ s d	£ s d
Repayment of Loans (Sewers)	...	425 0 0
Repairing and Cleansing Sewers	...	150 0 0
Vaccination Acts Expenses	...	20 0 0
Food and Drugs Acts Expenses	...	50 0 0
Salary of Sanitary Inspector	...	180 0 0
Superannuation of Ed. Byrne, S.S.O.	...	95 0 0
Salary of Medical Officers of Health	...	75 0 0
Do. Veterinary Inspector	...	150 0 0
Do. Health Visitor	...	190 0 0
Do. Inspector of Milk Shops (Town Sergeant)	...	31 4 0
Do. Executive Sanitary Officer	...	20 0 0
Administration of National Free Milk Scheme	...	50 0 0
Bathing Place	...	60 0 0
Milk (Maternity & Child Welfare)	...	165 0 0
Feeding of Necessitous School Children	...	250 0 0
Immunisation against Diphtheria	...	40 0 0
Public Lighting	...	700 0 0
Recoupment of part of Sanitary Officers' Salaries	...	35 0 0
	£385 0 0	£2651 4 0

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

No. 8.—FIRE BRIGADE.

Repayment and Interest on Loans	...	270 0 0
General Maintenance (including Men's Stipend and Subsidy towards Rents)...	...	100 0 0
Telephone Service	...	16 0 0
Insurance of Fire Engine	...	20 0 0

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

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£406 0 0

No. 9.—WATERWORKS.

	Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Repayment and Interest on Loans	1532	0	0
Income Tax and Rates	35	0	0
Salary of Superintendent	200	0	0
Wages of Turncock	200	0	0
" " Caretaker	65	0	0
" " P. Somers	20	0	0
Collector's Commission	50	0	0
Printing and Advertising	50	0	0
Insurance (Employers' Liability)	10	0	0
Do. (National Health and Un-employment)	10	0	0
Right-of-way John Street Reservoir	4	0	0
Audit Fee	10	0	0
Preparation of Rate Books	9	10	0
General Maintenance	100	0	0
Sale of Water by Meter	600	0	0	
Special Charges	65	0	0	
Special Agreements	65	0	0	
Government Rates	5	0	0	
Sale of Water to Ships	30	0	0	
Miscellaneous Receipts	25	0	0	
			£790	0	0	£2295 10 0

Rate Chargeable with—Water Rate.

No. 10.—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

	Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Salaries :—The Mayor	100	0	0
Town Clerk	420	0	0
Clerical Assistant	200	0	0
Typist	110	0	0
Town Sergeant (part of)	93	12	0
Office Cleaner	13	0	0
Printing and Advertising	200	0	0
Telephone Rents	50	0	0
Fuel and Light	60	0	0
Law Costs	120	0	0
Stationery and Office Equipment	60	0	0
Preparation of Rate Books	19	0	0
Travelling Expenses	40	0	0
Uniform and Boots for Town Sergeant	10	0	0
Reports—Association Municipal Authorities	5	5	0
Audit Fee	20	0	0
Town Surveyor's Salary (part of)	200	0	0
Rate Collector's Commission	260	0	0
Fees Returned by Town Clerk :—						
Franchise	70	0	0	
Old Age Pensions	18	0	0	
			£88	0	0	£1980 17 0

Rate Chargeable with:—

	Receipts.	Expend.
Borough	£88	£1546 17 0
Co. Cess	—	434 0 0

No. 11.—MISCELLANEOUS.

	Receipts.			Expenditure.				
	£	s	d	£	s	d		
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	675	0	0	660	0	0
Insurance (Employers' Liability)	35	0	0		
Do. (National Health and Un-employment)	12	0	0		
Tithe Rent Charge	2	0	0		
Irish Tourist Association	20	0	0		
Repayment of Loan for Concrete Mixer	70	0	0		
Local Elections	200	0	0		
Cost of Living Bonus	80	0	0		
Government Rates	45	0	0			
			£720	0	0	£1079	0	0

Rate Chargeable with:—

	Receipts.	Expend.
Borough	£705	£1009 0 0
Co. Cess	15	70 0 0

B.

ESTIMATE OF RATES TO BE RAISED.

BOROUGH RATE.

SERVICE.		Receipts.			Expenditure.		
		£	s	d	£	s	d
No. 1.	Housing of the Working Classes ...	11815	0	0	13781	0	0
„ 2.	Burial Grounds ...	150			375	10	0
„ 3.	Market and other Corporate Property ...	325	0	0	614	17	6
„ 4.	Vocational Education ...	210	0	0	955	0	0
„ 5.	Scavenging—Domestic & Public ...	62	10	0	2231	0	0
„ 7.	Public Health & Social Services ...	385	0	0	2651	4	0
„ 8.	Fire Brigade ...				406	0	0
„ 10.	General Administration ...	88	0	0	1546	17	0
„ 11.	Miscellaneous Contingencies ...	705	0	0	1009	0	0
	Collectible Rates outstanding at 31/3/40 ...	300	0	0			
	Excess of Estimated Expenditure over Receipts and amount to be Raised by means of a Borough Rate ...	9679	18	6			
		£23720	8	6	£23720	8	6
	Amount to be raised by Borough Rate ...	£9679	18	6			
	Less amounts raised in rents of Artisans' Dwellings ...	1080	0	0			
					£8599	18	6
	A Borough Rate of 9/- in the £ will produce:—						
	For General Town Purposes at 1/- in the £ ...	£954	0	0			
	For General Sanitary Purposes at 8/- in the £ ...	7632	0	0			
					£8586	0	0

RATE IN LIEU OF CO. CESS.

No. 6.	Maintenance of Streets, Roads, and Footpaths ...	40	0	0	3055	0	0
„ 10.	General Administration ...				434	0	0
„ 11.	Miscellaneous Contingencies ...	15	0	0	70	0	0
	Collectible Rates outstanding at 31st March, 1940 ...	120	0	0	100	0	0
	Excess of Expenditure over Receipts and amount to be raised by means of a Rate in lieu of County Cess ...	3484	0	0			
		£3659	0	0	£3659	0	0
	Amount to be raised by Rate in lieu of County Cess ...	£3484	0	0			
	Less amount collected in rents of Artisans' Dwellings ...	400	0	0	£3084	0	0
	A Rate of 3/4 in the £ will produce about ...				£3080	0	0

WATER RATES.

No. 9.	Waterworks ...	790	0	0	2295	10	0
	Collectible Rates outstanding at 31st March, 1940 ...	50	0	0			
	Excess of Estimated Expenditure over Receipts and amount to be raised by Water Rates ...	1455	10	0			
		£2295	10	0	£2295	10	0
	Amount to be raised by Water Rates ...	£1455	10	0			
	Less amounts collected in Rents of Artisans' Dwellings ...	180	0	0	£1275	10	0
	A Domestic Rate of 1/- in the £ will produce ...	£780	0	0			
	A Public Rate of 6d. in the £ will produce ...	462	0	0	£1242	0	0

SUMMARY OF TOWN RATES FOR 1940/41.

Borough Rate	s. d.	
	9 0 in the £	
County Cess	3 4 „ „ „	The Total of the Town
Water	1 6 „ „ „	Rates for 1939/40 was
		12/8d. in the £.
Total	13 10 „ „ „	

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JOHN J. BYRNE,
Town Clerk.

Estimates referred to in Minutes of Proceedings of Wexford Corporation on 26th March 1940. J. J. Byrne, J. M. Clarke

1st April, 1940.

A Quarterly 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: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Tobin and James McMahon.

Councillors: Robert Moran, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Atkins, Patrick Hawkins, Phillip McGuire, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Dunne, Thomas Byrne, and James Crosbie.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on 4th and 26th ultimo; Finance & Works, Etc., Committees on 4th and 11th ultimo; and Special Rates Committee on 9th and 16th ultimo.

On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Alderman McMahon, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read and signed by the Mayor.

ACCOUNTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate, to £4,638. 0. 5 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

MEETING

The first business on the Agenda was to fix the date of the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council, and on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor McGuire, it was agreed that a Quarterly Meeting be held on Monday 1st July, 1940, at the Town Hall, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

An acknowledgement was read from Mr. P. T. Daly and family returning thanks for the vote of sympathy passed with them in their recent bereavement.

The Minister for Supplies under date of the 12th ultimo acknowledged receipt of a resolution passed relating to the cost of living.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 14th ultimo acknowledged receipt of the Corporation's resolution regarding the amendment of the County Management Bill.

MILK TENDERS

The Special Rates Committee recommended that the tenders of Messrs. John Quirke, Hayestown, John Hayes, Hayestown, Denis Shannon, Killeens, Mrs. E. Cullimore, Stonebridge, Wexford, and Mrs. Kate Clare, Whiterock, be accepted for the supply of new milk under the National Free Milk Supply Scheme at 1/6d per gallon, delivered to the homes of the recipients for the year ending 31st March, 1941.

It was explained that in reply to a public advertisement the above named people had submitted tenders at 1/8d per gallon, which was an increase of 25% on the price at which they supplied during the year to 31st ultimo, but the Finance Committee had refused to pay this price and as a result

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of representations made to the tenderers they had reduced the price from 1/8d to 1/6d per gallon.

The Corporation considered that having regard to the increase in the cost of foodstuffs that an increase of 2d per gallon was reasonable, and on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Connolly, the Committee recommendation was accepted.

The tender of Mr. James Barry Walker, of Latimerstown, for the supply of milk under the Maternity & Child Welfare Scheme at 1/4d per gallon, delivered to a depot was also accepted, on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Connolly.

TENDER FOR WATER CLOSET

The Finance & Works Committee recommended that the tender of Mr. John Lacey, William Street, for the installation of a water closet, fittings, house drain, and other incidental work at the premises of Miss Margt. Johnson, William Street, for the sum of £27. 18. 5 be accepted.

It was explained that as far back as September 1939 a notice had been served on Mrs. Ellen Gordon, Parnell Street, Wexford, who was the owner of the premises occupied by Miss Johnson, requiring her to provide a water closet within one month.

Mrs. Gordon had failed to comply with the notice and after lengthy correspondence she refused to provide the convenience, so it was decided that the Corporation should do the work themselves and proceed against her for the costs.

A Specification had been prepared by the Borough Surveyor and a public advertisement issued inviting tenders for the work. Only one tender had been received, that of Mr. Lacey, which it was now recommended should be accepted, so on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was unanimously agreed to accept this tender and to have the work carried out as soon as possible.

DEMOLITION ORDER

The Finance & Works Committee also recommended that a Demolition Order be made in respect of the premises at Green Street, Wexford, in the occupation of Mrs. J. Keating, and on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Coffey, the order was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

TEMPORARY SANITARY INSPECTOR

With reference to minutes of the 4th ultimo when it was decided to appoint a temporary sanitary inspector in lieu of Edward Byrne, S.S.O., resigned, the Town Clerk reported that in response to a public advertisement issued three applications had been received. They were from Mr. John P. O'Loughlin, 7 Faulkner's Terrace, Kilmainham, Dublin; Mr. John P. Keegan, Templenew, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal; and Miss Winifred Guiney, Oakley Park, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

In his letter sanctioning the temporary appointment the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had intimated that the Corporation should in consultation with the County Medical Officer of Health select the most suitable qualified candidate for the position.

The three applicants were qualified in accordance with the Public Health (Urban Sanitary Inspectors) Order, 1930, and Dr. Daly, County Medical Officer of Health attended the meeting at this stage to assist the Corporation in making a selection.

Dr. Daly stated that the three persons who applied had the necessary qualifications for the post, but he thought that Mr. O'Loughlin who had experience in the large Urban District of Bray would be the most suitable of the three for the Borough of Wexford.

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A number of members objected to this temporary position being confined to persons with these qualifications and thought that the Corporation could get a suitable person in Town to undertake the temporary duties, but the Town Clerk pointed out that the law required a Sanitary Inspector with certain qualifications and that the appointment of any person who did not possess these qualifications would not be approved by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Councillor Gaul thereupon moved that Miss Guiney be appointed to the temporary position, but there was no seconder.

Councillor Dunne moved that Mr. John F. O'Loughlin be appointed and Councillor Byrne seconded.

As there was no other proposition Mr. O'Loughlin was declared appointed, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE

Under date of the 11th ultimo Mr. John Elgee, Solicitor to Wexford County Council stated that his Council had under consideration the construction of a new bridge across the River Slaney on the site opposite the old courthouse to Ferrybank, and asked for the observations of the Corporation to this proposal so that he could lay same before the County Council. The members wholeheartedly supported the proposal of the County Council to erect the new bridge on the old site from Ferrybank to the Quays, but at the same time directed the Town Clerk to call the attention of the County Council to the great inconvenience and loss the Town of Wexford was suffering as a result of the restrictions on traffic over the present bridge and to respectfully urge on them the need for haste in erecting the proposed new bridge.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE

On the motion of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Alderman McMahon, Councillor Robert Moran was appointed to represent the Corporation at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., of which the Corporation was a member.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution was submitted by the Corporation of Drogheda:-

"that this Council is convinced that the present Old Age Pension of a maximum amount of 10/- per week is quite insufficient to provide an individual with the necessaries for living in bare comfort, and consequently urges the Government to take immediate steps to have the amount increased to what is reasonable and decent."

Councillor Cashman moved the adoption of this resolution and Councillor Byrne seconded. After some discussion, however, it was unanimously adopted with the following additions:

- (1) that the means test in connection with Old Age Pensions be abandoned; and
- (2) that old age pensions be granted at 65 years of age.

REFUSAL ORDER

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Hayes, a Refusal Order was made under the Milk & Dairies Act 1935, in respect of the premises of Kate Mahon, Westgate, to have her premises at Westgate registered in the Registrar of Dairies.

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TEMPORARY TYPIST

The Town Clerk reported that the temporary appointment of Miss E. M. Phillips, as typist in his office expired on the 31st ultimo, and requested a renewal of the appointment until 30th September next, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Coffey, it was unanimously agreed to renew the appointment until 30th September next on condition that if a temporary typist was then required in the Town Clerk's Office that the post should be re-advertised.

FEES

Under date of the 21st ultimo by letter No. H.5556/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health referred to previous correspondence on the proposal of the Corporation to allow fees to the Borough Surveyor in respect of work done in connection with the making of Clearance and Demolition Orders by the Corporation, and stated that he would be prepared to sanction the payment of fees at the rate of £1 per house for each house included in a Clearance Order and 10/- in respect of houses the subject of Demolition Orders.

The Corporation accepted the fees fixed by the Minister in this case and unanimously decided that they should be paid.

In this connection the Mayor stated, that a similar application had been made on behalf of the Town Clerk for fees in connection with the preparation of Clearance and Demolition Orders, but up to the present they had not been sanctioned. He stated that to his own knowledge the Town Clerk had always prepared these orders without the assistance of the Corporation Solicitor, and if he (Town Clerk) desired he could hand them over to the Solicitor to prepare with its consequent expense to the Corporation; the

Solicitor had never been consulted in the making of any of the orders which had been carried out up to the present except to appear on behalf of the Corporation at any inquiry in connection therewith. He (Mayor) thought the Town Clerk was clearly entitled to this allowance. Councillor Hayes thereupon moved that similar fees to those granted to the Borough Surveyor should be granted to the Town Clerk. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

MILK DISTRIBUTION

With reference to minutes of the Corporation on 4th ultimo when Councillor Byrne remarked that insinuations were being made in Town that the most deserving cases were not receiving milk under the Child Welfare Scheme, the Councillor now stated that he had given a few names to the Town Clerk to have investigated and he was perfectly satisfied that there was no foundation whatsoever for the insinuations being made, and he unreservedly withdrew any implication that there was unfair distribution of the milk.

The meeting then terminated.

J. Walsh

1st April, 1940.

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.

RATES

With reference to previous discussions on the question of a refund of rates to the Great Southern Railways Company, the Mayor stated that he had received a request from the Secretary of the General Council of County Councils to meet the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the following day in connection with this matter, and he asked for the authority of the Corporation to attend on their behalf, so it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the Mayor should attend this deputation and be paid the usual expenses therefor.

SHOP AT HARBOUR VIEW

An application from Mrs. John Rossiter, of 2 Harbour View, for permission to open a shop there was refused.

The Town Clerk was also requested to look up the position in regard to a man named Barlow who was carrying on a business in one of the Corporation houses at Wolfe Tone Villas.

WASTE LAND - DAVITT RD.

It was unanimously agreed that a piece of waste land adjoining the Fire Station at Davitt Road, North, should be divided up between three or four of the Corporation tenants at Menapie Avenue and St. John's Road.

WATERWORKS SCHEME

Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers to the Waterworks Scheme, intimated that in connection with the filtration plant it would be necessary to acquire $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of land on the Newbay Estate adjoining the reservoir, and requested the Council to negotiate for this acquisition, and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should write to the owner requesting him to sell the necessary piece of ground. In this connection the Town Clerk was also requested to get in touch with Delap and Waller and ascertain when they would be in a position to submit the final plans for this scheme to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM

A malicious injury claim on behalf of Mrs. A. Roche, North Main Street, for the breaking of a plate glass window was referred to the Corporation Solicitor to defend.

HOUSES - GREEN ST.

The Town Clerk reported that he had served the usual notices on the owners and occupiers of three houses at Lower Green Street, which were in a terrible condition, and as no representations were made on behalf of the owners or occupiers it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to make Demolition Orders.

REMISSION OF RATES

No action was taken on a letter from Messrs. David Allen & Sons for a reduction in their rates consequent on the deterioration of their advertising sites due to the war.

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RATES

It was reported that a man named Thomas Kirwan, South Main Street, owed no less than £46. 9. 0 Poor Rate together with two years Town Rates. The man himself was absolutely unable to pay and had no means whatsoever, but the owner of the premises had undertaken to pay the two years Town Rates due and offered to pay two years Poor Rates in discharge of the sum due.

As the owner could not in any way be made legally liable for the arrears of Poor Rate, the Committee thought it advisable to accept this offer as being the best settlement that could be made having regard to all the circumstances.

Consequent on a report from Dr. Sinnott on the condition of a lane leading from Paul Quay to King Street it was decided to communicate with the Wexford Harbour Commissioners to request them to have it put into a sanitary state.

J. Walsh

6th April, 1940.

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

The Members present being:-

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

Alderman. Thomas Walsh, Councillors. Hayes and Buckland.

Rent Collectors Lacey and Roche, together with the Town Clerk and his Clerical Assistant were also in attendance.

The meeting examined the position of every Corporation tenant in regard to their arrears of rent and gave instructions to the Town Clerk to communicate with a number of them pointing out that the arrears must be paid within a reasonable time, otherwise the Corporation would be compelled to seek possession of the houses. In a few cases it was ordered that notice to quit should be served and possession of the houses sought until the entire arrears due were paid.

The Committee further decided that the following sums in arrear for a considerable time should be struck off as irrecoverable, as in their opinion it would be impossible to recover them:-

COLLECTOR LACEY

No. 115.	E. Hanton,	£ 4.	1.	6.
" 127.	P. Cullen,	11.	1.	2.
" 136.	R. Roche,	2.	7.	9.
" 199.	P. Nolan,	10.	16.	8.
Folio 37.	J. Rogan,	1.	3.	8.
do.	N. Connolly,	18.	1.	0.
do.	Ml. Fenlon,		4.	0.
do.	Wm. Roche,	1.	9.	6.
do.	J. O'Neill,	1.	17.	9.
do.	P. Browne,	2.	3.	0.
do.	K. O'Neill,	2.	3.	6.
do.	John Barry		15.	0.
do.	Denis Delaney,		12.	0.
do.	Daniel Kelly,	1.	0.	6.
do.	Robt. Barnwell,	4.	2.	3.
No. 67.	Thos. Barnes,	1.	15.	0.
" 241.	Fred. English,		4.	8.
" 291.	A. Dempsey,		15.	0.
" 218.	W. Duggan,	6.	16.	2.
" 263.	Jas. Delaney,	4.	1.	0.
" 282.	Peter Sinnott,	4.	0.	6.
" 118.	W. Staunton,		5.	10.
Folio 37.	O'Leary,	1.	6.	0.
		<u>£ 81.</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>5.</u>

COLLECTOR ROCHE

No. 286.	P. Berry,	£ . 16.	9.
" 289.	Mrs. O'Neill,	6.	8.
" 290.	T. Keating,	10.	0.
" 291.	Mrs. Cullen,	1.	7.
" 292.	Mrs. Saunders,	1.	12.
" 293.	E. Byrne,	2.	15.
" 294.	P. Harpur,	2.	7.
Folio 46.	J. Gaul,	5.	2.
No. 180.	T. Ryan,	17.	6.
" 193.	J. Cullen,	2.	8.
" 181.	J. Sutton,	1.	3.
" 285.	J. Kenny,	3.	6.
" 203.	P. O'Leary,	1.	9.
" 297.	W. Whitty,	5.	8.
Folio 46.	Browne,	2.	12.
No. 113.	Sullivan,	4.	3.

£27. 10. 11.

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8th April, 1940.

A Meeting of the Finance & Works 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)

Aldermen: McMahon, Coffey, and Walsh.

Councillors: Byrne, Connolly, John Billington, Gaul, McMahon, Hawkins, Crosbie, Dunne, Atkins, Moran, Hayes, and Sinnott.

POOR RATE DEMAND

The Town Clerk reported that the County Council Demand for the year ending 31st March, 1941 was £8,300. 13. 4, which was an increase of £181 and this increase together with the reduced valuation of the Borough would mean a substantial increase in the rate in the pound. The Town Clerk suggested however, that a rate of 9/- similar to last year be levied and to make this rate sufficient he suggested that the amount included for extraordinary irrecoverable rates be reduced, and that a strong drive be made during the coming year to collect the outstanding arrears of Poor Rate.

The members thought that in the circumstances this was the best thing to be done and unanimously decided, on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to recommend the Corporation to agree to a Poor Rate of 9/- in the pound.

MISSION

Reference was made to the fact that a fortnight's Mission was commencing in the Town on Sunday next, and it was agreed, as on previous occasions, to allow the Corporation employees to commence work at 8.30 a.m. instead of 8.0. so as to enable them to attend this mission, and it was further agreed that if at all possible no meetings should be held during the mission.

LIGHT ALLOWANCE

A letter was read from the Town Sergeant making application for light in his apartments or a light allowance. From the time of his appointment, he stated, until six years ago he received 1/- weekly.

In connection with this application the Town Clerk reported that Kehoe was appointed in 1929 at a wage of £2. 10. 0 per week together with apartments and light. On the 6th May, 1929 it was agreed to pay him 1/- per week in lieu of light as he had installed a separate gas meter in his apartments. This was discontinued in March 1930 when electricity was installed in the Town Hall and light was again provided for the Town Sergeant. In 1936 his wages were increased to £2. 15. 0 per week. In 1934, however, owing to the unsatisfactory conditions under which the Town Sergeant and his family were living in the rooms provided in the Town Hall and to the need for the use of these rooms for storage purposes the Corporation had transferred Kehoe to a house adjoining the Town Hall, formerly in the occupation of Patrick McGuire, who paid therefor a rent of 5/5d per week.

Since he occupied this house he was not provided with light by the Corporation and the Town Sergeant had not been paid any allowance, so it was now unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Walsh, that he be paid an allowance of 1/- per week in lieu of light.

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FREE MILK

In connection with the supply of milk under the Free Milk Supply Scheme, the Town Clerk reported that under date of the 1st instant by letter No. P.H.9086/2/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated he considered that the price of 1/6d per gallon excessive for the summer period, namely, from April to September, and asked that the tenderers be approached with a view to reducing their price during these months.

The Town Clerk further reported that as instructed by the Minister he had written to the tenderers but they all replied to the effect that owing to the rising cost of feeding stuffs that a lesser price than 1/6d per gallon would not pay. The Corporation decided that the Town Clerk should inform the Minister of the tenderers reply.

PILOT LIGHTS

The Town Clerk reported that he had received an intimation from the Electricity Supply Board to the effect that the permission of the Department of Defence to the restoration of the pilot lights in the Public Lighting System had been obtained and that they would be in operation as soon as possible.

RAILWAY VALUATION

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the Mayor was appointed to attend a deputation of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the subject of the reduction in the valuation of the Railways, it was reported that the Commissioner of Valuation was lodging an appeal against the decision of Judge Davitt. A deputation had also interviewed the Great Southern Railways Company who were taking action in the Courts to preserve their claim and as soon as they had secured judgement they would be prepared to discuss the question of repayment over a period of years. This was considered satisfactory.

HOUSES - AUBURN TERRACE

The Town Clerk reported that there were three houses at Auburn Terrace in the occupation of Messrs. Gregory, Doyle and Doyle, in respect of which there was no less than £434. 13. 11 arrears of rates due to the 31st ultimo. Some time ago decrees had been obtained in the Courts against the occupiers but had been returned by the Sheriff marked "no goods." As the persons in occupation had no means by which to pay these rates it was considered that to apply for an Examination Order would be a waste of money.

The Munster & Leinster Bank held a mortgage on these houses, and in October last the Town Clerk had applied to the Bank for payment of these rates. At first the Bank had refused to accept any liability in the matter and the Town Clerk had informed them that he proposed to seek the permission of the Courts to dispose of the houses in order to recover the sums due. The Bank had then placed the matter in the hands of their local Solicitors and some correspondence had passed between the Solicitors and the Town Clerk. As well, a number of interviews had taken place as a result of which the Bank stated that while they could not accept any liability in the matter they were, without prejudice, prepared to offer to pay the sum of £141. 16. 4, being two years rates to the 31st ultimo in discharge of all arrears due to that date.

The members considered that this would be an excellent settlement in the case as they were all aware that the houses were rapidly deteriorating for want of repairs and that the occupiers had no means whatsoever to pay the sums due, so it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Hayes, to accept the offer made by the Bank.

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REPORT - MEAT INSPECTOR

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of February showed that he had examined 92 cattle, 253 sheep and 26 swine. Of the cattle, 7 were diseased; 2 partial carcasses to the extent of 200 lbs in weight were destroyed for tuberculosis; 5 heads and 6 offals being destroyed for other diseases. Of the sheep, 100 livers were destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis and of the swine 3 heads were destroyed for tuberculosis.

In forwarding the report of the Veterinary Inspector the County Medical Officer of Health stated he understood the Corporation proposed to erect a public abattoir and requested to be informed when the same would be erected.

In this connection it was decided to inform the County Medical Officer of Health that the Corporation considered that the provision of a public abattoir would be a most desirable thing and they were prepared to provide one if it could be shown that they had statutory authority to compel the victuallers to use it.

COST OF LIVING BONUS

The Town Clerk submitted a list of employees entitled to a cost of living bonus in accordance with a resolution of the 26th March last. They were as follows:- William Byrne, Foreman, John Byrne, Carter, Thomas Hore, Carter, John Rossiter, Lorry Driver, Patrick Sutton, Waterworks Department: and the following from the Cleansing Department:- John Kehoe, Garrett Doyle, Joseph Gough, Isaac Robinson, Joseph Sinnott, Daniel Thomas, Richard Lane, John Reck, John Byrne and John Bolger. The Town Clerk further reported that the present cost of living index figure was 197, and the figure in September 1939, 173, which was an increase of 24 points, and in respect of which the men would be paid $10\frac{1}{2}$ each for every 5 points or a total of 3/6d per week as from 1st April last.

The Caretaker of the Cemetery however, he pointed out came within the ambit of the Local Offices and Employments Order 1924, in view of the fact that he acted as Registrar of Burials, consequently, his bonus would have to be approved by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. As regards Thomas Hore, Carter, it was pointed out that Hore was in receipt of £4. 7. 6 per week for a number of years, which was at the present time 7/6d per week more than the other carter received. This 7/6d was formerly allowed as "dirty money" in connection with the cleansing of ashpits. This work of cleansing ashpits had been discontinued and Hore was no longer entitled to be paid this money, but some time ago the Corporation had decided against the action of the Officials in taking this 7/6d off Hore.

It was now asked if Hore was to be paid a cost of living bonus on top of £4. 7. 6 and after some discussion it was decided on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Dunne, to continue paying Hore the £4. 7. 6 per week but not to pay him the cost of living bonus.

REFUSAL ORDERS

The County Medical Officer of Health recommended that Refusal Orders under the Milk & Dairies Act, 1935 be made in respect of the applications for Registration of John Kehoe, High Street; David Shortall, Ferrybank; and Catherine Flood, Ardavan.

In this connection it was decided to recommend the Corporation to make these Orders, but in the meantime, the County Medical Officer of Health was to be asked if John Kehoe, had been given an opportunity of complying with terms of the Act, and if not, the Town Clerk should request him to comply with it before the Order was made.

It was decided to register Mrs. M. Finucane, South Main Street.

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HOUSE - FAYTHE

The Town Clerk reported that some time ago he had submitted a Medical Report on a house at Faythe occupied by Kit Cullen, but consideration of it had been adjourned to enable him to obtain the names of the persons residing in the house. These were Miss Cullen, John Kearney and his wife, William Murphy and his wife, and Miss Kate Byrne. In this connection it was decided to serve the usual notice of the time and place when the making of a Demolition Order would be considered.

DUSTBINS

At the request of Councillor Hayes it was agreed that the employees emptying dustbins should be provided with a scraper to enable them to empty the bins without having to beat them on the side of the lorry.

HOUSES - KING ST.

It was further decided that the owner of houses at King Street in respect of which the provision of water closets had been ordered should be written to asking when she proposed to carry out this work.

ACQUISITION OF LAND

It was also decided that negotiations should be opened with a view to obtaining a field at Summerhill from a Mr. Hore for use as a dumping ground.

J. Walsh

8th April, 1940.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh.

Councillors: Sinnott, Moran, Atkins, Byrne, Dunne, John Billington, Hayes and Crosbie.

REPORT - SURVEYOR

The following report from the Borough Surveyor on the 14 Houses at William Street was submitted:-

"Following our interview with Mr. Scott, L.G.D. Inspector, on the 13th inst., I have gone into the cost of above Scheme. I set out below the analysis of the cost as requested. I find that the Scheme will cost approximately £9,410 to complete and this is apportioned as follows:-

(1) Labour costs including Foreman.....	£4776. 10. 5	or	50.75%
(2) Clerk of Works salary.....	245. 5. 5	or	2.60%
(3) Materials.....	4366. 9. 2	or	46.40%
(4) Legal expenses, etc.	21. 9. 6	or	.25%
Complete cost.....	£9409. 14. 6		100.00%

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Taking (1) and (3) you will notice that the Labour Costs are in excess of the cost of materials which is unusual in better class Housing Schemes. In fact in Schemes for slum clearance houses labour costs should not be in excess of the costs of materials unless in cases where costs of development are very high. In this scheme I estimated that the cost of materials should be about 52% of the Total Cost, that is to say the Scheme should actually have cost £8,400 or £600 per house. Under normal conditions the 14 houses should have been completed in 9 months and the following is my estimation of how the analysis of the costs would have worked out:-

Labour-----	46%
Supervision-----	1.5%
Materials-----	52%
Incidentals-----	.5%
	<u>100.0%</u>

It will be seen, therefore, that the over expenditure is mainly on Labour costs, and I now set out an analysis of the labour costs:-

(1) Foreman-----	£287. 8. 0.	approx.	£20. 10. 0.	per house.
(2) Carpenters-----	1175. 19. 6.	"	84. 0. 0.	"
(3) Masons-----	481. 13. 7.	"	34. 8. 0.	"
(4) Slaters and plasterers-----	640. 3. 0.	"	45. 14. 0.	"
(5) Painters-----	229. 4. 0.	"	16. 7. 0.	"
(6) Plumbers-----	163. 13. 4.	"	11. 14. 0.	"
(7) Labourers and carting-----	<u>1798. 9. 0.</u>	"	<u>128. 9. 0.</u>	"
Total cost of Labour--	<u>£4776. 10. 5.</u>	"	<u>£341. 2. 0.</u>	"

Items (1), (2), (4) and (7) are in my opinion excessive and a fair analysis of the labour costs per house would be:-

(1)	£12. 0. 0.	
(2)	£60. 0. 0.	
(3)	£34. 0. 0.	
(4)	£30. 0. 0.	
(5)	£16. 7. 0.	
(6)	£11. 14. 0.	
(7)	<u>£108. 0. 0.</u>	this includes cartage and attendance on trades.
	£272. 1. 0.	or £69. 1. 0. less than actual cost.

Undoubtedly the big factor in causing the excess costs was the delay in obtaining suitable supplies of timber. I asked for power to obtain supplies elsewhere but this was refused in regard to the timber, but peculiarly enough I was permitted to obtain supplies of suitable ridge and hip tiles elsewhere. Another factor (common to all Direct Labour Schemes) which contributed to the excess labour cost was interference with the powers of the Engineer in the proper supervision of the labour and the consequent laxity of discipline. I opposed from the start the proposal to carry out any building Scheme by Direct Labour and gave my reasons for such opposition. However, if I had been given full powers regarding the securing of materials and complete control with regard to Labour, any excess expenditure over my original estimate could be fully justified."

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In this connection the meeting strongly objected to the paragraph which intimated that control by the Surveyor had been interfered with by members of the Council, and after a lengthy discussion the meeting adjourned to enable the Borough Surveyor to submit the original list of names he had obtained from the Labour Exchange for employment as unskilled labourers on this Scheme together with the list of names submitted by the members. The Committee was to meet again on Saturday 13th instant at 3. 0. p.m.

G. Walsh

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13th April, 1940.

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

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Walsh and Councillor Hayes.

RATE COLLECTORS ACCOUNTS

The meeting had been convened to examine the accounts of the Collector of Town Rates, Mr. Patrick Curran, for the year ending 31st March, 1940, and to make recommendations to the Corporation as to the manner in which they should be closed.

It was reported that Mr. Curran's Total Warrant was £16,136. 11. 9½d. made up of £12,862. 0. 1 current rate and £3,274. 11. 8½d arrears. Of the current rate he had collected £10,977. 16. 9, of the arrears he had collected £790. 3. 1, and he had allowed discount amounting to £156. 12. 3, leaving a balance outstanding of £4,211. 19. 8.

The amount collected represented 73.8% of his warrant as against 72.27% last year, which was an increase in the collection of 1.53%.

If the current rate collection was separated from the arrears the collection of current rate was approximately, 89%.

The meeting expressed satisfaction with the collection of Mr. Curran during the year and unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation at their next meeting to pay him the balance of poundage due and sanction to such payment was to be applied for forthwith.

The meeting then examined the schedule of uncollected rates presented by Mr. Curran and unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to strike off items which appeared to them to be irrecoverable, and to carry forward the balance into the warrant for 1940-41.

The meeting also examined Mr. Curran's collection of Water Charges, and unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to strike off as irrecoverable the following sums which there was no hope of recovering, namely,

- 19/3d. due by a Mr. O'Hanlon for a number of years which could not be recovered;
- £9. 4. 4. due by a Mr. McGuire, Enniscorthy, for some years past; this man having left the country.

C. J. Walsh

22nd April, 1940.

A Meeting of the Finance & Works Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at nine o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Hayes, John Billington, Crosbie, Hawkins, Sinnott, Byrne, Cashman, Gaul and Murphy.

HOUSE - FISHER'S ROW

The Town Clerk reported that at the last Circuit Court he had obtained a Decree for possession of the house at Fisher's Row occupied by Mrs. Mary Bolger, to whom an advance of £500 had been made under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, Mrs. Bolger being in arrear with her instalments at the 30th December last by £58. 7. 3. He had received a letter through the Corporation Solicitor from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, on behalf of Mrs. Bolger offering to surrender her interest in the premises on condition that she be reinstated a weekly tenant at a rent of 10/- per week to the Corporation. He (Town Clerk) had pointed out that having regard to the liabilities on the premises the Corporation could not agree to the suggestion. Apart altogether from the arrears of instalments due the annual charge on the premises in respect of repayment of the loan and rates would amount to approximately, £40 per annum, and this could not be covered by the suggestion of Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey. After some discussion it was decided to adjourn further consideration of this matter until next meeting, and in the meantime, the Town Clerk was to ascertain what legal costs were due in respect of the ejectment proceedings.

INCREASE OF WAGES

A letter was read from the Amalgamated Engineering Union applying for an increase of wages for Mr. Thos. Crosbie, Lorry Driver, owing to the increased cost of living, and it was decided to recommend the Corporation to grant Crosbie the same cost of living bonus as was recently granted to the members of the Transport Union.

ENTRANCE - CROMWELL'S FORT

Under date of the 15th instant Mr. James J. Stafford, Cromwell's Fort, called the attention of the Corporation to the concreting of the Rocks Road adjoining his premises and the lowering of the level of the road, thus causing a very steep gradient to the entrance of Cromwell's Fort; and suggested that a Committee of the Corporation be appointed to view the position created.

The Town Clerk stated that he had referred this matter to the Borough Surveyor for his observations, and Mr. McNally stated that he was prepared to readjust the gateway to suit the road, and after some discussion it was agreed to appoint the following Committee to inspect the roadway at Cromwell's Fort when the Borough Surveyor could point out to Mr. Stafford and the Committee what he proposed to do to remedy the complaint. The Committee appointed was composed of Alderman Walsh, Alderman Coffey, Councillors. Byrne, Hayes and John Billington.

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Alderman Coffey referred to the concreting of the Bull Ring and pointed out that the base of the 1798 monument there had been exposed as a result of the lowering of the level of the roadway, but the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would have the matter rectified as soon as possible.

THEATRE ROYAL

A complaint was made regarding the obstruction of passages in the Theatre Royal Cinema, on Sunday 21st instant, and it was decided to communicate with the Manager asking for an explanation.

G. Walsh

29th April, 1940.

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: Coffey, McMahon and Walsh.

Councillors: Crosbie, Gaul, Byrne, Hayes, McMahon, Hawkins, Atkins, Moran, and Sinnott.

NEWMARKET STALLS

With reference to minutes of the Corporation on 26th March last when it was decided to revise the rents of all stalls in the newmarket the following letter was read from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, on behalf of Furlong & Sons. -

"Messrs. N. Furlong & Sons, Bull Ring, Wexford, have handed us your letter of the 6th inst. They instruct us to say that this letter came to them both as a surprise and a shock, and they believe that the members of the Corporation cannot have had present to their minds when they decided on the increase mentioned the claims which they have to reasonable consideration. They accordingly asked us to bring the following facts before the Corporation:-

1. Their original rent was equivalent to £26 per year for four Stalls, which was afterwards increased to £3 per month, or £36 per year, and the proposed new rent of £62. 8. 0 will mean an increase of almost 75% on existing rent or 140% on original rent, for which no precedent can be found in the relations of landlord and tenant even if one goes back to the old days of rack-renting.
2. Our clients and their family have been tenants of the Corporation for generations and have been in occupation of the present premises since the Market was built over 60 years ago.
3. During all that time they have always given entire satisfaction, meeting their rent always in advance, thus helping to make the Market one of the few profit paying propositions which the Corporation hold.
4. There has been no outlay of any kind on the premises by the Corporation for the long term of their occupancy. Our clients on the contrary have considerably improved the premises at their own expense, whilst the general outlay of the Stalls is the same to-day as when erected 60 years ago.
5. If they made a success of their business it is due entirely to their own careful attention to business and ability and to place this additional impost on them is to penalize them for their success and industry.

Our clients accordingly consider that there is no justification for the increase which a body of their fellow townsmen seek to impose on them as the price of success, and they feel that on maturer consideration they will appreciate the justice of the claim they now make to have the additional impost withdrawn.

29th April, 1940.

In submitting the foregoing we have refrained from dealing with legal rights and liabilities as our clients instruct us to say that in dealing with the Corporation they prefer to rely on the members' sense of justice. This of course must however be regarded as without prejudice to their legal rights, and if the Corporation is not disposed to alter its decision and to meet our clients in a fair and reasonable manner we shall have to ask the Corporation to show that they are legally entitled to demand the increase of rent sought or any increase.

Acting on our clients' instructions, we are sending a copy of this letter to each member of the Corporation."

After a lengthy discussion on this matter during which it seemed to be the feeling of the meeting that no alteration be made in the increase fixed by the Corporation it was decided to refer the letter to the Statutory Meeting due to be held on the 6th proximo but without any recommendation.

TENDERS

Two tenders were submitted for the supply of a Scavenging Vehicle, one was from Messrs. Statham Ltd., Wexford, who proposed to supply a petrol-driven vehicle in accordance with the Specification for the sum of £448, less an allowance of £40 on the old Model B Ford Truck, making the net amount of their tender £408. The second tender was from S.T. Robinson, Dublin, who proposed to supply an electric driven refuse collector complete for the sum of £981, but would make no allowance on the Model B Ford Truck.

These two tenders were referred to the Borough Surveyor for examination and report on the comparative costs of operating each vehicle.

SANITARY INSPECTOR

It was reported that under date of the 26th instant by letter No. P.H.8473/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had approved of the appointment of Mr. John F. O'Loughlin, as Temporary Sanitary Inspector at a salary of £180 per annum, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had arranged with Mr. O'Loughlin to take up duty on the 1st prox.

ANALYST'S SALARY

A letter was read from B. G. Fagan, Borough Analyst, referring to his application of 1939 for a revision of his remuneration, and the Town Clerk explained that as far back as April 1939 Mr. Fagan had applied to have the Corporation adopt a scale of fees agreed on by the Public Analyst's Association, and in June last had asked the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state if he had approved of the scale submitted by the Association, but up to the present no reply had been received. It was decided to inform Mr. Fagan that no decision had yet been given on the application by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to also request the Minister for a reply to the Corporation's letter of June last.

GATE - HILL ST.

It was agreed, on the suggestion of the Borough Surveyor, to repair the gate leading to the back of the house at St. Enda's Terrace, and to give a key to Mr. Thomas O'Leary who had a right of way there.

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JOHN ST. - RIGHT OF WAY

A complaint was made regarding the condition of the right of way leading from John Street to the old reservoir, and the Town Clerk was asked to see the Corporation Solicitor with a view to fixing responsibility for the maintenance of this laneway, which was now being used as a dumping ground.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Permission was given to the Town Clerk to apply for overdraft accommodation on the Ordinary Account in the sum of £8,000.

NAME ON FIRE STATION

The Borough Surveyor reported that the cheapest quotation he could get for an inscription in bronze lettering for the Fire Station at Davitt Road, North, was £22. 10. 0, and it would cost approximately £6 to erect. An alternative form of lettering in concrete would cost approximately £24.

The members considered that sufficient money had been spent on the Fire Station for the present and decided that the inscription could be put on the gates in paint.

APPLICATION - SHOP

An application from John O'Neill, 23, Whiterock View, for permission to open a shop there was refused, and the Rent Collectors were to be asked for a report on the number of shops in Artizans Dwellings.

REPORT - BOROUGH SURVEYOR

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor to the effect that on Friday 19th instant a large motor-van owned by Messrs. P. C. Cahill & Co., of 16 Bachaelor's Walk, Dublin, was driven on to a portion of the new concrete road at North Main Street, and he feared that the weight of this van, which was at least 3 ton, would have damaged the roadway. Any damage would of course not be apparent until some time after the road had been opened for general traffic, and suggested that the owners should be made liable for any damage which might occur to the road during the next twelve months.

The Town Clerk intimated that on receipt of this report from the Surveyor he had written to the firm in question informing them that the Corporation would hold them responsible for renewing that portion of the roadway if it failed to stand up to traffic within twelve months; he also requested them to let him know within seven days if they admitted liability in the matter, otherwise the Corporation would be obliged to take legal proceedings to make their position secure.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that the seven days grace given in his letter would expire on the 30th instant and he was authorised to take whatever steps were necessary to protect the interests of the Corporation in the matter.

ROAD - TRINITY ST.

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor stating that the roadway at Trinity Street outside the Talbot Hotel had been broken up by directions of Mr. James J. Stafford, Junior, for the purpose of letting a drain to the Corporation sewer.

As this was in contravention of the Corporation regulations Mr. Stafford was to be supplied with a copy of the report and asked for an explanation.

29th April, 1940.

CROMWELL'S FORT

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a Committee had been appointed to investigate a complaint of Mr. J. J. Stafford, Cromwell's Fort, regarding the lowering of the road outside his entrance, the Committee reported that they had interviewed Mr. J. J. Stafford, Jr., on the site on Thursday last when the Borough Surveyor explained what he proposed to do to meet Mr. Stafford's complaint. Mr. Stafford was not in a position to agree to the Surveyor's suggestions without consulting his father, but the members were of opinion that he did not favour the proposals made by Mr. McNally. The Committee thought that when Mr. Stafford had made his first verbal complaint to the Borough Surveyor regarding the lowering of the roadway that it should have been brought before the Corporation for a decision. As there now appeared to be a deadlock the Town Clerk was directed to ask Mr. Stafford what were his views on the proposals made by the Surveyor, and if he was not prepared to accept Mr. McNally's suggestions to remedy his complaint that the Department should be asked to send down an Inspector to view the whole matter.

PLOT - ST. JOHN'S RD.

It was reported that Revd. Father Doran, President, St. Peter's College, wished to acquire from the Corporation a small portion of land at St. John's Road, in order to erect a wall bounding the college property. A few weeks ago the Mayor, Borough Surveyor, Corporation Solicitor, and Town Clerk had interviewed Father Doran on the site and had informed him that they saw no objection to his proposal, as of course the piece of ground in question was useless to the Corporation and was only being used as a dumping ground by some people. They were under the impression at the time of the interview, however, that it was the Nuns of the Convent of Mercy who required the piece of ground, whose property adjoined that of St. Peter's College. They pointed out to Father Doran that some time ago they required from the Nuns approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of ground for the erection of a water tower at Summerhill, which was being installed principally to improve the water supply to the College and the Convent, but that the Nuns had asked for no less a sum than £75 for this ground, and they had suggested to him that he should approach the Nuns with a view to giving them (the Corporation) this piece of ground at a more reasonable price, but up to the present they had received no reply. It was decided to write to Father Doran's Solicitors pointing out that they had not received any answer to the request made by the Officials and on receipt of same the Corporation would consider his application for the piece of ground at the top of St. John's Road.

DISTILLERY LANE

Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, for Mr. John Kirwan, requested to be informed what the Corporation proposed to do regarding their client's demand in connection with the proposal to acquire the place known as "Distillery Lane", and it was decided to offer them the sum of £100 for the lane in question.

REPORT - MEAT INSPECTOR

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of March showed that he had examined 91 cattle, 244 sheep and 42 swine. Of the cattle, 11 partial carcasses were destroyed for tuberculosis and 50 organs for other diseases. Of the sheep, 100 organs were destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis and of the swine, two heads and 1 organ were destroyed for tuberculosis.

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S. D. A. ACTS - MARY BOLGER

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the question of the arrears of instalments due on foot of loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by Mrs. Mary Bolger, Fisher's Row, was under consideration, a number of members reported that they had inspected this house and were satisfied that having regard to defects now apparent in its construction and to the locality, the Corporation would not get their money out of it if they put it up for sale. Mrs. Bolger, however, was prepared to pay the sum of 15/- per week towards the charges on the house, and the members thought that in all the circumstances of the case it would be the best to accept this offer for her lifetime, as she was a very old woman and the position could be reviewed again after her day. The Town Clerk pointed out that there was no less than £58. 7. 3 arrears due to the 31st December last and £17 costs in connection with ejectment proceedings. In addition, the annual charge on the premises to repay the loan of £500 advanced was £31. 7. 4, and 15/- per week would barely cover this.

However, after some further discussion it was unanimously decided to inform Mrs. Bolger's Solicitors that the Corporation were prepared to accept payment on foot of loan charges at the rate of 15/- per week.

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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: Crosbie, Hayes, Moran, Byrne, Atkins and Sinnott.

The Town Clerk reported that the all-in-cost of the 14 houses at William Street was £9,380. 0. 0, this figure might vary a £5 note either way when the final adjustment was made in some accounts but any adjustment would not appreciably affect the costs.

This worked out at £670 per house, and if a deposit of £30 were paid it would leave £640 outstanding. Of this £531 had already been borrowed at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ % and left £109 to be borrowed at 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ %.

The annual charge on £531 would be £31. 5. 6, on £109 £6. 17. 9 making a total of £38. 3. 3 to repay the necessary loans. Insurance, collection, and administration expenses would amount to £2. 2. 9, making a total annual charge of £40. 6. 0, or the equivalent of 15/6d per week.

The members considered that this was a reasonable price for the houses and unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to dispose of the houses on the Tenant-purchase System for a deposit of £30 with a rent-charge of 15/6d each per week, for a period of 35 years, the tenant-purchaser to be responsible for the payment of rates and any legal expenses necessary in connection with the purchase.

As regards the selection of tenants the Town Clerk was directed to write to the applicants setting out the terms on which they would be sold and requesting them to state if their applications still held good by Friday next the 3rd prox. when they would be considered by the Committee at a meeting due to be held at 7. 30. p.m. on that date.

3rd May, 1940.

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

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh and Councillor. Hayes.

The meeting had been convened to examine the accounts of the Collector of Poor Rate and the Town Clerk reported that the total amount of his warrant was £13,157. 5. 4, of which he had collected £8,288. 2. 0, and allowed £98. 4. 0 as discount.

The total percentage of his warrant collected was 63.7.

Included in his warrant was £3,902 in respect of arrears of previous years rates. Of this he had only collected £472 leaving £3,430 outstanding. Generally speaking, the Town Clerk informed the Committee that in his opinion the collection and the Collector were most unsatisfactory, the total percentage of his collection being 10% less than that of the Town Rate Collector.

As the Committee had another meeting they decided to examine the sheets of outstanding rates and to deal with the Collector at a later date. The Meeting then examined the Collector's Discharge Sheets and decided which items should be written off as irrecoverable and which should be carried forward as collectible arrears.

3rd May, 1940.

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: Moran, Byrne, Atkins, John Billington, Hayes and Crosbie.

The meeting examined the list of replies from prospective tenants for the Maudlintown Houses, and decided to recommend the Corporation to let only 8 of them as they were not satisfied with the bona fides of the remaining applicants and would like to make further inquiries to see if they would be in a position to pay the rent-charge.

6th May, 1940.

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:-

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

Councillors: Gaul, Byrne, Hayes, Crosbie, McMahan, Atkins, Sinnott, Moran, Dunne, Cashman, and Hawkins.

In the absence of the Mayor, Councillor Sinnott moved that Alderman Walsh take the Chair and Councillor Byrne seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to and Alderman Walsh presided.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and approval:- Minutes of Corporation on 1st ultimo; Finance & Works Committee on 1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th ultimo; Special Rates Committee on 6th, and 13th ultimo, and 3rd instant; Housing Committee on 8th and 29th ultimo, and 3rd instant.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Coffey, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

ACCOUNTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £9,618. 4. 7 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced Councillor Hayes moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the two young men who had recently died of hunger strike.

Councillor Byrne seconded the motion, which was supported by a number of members, and adopted in respectful silence.

At this stage the Mayor (Alderman R. Corish, T.D.) attended the meeting and Alderman Walsh vacated the Chair which was occupied by the Mayor.

Councillor Sinnott proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to John Molloy, Turncock, on the death of his wife. Alderman McMahan seconded.

Councillor Atkins proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mrs. Cunningham of the Faythe, on the death of her husband.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Edward Byrne, former Sub-Sanitary Officer, on the death of his brother. Alderman Coffey seconded.

The motions were passed in the usual way.

RATE COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNTS

The next business was to close the accounts of the Rate Collectors for the year ended 31st March last.

The following is a summary of the Town Rate Collection:-

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FOR COLLECTION -- CURRENT AND ARREARS.

	BOROUGH			CO. CESS			WATER			TOTALS		
Current	7541.	5.	3.	3840.	12.	8½.	1480.	2.	1.	12862.	0.	1.
Arrears	2064.	5.	0.	773.	4.	0.	437.	2.	8½.	3274.	11.	8½.
TOTALS	9605.	10.	3.	4613.	16.	8½.	1917.	4.	10.	16136.	11.	9½.

COLLECTION

Current collected.	6452.	3.	9½.	3269.	0.	2.	1256.	12.	9½.	10977.	16.	9.
Discount	84.	7.	7.	48.	2.	4.	24.	2.	4.	156.	12.	3.
Arrears collected.	442.	18.	11.	212.	7.	4.	134.	16.	10.	790.	3.	1.
TOTALS	6979.	10.	3½.	3529.	9.	10.	1415.	11.	11½.	11924.	12.	1.
Arrears outstanding 31/3/40.	2625.	19.	11½.	1084.	6.	10½.	501.	12.	10½.	4211.	19.	8½.
	9605.	10.	3.	4613.	16.	8½.	1917.	4.	10.	16136.	11.	9½.

The Collectors Discharge Sheets had been carefully examined by the Special Rates Committee and they recommended that they be dealt with as follows:-

WRITTEN OFF AS IRRECOVERABLE.

CARRIED FORWARD INTO 1940-41 WARRANT.

Borough	£684.	13.	6.		£1941.	6.	6.
Co. Cess	262.	18.	4.		821.	8.	6.
Water.	130.	8.	4.		371.	4.	6½.
TOTALS	£1078.	0.	2.		£3133.	19.	6½.

The Mayor moved the adoption of the Committee recommendation and intimated that he considered Mr. Curran's collection a very creditable performance and the Corporation were very grateful to him he thought for the splendid work he had done during the past 12 months.

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The Town Clerk in reply to a query stated that Mr. Curran's collection was 73·8%, or 1½% over the previous year. Taking the current rate, apart from arrears, 89% of it had been collected. In reply to a query by Alderman Walsh as to how long it would take to get Mr. Curran's remuneration sanctioned, the Town Clerk stated that he expected to receive such sanction in the course of a week. Alderman Walsh seconded the Mayor's motion that the Committee recommendation be adopted, and this was unanimously agreed to.

The Accounts of the Collector of Poor Rate were then taken up. The Total amount of Mr. O'Leary's Warrant, including arrears of £3,902. 6. 2 was..... £13157. 5. 4. Of this he collected and lodged.....£8288. 2. 0. He allowed discount of..... 98. 4. 10. leaving outstanding at 31st March last.... 4770. 18. 6. 13157. 5. 4.

The Special Rates Committee had also examined Mr. O'Leary's list of outstanding rates and recommended that £3,793. 18. 1 should be carried forward as collectible arrears and that £977. 0. 5 should be written off as irrecoverable.

Councillor Gaul moved the adoption of the Committee recommendation in this case and Councillor Crosbie seconded.

Before putting this motion to the meeting the Mayor stated he was sorry to say that the state of the Poor Rate Collection was not as good as that of the Town Rate Collection and he thought that in Mr. O'Leary's own interests it was only right to say there that they were not at all satisfied with the progress he made in the collection of his rate. He was voicing the opinion of the Rates Committee when he said that. There was no reason why his collection should be 10% less than that of the Town Rate Collector and he asked the Town Clerk to convey to Mr. O'Leary that the Corporation were not at all satisfied and considered he should have done better. As well, they expected that there would be a big reduction in the arrears during the current year.

The motion was adopted.

Arising out of this matter Alderman Coffey said that looking at rates in different towns in Eire and comparing them with the rates in some towns in Northern Ireland it looked as if they were going too high all round. In some counties the rates were 25/- and he suggested it showed that their management was inefficient.

It was explained to the meeting however, that so far as Northern Ireland was concerned there had been a re-valuation of County Council and Urban Council Areas and that there could be no comparison whatever between the rate in the pound in Northern Ireland and in Eire.

The discussion dropped.

TOWN RATES 1940-41.

The next business was to formally make Town Rates for the year 1940-41 as agreed to on 26th March last, and the following four resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

1. On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cashman it was resolved:-

"That a Borough Rate of Nine Shillings in the pound (being One shilling for General Town Purposes and Eight Shillings for General Sanitary Purposes) be made on the net assessible value of property within the

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Borough of Wexford to supply the deficiency in the Borough Fund as shown in an Estimate of Expenses required to permit the Municipal Administration of said Borough to be carried out in the year ending 31st March, 1941, as considered and adopted on 26th March, 1940."

2. On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Sinnott it was resolved:-

"That an assessment of Three Shillings and fourpence in the pound be made in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1941, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act, 1873, and the acts incorporated with and amending or extending same, as per an estimate duly considered and adopted on the 26th day of March, 1940."

3. On the motion of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Hayes it was resolved:-

"That an assessment of One Shilling and sixpence in the pound, viz: A Domestic Water Rate of One Shilling and a Public Water Rate of sixpence on the rateable value of property within the Town of Wexford be laid on in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1941, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Dalkey, Etc.) Confirmation Act, 1876: the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, and Acts incorporated with and amending or extending same as per an estimate duly considered and adopted on the 26th day of March, 1940."

The Rate Book containing the foregoing Rates together with arrears carried forward from previous years was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Cashman a warrant authorising the collection of the Town Rates together with arrears of previous years rates carried forward was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

POOR RATE ESTIMATE

The Finance Committee recommended that a Poor Rate of Nine Shillings in the pound be agreed on in respect of the Financial Year 1940-41. The following is a copy of the Estimate and recommendation:-

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES to be raised by means of a Poor Rate in the Urban District of Wexford for the Service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1941.

To County Council Demand:-	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
In respect of Roads -----	1130.	8.	11.			
In respect of County Services-----	2550.	3.	8.			
In respect of Library Service-----	68.	8.	4.			
In respect of Poor Relief-----	4219.	13.	2.			
In respect of Board of Health Charges-----	289.	13.	5.			
In respect of Separate Charges-----	42.	5.	10.			
	<hr/>			8300.	13.	4.

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	£	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
To Rate Collectors' Poundage -----	225.	0.	0.	8300.	13.	4.
Printing, Advertising, etc.-----	50.	0.	0.			
Preparation of Rate Book, Receipt and Demand Notes, etc.-----	25.	0.	0.			
To Contribution under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933 -----	890.	0.	0.			
Irrecoverable Rates from previous years (part of) -----	<u>230.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	1420.	0.	0.
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				9720.	13.	4.
				<hr/>		
Total Amount to be raised by means of Poor Rate for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1941-----				9720.	13.	4.
Less Amount collected in Rents of Artizans' Dwellings--				<u>1080.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>
Net Amount to be raised by Poor Rate -----				8640.	13.	4.

Which will require a rate of Nine Shillings (9/-) in the Pound.

On Monday, April 8th, 1940, the Finance Committee recommended that a Poor Rate of Nine Shillings (9/-) in the Pound be laid on in respect of Financial Year 1940/41. *Mc*

RICHARD CORISH,

Mayor.

JOHN J. BYRNE,

Town Clerk.

It was explained to the meeting that the County Council Demand was not received in time to be considered by the Finance Committee of the Corporation before the 31st March last, and under date of 1st instant by letter No. G.11548/2/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health sanctioned such departure from the Terms of Article 80 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, as would enable the Poor Rate for the Financial Year 1940-41 to be considered and adopted by the Corporation on a date not later than the 6th instant. This estimate had been carefully considered by the Finance Committee (which was composed of the entire Corporation) on the 8th ultimo, and thereupon on the motion of Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Alderman Coffey, a Poor Rate of Nine Shillings in the Pound was agreed to in respect of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1941.

DEMOLITION ORDERS

The Works Committee recommended that Demolition Orders under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931 be made in respect of three houses at Green Street occupied by Clowery, Browne, and Connors, and on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Dunne, the Orders were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

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SUPERANNUATION - S.S.O.

Under date of the 3rd instant by letter No. P.H.8473/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health referred to recent correspondence regarding the proposal of the Corporation to grant a superannuation allowance to Edward Byrne, late Sanitary-Sub Officer, and stated he was not prepared to approve of the grant of a superannuation allowance to Mr. Byrne in excess of the amount calculated on his yearly salary and emoluments as defined in Section 42 of the Local Government Act, 1925, and on his completion of service as Sanitary-Sub Officer, namely, 38 years, he requested the Corporation to reconsider the matter.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that the difference in the superannuation allowance proposed by the Corporation and that which the Minister stated he would only sanction would be approximately £4. 7. 6. per annum.

The Mayor stated when Mr. Byrne resigned through illness he was a little short of the maximum period to enable him to be paid the full pension and he thought the Department were taking up an unreasonable attitude. He reminded the members that the Finance Committee of the Corporation had for some time before Byrne resigned been of the opinion that he was not in sufficiently good health to enable him to discharge his duties in an active and satisfactory manner and they had suggested to him that he should resign, and they would endeavour to secure for him the full pension. It was unanimously decided to request the Department to reconsider this matter having regard to the very small sum involved and to the fact that Byrne had retired on the suggestion of the Corporation.

COST OF LIVING BONUS

The Finance Committee further recommended that a cost of living bonus similar to that agreed to on the 26th March last for the members of the Transport Union be paid to Mr. Thomas Crosbie, Lorry Driver, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hayes, the recommendation was unanimously adopted.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Coffey, it was resolved that the Land Reference Committee be requested to appoint a valuer to fix the compensation, if any, payable

- (1) in respect of land,
- (2) Water Rights,
- (3) any other interests to be acquired by the Corporation in connection with the proposed improvement of the Water Supply to the Borough.

ANALYST'S REPORT

The Report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ending 31st March last showed that he had examined 7 samples of milk, 5 of butter, 3 of cheese, and one each of sugar, margarine, whiskey, lard, dripping, olive oil, puddings, sausages, and blackcurrant jam, making a total of 24 samples analysed during the quarter, all of which were found genuine.

AGREEMENT - TOURIST ASSOCIATION

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne, an agreement to pay a sum of £20 to the Irish Tourist Association in respect of the Financial Year 1940-41 was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

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CINEMA LICENCES

Applications were submitted from the Capitol and Palace Cinemas for a renewal of their licences for the ensuing 12 months.

Both cinemas requested that the prohibition imposed on the exhibition of pictures on any Sunday in Lent be removed.

In this connection it was pointed out that the matter of the Sunday opening of cinemas during lent was discussed by the Finance Committee some time ago and the matter was left over until the licences were being renewed. In the meantime, the Town Clerk was to see the Administrator and ascertain what were his views regarding the removal of these restrictions.

The Town Clerk now reported that Father Sinnott objected entirely to the removal of the restrictions, so on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Moran, it was agreed to renew the licences on the same terms and conditions as in previous years.

RESOLUTION

A resolution from the Limerick County Council requesting the Government to introduce legislation to relieve the ratepayers from the crushing burden imposed on them as a result of the reduced valuation of the Great Southern Railways property was submitted.

On the suggestion of the Mayor it was unanimously agreed to adjourn consideration of this resolution sine die.

HOUSES - WILLIAM ST.

The Housing Committee recommended that the 14 Houses at William Street be sold on the Tenant-Purchase System for a deposit of £30, plus a rent-charge of 15/6d each per week for a period of 35 years, together with the usual conditions embodied in previous mortgages for the sale of houses on the Tenant-Purchase System.

It was explained that at the moment the Housing Committee were not in a position to give an accurate figure of the cost of the houses as there were one or two outstanding accounts requiring adjustment but they were certain they would not exceed the sum of £670, on which the proposed Purchase Scheme was based.

The Committee also recommended that seven of the houses be located to: Daniel F. Cronin, 27, High Street; Mrs. E. Goodall, Parnell Street; Mr. John Lynn, North Main Street; W. F. Kelly, Swan View; Sergeant J. O'Brien, Garda; Mr. Thomas Dunne, Clifford Street; and Michael Devereux, Paul Quay.

The Mayor moved the adoption of this recommendation which was seconded by Alderman Coffey.

Arising out of this matter Alderman Walsh complained of the cost of these houses. He wanted to know how similar houses built in Enniscorthy were let at 14/- a week including partial rates of 1/6d a week, the full rate not being effective on the Enniscorthy houses for seven years.

The Corporation, he stated, were going to charge 15/6d a week and rates for the houses, and the people in Enniscorthy could build them and let them for 14/-.

Nobody was in a position to state if the figures in connection with the Enniscorthy Housing Scheme given by Alderman Walsh were correct, and it was decided that the Town Clerk should make some inquiries and report to the next meeting of the Housing Committee.

The Committee recommendation was unanimously adopted.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was agreed that the houses fronting William Street should be known as "William Street Upper" and that the houses on the road leading from William Street to the Brockhouse Factory should be known as "St. Brendan's Road".

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TENDERS.

Two tenders were submitted for a scavenging vehicle to replace the Ford Lorry, which was in use since 1932 and was now completely worn out. Messrs. Statham's Ltd., Westgate, Wexford, tendered to supply a 30 H.P. V.8 Lorry for the sum of £448, less an allowance of £40 on the old Ford truck, leaving their net figure £408.

Mr. S.T. Robinson, Dublin, tendered to supply an electrically driven refuse collector complete with charger for the sum of £981. They would not make any allowance on the old Ford truck.

Lengthy reports were submitted from the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk on the cost of operating the two vehicles. It was seen that taking the life of a 30 H.P. petrol driven lorry at approximately seven years and raising a loan for a period of five years that the repayment of principal and interest would amount to.....£98 per annum.

Insurance would amount to.....	20	"
Petrol "	175	"
Oil, etc. "	5	"

TOTAL£298

The life of an electric lorry would be approximately 10 years, with the exception of the batteries which were expected to last only five years, but allowing for a loan for five years the cost of repayment of principal and interest would be.....£240 per annum.

Fuel.....	25	"
Insurance.....	20	"
Oil, etc.....	5	"

TOTAL.....£290

It was seen having regard to the enormous cost of petrol for a petrol driven lorry, and to the fact that electricity for the electric vehicle would only be £25 per annum, that the electric vehicle, even though the initial cost was much higher, would be the cheaper in the long run. As well, the life of the electric lorry would be much longer than the petrol driven vehicle.

On the basis of a seven years loan for the electric lorry the cost would be approximately £230 per annum. In this connection the Borough Surveyor pointed out that the advantages of the petrol driven vehicle were:

- (1) It was popularly used and consequently marketable at any time as a second-hand.
- (2) It was capable of high speeds making it more suitable for long journeys than the electrically operated vehicle. In the Corporation's case, however, this advantage was slight - in fact negligible.
- (3) Spare parts for it were more easily obtained.

The advantages of the electrically operated vehicle he stated were:

- (1) Very low fuel costs and practically no waste of fuel as the power unit was only working when the vehicle was in motion or unloading.
- (2) It was simple in construction with all parts readily accessible for repairs.
- (3) It had a longer mechanical life.

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It was decided on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to refer this matter to the Finance & Works Committee with power to decide which vehicle should be obtained.

MARKET STALLS

With reference to minutes of the 26th March last when it was decided to fix the rent for all stalls in the market at 6/- each per week, the following letter from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, on behalf of Messrs. Furlong & Sons was submitted:-

"Messrs. N. Furlong & Sons, Bull Ring, Wexford, have handed us your letter of the 6th inst. They instruct us to say that this letter came to them both as a surprise and a shock, and they believe that the members of the Corporation cannot have had present to their minds when they decided on the increase mentioned the claims which they have to reasonable consideration. They accordingly asked us to bring the following facts before the Corporation:-

1. Their original rent was equivalent to £26 per year for four Stalls, which was afterwards increased to £3 per month, or £36 per year, and the proposed new rent of £62. 8. 0 will mean an increase of almost 75% on existing rent or 140% on original rent, for which no precedent can be found in the relation of landlord and tenant even if one goes back to the old days of rack-renting.
2. Our clients and their family have been tenants of the Corporation for generations and have been in occupation of the present premises since the Market was built over 60 years ago.
3. During all that time they have always given entire satisfaction, meeting their rent always in advance, thus helping to make the Market one of the few profit paying propositions which the Corporation hold.
4. There has been no outlay of any kind on the premises by the Corporation for the long term of their occupancy. Our clients on the contrary have considerably improved the premises at their own expense, whilst the general outlay of the Stalls is the same to-day as when erected 60 years ago.
5. If they made a success of their business it is due entirely to their own careful attention to business and ability and to place this additional impost on them is to penalize them for their success and industry.

Our clients accordingly consider that there is no justification for the increase which a body of their fellow townsmen seek to impose on them as the price of success, and they feel that on maturer consideration they will appreciate the justice of the claim they now make to have the additional impost withdrawn.

In submitting the foregoing we have refrained from dealing with legal rights and liabilities as our clients instruct us to say that in dealing with the Corporation they prefer to rely on the members' sense of justice. This of course must however be regarded as without prejudice to their legal rights, and if the Corporation is not disposed to alter its decision and to meet our clients in a fair and reasonable manner we shall have to ask the Corporation to show they are legally entitled to demand the increase of rent sought

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or any increase.

Acting on our clients' instructions, we are sending a copy of this letter to each member of the Corporation."

Alderman Coffey said that the low rent the market was producing was a revelation to him, it was a place in the heart of the commercial part of the Town and he considered the stalls worth 10/- or 12/- a week and not 6/-. He thought that Mr. Furlong was unreasonable as the place was very cheap. There was no use in talking about a place being let 30 or 40 years ago at 2/6d a week. He was aware of a house in Town in which a man built up a business and 10 years ago when the lease ran out he had to pay 100% increase to get a new lease. After some further discussion the Mayor gave notice that he would move at next meeting that the rent of back stalls in the market be revised, and Councillor Moran gave notice that he would move that Mr. Furlong's rent be left as it was before the increase in March last.

ERECTION OF HOUSES

Councillor Hayes asked the Mayor if he had any idea when they would start building in Wexford again, and in reply, the Mayor stated that during the week Mr. Scott of the Housing Department accompanied by the Borough Surveyor, Town Clerk and himself visited the Housing Site at Green Street, as a result of which it had been practically agreed to invite tenders for the erection of houses there. They hoped to have word in the near future, and as soon as sanction was received the necessary advertisement would be issued.

PARK - FAYTHE

Councillor Sinnott again raised the question of the provision of a public park at the Faythe, and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk Councillor Sinnott agreed to make an appointment with the Borough Surveyor and show him the land he had in mind when it could be marked on the Ordnance Map and negotiations opened with the owners for its acquisition.

R. Cairns T D
Mayor of Wexford

6th May, 1940.

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.

PLOT - ST. JOHN'S RD.

Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, submitted a plan of the wall proposed to be erected by the President of St. Peter's College at St. John's Road, on a small piece of waste ground the property of the Corporation, and in reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that he had not yet received any further communication regarding the price of £75 asked by the Nuns for a site for a water tower, which sum the Corporation considered unreasonable, and it was decided to inform Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan that their letter had been further adjourned and in the meantime they should request the Nuns to reconsider their price for the water tower site as this was primarily intended to improve the water supply to the Convent and to the College.

HOUSE - WELL LANE

Reference was made to the condition of a house at Well Lane formerly occupied by a woman named Margaret Lewis and now occupied by Mrs. Swift. As far back as 1936 this house amongst others there had been condemned by the County Medical Officer of Health as unfit for human habitation, but at the time the Corporation decided not to condemn them until they had houses in the area for the people resident there, the Medical Officers now urged that something be done to re-house these people, and it was decided to have an up-to-date report on the houses against next meeting.

STREET OPENING - TALBOT HOTEL

With reference to the report at last meeting regarding the opening of the street for the Talbot Hotel sewage, a letter was read from Mr. James J. Stafford, Proprietor of the Hotel, stating that there was no proper sewer there to take the drainage from his property and as he had spent a considerable sum on the place he thought that proper sewage should be provided. The Borough Surveyor was requested to make a report on this matter against next meeting.

INCREASED WATER CHARGES

No action was taken on a resolution from the Finance Committee of the County Council protesting against the recent increase of the price of water supplied through meter.

CRIMINAL INJURY

A notice for criminal injury was referred to the Corporation Solicitor to defend the case at the forthcoming Circuit Court.

HOUSES - KING ST.

It was decided to inform Mrs. McKnight, the owner of five houses at King Street who had been requested in October last to provide sanitary conveniences, to intimate immediately when she proposed to commence this work, otherwise the Corporation would be compelled to do it themselves and proceed against her for the costs.

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HOUSES - CLIFFORD ST.

It was decided to request a report from the Sanitary Inspector on the sanitary condition of all the houses at Clifford Street and on a yard at Bride Street.

MEETINGS

It was further decided that for the summer months meetings of the Committee should only be held every two weeks.

HOUSE - FAYTHE

It was decided to recommend the Corporation to make a Demolition Order in respect of a house at Faythe in the occupation of Miss Kate Cullen, and Messrs. Kearney, Murphy and Byrne.

*R. Conroy T.D.
Mayor of Wexford*

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14th May, 1940.

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

The members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh, Councillors. Hayes, Atkins, and Buckland.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

A lengthy letter was read from Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, for the proposed extension of the Waterworks, and this showed that after taking into account the expenses already met by the Corporation in connection with this scheme that the total cost would amount to approximately, £41,200, so, after examining the report in detail the Committee decided to forward to the Engineers a copy of their estimate of July, 1938, and to request them to submit an estimate on a similar basis in respect of the new proposals so that the Committee would be in a position to make a comparison between the costs. As regards the Specification for the job it was decided to instruct the Consulting Engineers to make the following amendments before the Specification was issued for tender:-

1. Apprentices should be only employed in accordance with the Regulations agreed on between the master plumbers and the Plumbers Union.
2. It was to be clearly understood that pipes should be laid by certified plumbers only.

The Committee also queried the salary of £6 per week plus expenses for Clerk of Works, and decided to discuss this matter with the Engineers at a future meeting. Having regard to the fact that the estimate submitted could not be compared at the present time with that of 1938, it was decided to adjourn further consideration until a reply was received from the Consulting Engineers on this matter.

R. Corish T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

20th May, 1940.

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: James McMahon, Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Hawkins, Crosbie, Hayes, Byrne, McMahon, Moran, Cashman, Atkins, Gaul and Sinnott.

SANITARY INSPECTOR

The Town Clerk pointed out that up to the present no steps had been taken to fill the permanent post of Sanitary Inspector, and after some discussion it was decided to recommend the Corporation to fix the salary for the post at £180 per annum.

TRANSFER

An application was submitted from Mr. Sean Rabbitt, 5, St. Ita's Terrace, for permission to transfer his interest in this house, which he was acquiring on the Tenant-Purchase System to Mr. D. Conneely, 72 South Main Street, and it was unanimously decided to agree to the request.

GREEN ST. HOUSING SCHEME

Under date of the 17th instant by letter No. H.3529/9/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health sanctioned the proposal of the Corporation to erect 64 houses at Green Street subject to the provision that the footpath to the front of houses Nos. 1 to 14 be converted to a 9' accommodation road. The Minister also stated that the specification calling for different sizes of timber should be amended to provide for nominal sizes.

It was decided to advertise these houses for tender during the present week.

COST OF LIVING BONUS

An application was read from the Plumbers Union for a cost of living bonus for John Molloy, Turncock, on the same basis as had been recently granted to the Corporation Labouring Staff. The Union stated that a bonus had already been paid to their members employed by the Gas Company, so it was decided to recommend the Corporation to grant this bonus to Molloy.

PROCESSION

The Town Clerk intimated that the Annual Corpus Christi Procession would be held on Sunday next and the Corporation had been invited by the Administrator to take part in state, and he appealed to the members to turn up in strength, as on recent occasions when the Corporation had attended religious functions the number of members present was not all that could be desired.

PIGGERY - ANNE ST.

A memorial was read from the following residents of Anne Street:-

P. J. Clancy and Mary S. Clancy, Clancy's Hotel; W. McDonald, M. Beary, John English, R. P. Redmond, G. Murphy and G. Holmes.

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The memorial related to the existance of a piggery from which emanated an intolerable odour and requested the Corporation to take whatever action was necessary to have the nuisance abated with as little delay as possible. A report was also submitted on this matter from the Medical Officer of Health who stated that with the Sanitary Inspector he had inspected the piggery at Anne Street and found a proper constructed well-drained and well kept pigsty containing over 30 pigs. An offensive odour emanated from same and constituted a greivous nuisance to persons in the locality owing to insufficient air dilution, and he recommended that in the event of the owner being unable to abate the nuisance that the pigs be removed. After some discussion it was decided to serve notice on the owner requesting the removal of the pigs within 14 days.

HOUSES - KING ST.

Under date of the 15th instant Mrs. McKnight of Henrietta Street intimated that she was proceeding with the work of erecting 5 W.C.'s in houses at King Street immediately. This was considered satisfactory.

ENTRANCE - CROMWELL'S FORT

Under date of the 17th instant Mr. J. J. Stafford, Cromwell's Fort, referred to previous correspondence in connection with the cementing of the road and the alteration to the entrance of Cromwell's Fort, and requested to be informed when the Local Government Inspector intended to go into the matter. He further stated that he intended holding the Corporation liable for any accident which might occur due to the position created by the alterations to the road. In this connection the Mayor stated that the position was still being examined by the Local Government Department and he had tried to get in touch with the officer in charge on Saturday and this day, but had been unable, so it was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter until next meeting to see if any communication would be received from the Local Government Department in connection with the matter.

GROUND - ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the request of the President of St. Peter's College to be permitted to take in a small piece of ground at St. John's Road, containing approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ of an acre, it was decided to demise this land to Father Doran for the sum of £12. 10. 0, but if it was possible to secure from the Convent of Mercy who were also interested in the St. John's Road project, a piece of land required for the construction of a water tower for a more reasonable price than the £75 asked for, to give the strip of ground at St. John's Road free of charge as it was useless to the Corporation and was being only used as a dumping ground. The Mayor and Town Clerk were authorised to negotiate with the Solicitors for the Convent and College authorities in connection with this matter.

S.D.A. ACTS - BOLGER

A letter was read from the Corporation Solicitor in connection with the position of Mrs. Mary Bolger, Fisher's Row, to whom an advance of £500 had been made under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and was under consideration at last meeting inquiring if the Corporation were meeting the costs incurred, to be afterwards collected from Mrs. Bolger by instalments of 15/- a week, agreed on to cover repayment of the loan, etc. The meeting saw that there was no option but to meet the costs and to recover them in the manner suggested above.

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FOOD & DRUGS PROSECUTION

A letter was read from the Corporation Solicitor referring to prosecutions under the Food & Drugs Act last year against Messrs. Walker & Sons, and Messrs. Godkin & Co., Ltd., by direction of the Department of Agriculture. These cases came before the District Justice and the Inspector of the Department refused to give evidence as a result of which the cases were dismissed with costs against the Corporation and the Solicitor had been directed to submit his bill for such expenses to the Department of Agriculture. The total amount of the account was £7. 17. 0 and the Department had offered to pay £4. 4. 0 towards this amount, the balance of £3. 13. 0 to be paid by the Corporation. The Solicitor now inquired if he was to accept this £4. 4. 0 as part payment of the account, but before deciding, the Committee wished to be furnished with a statement of how the account was made up together with a copy of the correspondence which had passed between the Solicitor and the Department of Agriculture.

REGISTERED PLUMBER

An application from Michael O'Reilly, Clifford Street, to be registered as an Authorised Waterworks Plumber was adjourned until next meeting to enable inquiries to be made as to whether or not he had served his apprenticeship.

SCAVENGING VEHICLE

With reference to Minutes of the Corporation on the 6th instant when the question of the purchase of a scavenging vehicle was referred to the present Committee for consideration, it was decided after a lengthy discussion on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to purchase the electric vehicle instead of the petrol driven one.

HOUSE - WELL LANE

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the question of house at Well Lane occupied by Mrs. Swift was under consideration, a lengthy report from Dr. Pierse on the condition of the house was submitted, stating that the house was unfit for human habitation and that alternative accommodation for the occupiers should be provided as soon as possible. In this connection it was thought that the entire area around Well Lane should be made a clearance area and as soon as the houses at Green Street were commenced steps should be taken to give effect to this decision.

TALBOT SEWERAGE

The following report was read from the Borough Surveyor regarding the sewerage at the Talbot Hotel, which matter was under consideration at last meeting:-

"On examination of the drainage system of both the old and new portions of the Talbot Hotel I found that the only practicable way to provide a proper outfall drain from the premises is to take the shortest possible route from the premises to the Corporation sewer in King Street Lower. I also found that at one point the existing drainage system of the premises is within 80 feet of the main sewer in King Street Lower. This will, however, involve a certain amount of alteration in existing subsidiary drains in the premises but in my opinion this is the only means of providing a proper drainage system.

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I advise taking the shortest possible route for the following reason, viz:- a long outfall drain in such a low lying portion of the town is bound to be subject to back flooding during high tides. Consequently, there is the danger of silting of the lower portion at least of this drain, and as the quantity of sewage to be dealt with would not be sufficiently large enough nor would the available fall be great enough to ensure a self-cleansing flow in the drain during low water periods.

The sewer crossing the road in front of the premises and having an outfall under the Railway at the rear of the Gas Works has been at some time or other interfered with and diverted into a smaller sewer laid by the Gas Company, and is now in a hopeless condition and incapable of dealing with other than small quantities of surface water. In fact it would be safe to say that at no time was this built sewer intended for other than surface drainage, nor was it ever suitable for large quantities of crude sewage."

It was decided to send a copy of this report to Mr. Stafford, the owner of the Talbot Hotel.

DUMPING GROUND

A proposal to acquire a disused quarry at Newtown as site for a dumping ground was adjourned to enable a report to be obtained from the County Medical Officer of Health on the proposal.

ST. MICHAEL'S GRAVEYARD

An application from Mrs. Alice Lambert, William Street, for permission to be interred with her husband at St. Michael's Churchyard, Faythe, was agreed to subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

WALL - COLUMBAS VILLAS

The Borough Surveyor was requested to make a report on the condition of the wall between the houses at Columbas Villas and the Christian Brothers field.

KEYSER'S LANE

The Borough Surveyor was also requested to do something with the surface of Keyser's Lane.

RENT COLLECTOR'S REMUNERATION

It was decided at the request of Councillor Hawkins to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider his decision refusing to sanction the increase granted some time ago to the Rent Collectors.

WILLIAM ST. HOUSES

It was decided to again advertise the William Street houses, only four of which had been occupied on the terms agreed to on the 6th instant, and as well the Town Clerk was to make out new proposals against next meeting for the letting of these houses on the basis of a £10 deposit.

A. Conroy T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

3rd June, 1940.

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: Robert Coffey and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Patrick Hawkins, James Crosbie, Stephen McMahon, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Byrne, Patrick Atkins, Robert Moran, James Sinnott and James Gaul.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and approval:- Minutes of Corporation on the 6th ultimo; Finance & Works, Etc., Committees on 6th and 20th ultimo, and Special Rates on 14th ultimo. On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Hayes, the Minutes as submitted, were taken as having been read and signed by the Mayor.

PAYMENTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate, to £1779. 3. 9 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late William Hugh McGuire, who died recently. Mr. McGuire was the present Mayor's immediate predecessor in office and himself and his family had given a lot of their time to the public life of Wexford.

Alderman Coffey seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Corporation Solicitor, Mr. F. M. O'Connor, on the death of his Aunt, the late Mrs. Maud Walsh, who had been the first lady member of any Council in Ireland. Alderman Walsh seconded this motion which was also supported by the other members present and adopted in the usual way.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at last meeting were read from Mr. Edward Byrne, Mr. John Molloy and Mrs. Cunningham.

POOR RATE

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when a Poor Rate of Nine Shillings in the Pound for the year 1940-41 was agreed to, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Byrne:-

"That a Poor Rate of Nine Shillings in the Pound for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1941, be made on the net assessable valuation of property within the Urban District of Wexford as per an estimate duly considered and adopted on the 6th day of May, 1940."

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The Rate Book containing the items of the foregoing Poor Rate, together with arrears of previous years Rates carried forward, was thereupon sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Hawkins, a warrant authorising the collection of the Poor Rate together with arrears of previous years rates carried forward was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

SANITARY INSPECTOR

The Finance Committee recommended that a salary of £180 per annum be fixed to cover all the duties for the permanent post of Sanitary Inspector. As regards age limits the present meeting decided that they should be between the ages of 25 and 45 years; and if an examination in Irish was held that the successful candidate should obtain 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of the marks in this subject.

The foregoing three conditions were unanimously agreed to, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne; and it was further agreed, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to request the Local Appointments Commission to recommend a suitable person for appointment to the vacant office.

COST OF LIVING BONUS

The Finance Committee recommended that a cost of living bonus on the same basis as that granted to the labouring staff of the Corporation on 26th March last be paid to John Molloy, Turncock. This was a bonus of 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d in respect of every five points which the cost of living index figure rose over that in operation at September 1939.

This recommendation was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Hawkins.

DEMOLITION ORDER

A further Committee recommendation that a Demolition Order be made in respect of a house at Faythe occupied by Miss Kate Cullen and owned by a Mr. Sparrow of London, for whom the Agent was Mr. Irvine, George's St., Wexford, was adopted on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Coffey, with Councillor Sinnott dissenting.

MARKET STALLS

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a letter was read from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, on behalf of Messrs. N. Furlong & Sons, who were tenants of four Corporation Stalls in the New Market protesting against the increase of rent fixed by the Corporation on 26th March last and when notice had been given of intention to propose the rescission of the resolution increasing the rents so that the matter could be reviewed, Alderman Walsh moved the rescission of the resolution, which was seconded by Councillor Byrne and agreed to.

A lengthy discussion then followed on the rents for stalls in the Market at the end of which Councillor Byrne moved that front stalls within the market be charged for at the rate of 6/- each per week; second stalls at the rate of 5/- each per week; and remaining stalls at the rate of 4/6d each per week.

Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion.

Alderman Coffey proposed that the two front stalls be charged for at the rate of 10/- each per week but there was no seconded for this motion.

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Councillor Byrne's motion was thereupon put to the meeting and declared carried with Alderman Coffey and Councillor Moran dissenting, the former on the grounds that the rents proposed were too low and the latter on the grounds that no increase whatever should be made in the rents charged to Messrs. Furlong & Sons.

As regards the stalls facing Common Quay Street it was agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that the two stalls occupied by Mrs. Meyler at 7/6d and 4/- each per week should remain at this figure, and that the stall occupied by John Kearns at 4/- per week should be increased to 4/6d.

BATHING PLACE

Reference was made to the condition of the bathing place and as in the opinion of the members the premises were not ideally suited for this purpose it was decided to only carry out the minimum repairs during the current year.

PUBLIC PARK.

The following were appointed as a committee to inspect a site proposed by Councillor Sinnott for a public park at the Faythe, namely, the Mayor, with Councillors. Byrne and Sinnott.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES INSURANCES

Councillor Moran reported having attended a recent Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., and said he thought the management expenses of the company very high as it had been stated at the meeting that they amounted to 25% of the premium income. In this connection the Town Clerk was directed to inquire from the General Manager if it was correct that the management expenses amounted to the figure stated by Councillor Moran.

A. B. ... TD
Mayor of Wexford

3rd June, 1940.

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.

LAND - ST. JOHN'S RD.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a discussion took place regarding a piece of ground at St. John's Road, which the President of St. Peter's College required to erect a wall on, and to the price asked for by the Rev. Mother of the Convent of Mercy for a site for a water tower, the Town Clerk reported that as directed at last meeting the Mayor and himself had had an interview with the Solicitors for the President of the College and the Convent of Mercy, as a result of which they had obtained the site for the water tower at their own price, namely, £25 instead of £75 originally asked for, and as decided on at last meeting they had given permission to the College authorities to erect the wall proposed.

SALE OF MILK

A complaint was made that milk was being sold from the premises of Miss Kirwan, Mary Street, in respect of which whose application for registration a Refusal Order had been made some time ago.

REGISTERED PLUMBER

With reference to minutes of last meeting when an application had been submitted by Michael O'Reilly, Clifford Street, to be registered as an Authorised Waterworks Plumber, a letter was read from the Plumbers Society stating that they had no knowledge of O'Reilly, but members were of opinion that when this man left Wexford some years ago the Plumbers Society had given him a membership card, so the matter was adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to interview O'Reilly and ascertain if he was at any time a member of the Plumbers Society.

PROPOSED DUMPING GROUND

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the question of the acquisition of land at Newtown for a dumping ground was under consideration, Dr. Daly, County Medical Officer of Health reported that in his opinion the site was not a suitable one for the purpose. This matter gave rise to a discussion as to whether or not the Corporation could get premises suitable for dumping and it was pointed out that the only ideal place was Farnogue Swamp, and that an application was at present before the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for this site, so the Mayor promised to interview the Minister to see if its acquisition could be expedited.

FOOD & DRUGS PROSECUTIONS

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a letter was read from the Corporation Solicitor on the subject of costs incurred in abortive Food & Drugs Prosecutions through the failure of an officer of the Department of Agriculture to give evidence at the hearing of the case, the Town Clerk now produced copies of correspondence which had passed between the Corporation Solicitor and the Department on the subject of these costs, and it was decided that as these costs were incurred by the Corporation owing to the failure of an officer of the Department to carry out his statutory duty that the Minister for Agriculture should be informed the Corporation proposed to take legal proceedings against him for recovery of the balance of costs due, namely, £3. 13. 0.

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With reference to the flooding of John Street through an old laneway there a lengthy letter was read from the Corporation Solicitor suggesting that the easiest way out of this difficulty would be to pipe the water out to a shore at John Street, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to make a report on this matter against next meeting.

RENT COLLECTOR'S REMUNERATION

With reference to minutes of last meeting, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 28th ultimo by letter No. H.6011/2/40, sanctioned the proposed increase of remuneration to Rent Collectors Lacey and Roche for a period of six months at the end of which it should be re-submitted and particulars given of the increase or decrease in the arrears of rents.

REPORT - M.O.H.

A report was submitted from Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, stating that he had inspected the premises at John Street owned by James O'Leary and found a delapidated privy and cess pool in garden causing an injury to public health, and recommended that the owner should provide a W;C. and that the main sewer be extended along John Street to facilitate him to connect with same.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to report on this matter.

REPORT - M.O.H.

Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health reported a defective drain at Tuskar View and recommended that a proper sewage system be installed. It was decided to serve notice on the owner requiring this work to be carried out within one month.

DRAIN - KING ST.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to inspect a drain at King Street where W.C.'s were being erected.

TENDER

Only one tender was received for the supply of a uniform and cap for the Town Sergeant. This was from Messrs. Healy & Collins who submitted four samples of serge costing £4. 12. 6; £4. 17. 6; £5. 5. 0 and £5. 10. 6. The samples were given to Alderman Coffey, who was in this trade, and he intimated that No. 4 sample was the only one worth buying. Further reference to the tender showed that this would cost £5.10. 6 and it was decided to purchase it.

RATES - GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS.

A letter was read from the Great Southern Railways intimating that they proposed to apply for judgement against the Corporation in respect of their claim for repayment of rates overpaid on the 31st ultimo, and that they would ask for costs and interest at 4% per annum. No action was taken on this letter.

WILLIAM ST. HOUSES

The Town Clerk reported that no further inquiries had been received for the William Street houses on the basis of a £30 deposit and 15/6d per week for 35 years, and as requested at last meeting submitted a proposal for a deposit of £10 which would require a rent-charge of 16/- per week, and it was decided to recommend the Corporation to adopt this and if any inquiries were received in the meantime to inform them that a deposit of £10 would be accepted.

Handwritten signatures and initials:
 R. Coad T.D.
 Mayor of Wexford

7th June, 1940.

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

The members present being:-

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

Mr. MacConchy of Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The meeting had been convened to examine the estimate submitted by Messrs. Delap & Waller of the Wexford Waterworks Improvement Scheme which amounted to £41,851, and after carefully examining each item and listening to the advice of the Engineers the meeting decided that to cut out any of the items included in the estimate would turn the scheme from a first-class to a third-class one. They further decided to submit the Plans to the Department of Local Government and Public Health immediately for examination and approval. In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that the Corporation had already expended from their Revenue Account no less a sum than £475 on preliminary work such as the provision of a chlorinator, ammoniator, advertising, legal expenses, etc. and in addition, there was an outstanding balance of £165 against the Waterworks Capital Account due to over-expenditure in connection with the renewal of Waterworks in 1939, which it had been previously decided to include in the loan being raised for this purpose, so it was also agreed that these two items of £475 and £165 should be included in the estimate. A few amendments were proposed to the Specification regarding the conditions of employment, etc. the principal one being that at least 75% of the workers on the scheme should be employed from the Town of Wexford. Another amendment was that the pipes and other materials should be imported by sea through the port of Wexford. Before the meeting concluded the Mayor got in touch by phone with Mr. T.C. Courtney, Chief Engineering Adviser to the Department, and arranged that the Consulting Engineers, Borough Surveyor, Town Clerk and himself should interview Mr. Courtney on Tuesday the 18th instant at the Department at 3.0. p.m. to go into the entire scheme with him.

R. Corish
Mayor of Wexford

17th June, 1940.

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, James McMahon, and Thomas Walsh.

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

TENDERS FOR GREEN STREET HOUSES.

The Meeting had been specially convened to receive tenders for the erection of 64 houses at Green Street.

Two tenders were submitted from Messrs. Thomas Thornbury & Co. (Eire) Ltd., Tullamore; and Mr. Richard B. Nolan, Waterford.

The following is a comparative Table of the Borough Surveyor's Estimate and the tenders of Messrs. Thornbury and Nolan:-

Particulars.	Borough Surveyor's Estimate.	Tender of Messrs. Thornbury.	Tender of Mr. R. B. Nolan.
	£.	£.	£.
Erection of 64 Houses.	26,540	26,638	26,372.
Development.	2,050	888	1,929.
Bond, legal Expenses, Etc.	285	Included in above figures.	
TOTAL.	28,875.	27,526.	28,301.

Both tenders were subject to the usual War Emergency Clause, and, in addition, Mr. Nolan's tender provided for the joinery being manufactured in Waterford, which was against the terms of the Specification. As well, Mr. Nolan submitted personal sureties instead of a Guarantee Bond with an approved Insurance Company.

Messrs. Thornbury's tender for development included a provisional sum of £283 for additional excavation, filling and under building, and they gave a price of 5/- per cubic yard for excavation and 67/- per cubic yard for block walling.

For alternatives, Messrs. Thornbury would give a credit of £4. 10. 0. per house for mass concrete walls; £1. 10. 0. per house for steel sashes; and would charge £2. 12. 0. per house for asbestos slates. Mr. Nolan's price for mass concrete was the same as for block walls; he would be prepared to allow a credit of £2. per house for steel sashes; and he would charge £4. 10. 0. extra per house for asbestos slates.

In addition to the prices quoted, there would have to be added for Clerk of Works £510; for cost of site and development £3,000; and for other land and contingencies £100.

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With these additions, the gross total of Messrs. Thornbury's main tender, apart from alternatives and extras, would be £31136. 0. 0. and Mr. Nolan's £31,911. The All-in-Cost would be approximately
 Thornbury: £486. 10. 0. Nolan: £500.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk stated that on the Borough Surveyor's Estimate he had made up the rent of these houses on the basis of an All-in-Cost of £500, and the Economic Rent would be 16/- each per week. The subsidy of two-thirds Loan Charges up to £350. would be 5/6d. per week, leaving 10/6 to be met by the Corporation and the tenant.

He further stated that the All-in-Cost of the Whiterock View Houses, completed about eighteen months ago, was £360; the Economic Rent was 11/4d; the subsidy 4/6; the rent charged 5/-; leaving 1/10d. to be borne by the Corporation.

It was seen that having regard to the cost of these houses, the Corporation would have to be very careful before deciding to embark on the scheme, and after some discussion it was decided, on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Alderman McMahon, to adjourn consideration of the matter to a further Special Meeting to be held on the 24th instant, and in the meantime the Town Clerk should circulate to the members a Statement showing the Estimate and Tenders and the rents based on the present rate of interest and the present subsidy, together with the rents if subsidy were paid on the All-in-Cost. As well, he was to show what the rents would be if the rate of Interest were $4\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. as formerly on the present basis of subsidy, and if subsidy were paid on the All-in-Cost.

The Meeting then terminated.

R. Curran T.D.

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.

PIGGERY AT ANNE STREET.

With reference to Minutes of 20th ultimo, when reports were submitted regarding a nuisance at Anne Street caused by the keeping of pigs, and when it was decided to serve Notice on the owner, Mr. P. Lambert, to have the pigs removed within fourteen days, the Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. Lambert, under date of the 4th instant, in which he stated that whilst he did not agree that the pigs were a nuisance, he was prepared to have them removed, but as they were not yet ready for the Market, he asked the Corporation to be good enough to give him a month from that date in order to dispose of them.

Letters were also read from Mr. Patrick Clancy, of Anne Street, and Mr. John Healy, of Healy & Collins, North Main Street, complaining of this nuisance, and requesting the Corporation to give the matter their immediate attention.

In this connection, it was decided to allow Mr. Lambert until the 30th instant for the removal of the pigs on condition that he gave a written undertaking immediately that they would be removed by then, but if such undertaking was not forthcoming legal proceedings would be instituted for failure to abate the nuisance complained of in the Medical Officer's report.

HEALTH VISITOR'S HOLIDAYS.

The Health Visitor applied for, and was granted, fourteen days of her annual leave as from the 19th instant.

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INCREASED WATER CHARGES.

With reference to Minutes of the Corporation on 26th March last, when it had been decided to increase the charges for water for purposes other than domestic, the Town Clerk pointed out that the Post Office and Messrs. Pierce's had special Fire Plugs installed for which an annual rate was charged, and wished to know if these should come within the increase made in March last.

It was decided that as these were not actually supplying water except in case of emergency, the increase should not apply to them.

SUB SANITARY OFFICER'S SUPERANNUATION.

Under date of the 10th instant, by letter No. P.H.8473/5/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health again refused to approve of the superannuation allowance of £95. 6. 8. granted to Edward Byrne, Sub Sanitary Officer, and stated he was not prepared to approve of an allowance in excess of that based on 38 years of service. As there did not appear to be any possibility of getting the Minister to alter his decision in this case, it was decided to recommend the Corporation to accept the Minister's ruling, at a Special Meeting to be held on the 24th instant, so that Byrne could be paid the allowance due to him.

ERECTION OF SHOW CASE.

An application from James J. Corry, of Main Street, for permission to erect a small Show Case outside his premises there, was granted on condition that Mr. Corry gave an undertaking that the Corporation would not be held responsible for any damage done to the Case, malicious or otherwise.

DEMOLITION ORDER, HOUSE AT GREEN STREET.

The Town Clerk referred to a Demolition Order made on the 6th ultimo in respect of a house at Green Street, owned and occupied by James Browne, and stated he had received notice of Browne's intention to appeal to the Circuit Court against the Order.

It was decided to take the necessary steps to oppose the Appeal.

REGISTRATION OF PLUMBER.

A man named Michael O'Reilly, of Clifford Street, was entered on the Register of Authorised Waterworks Plumbers.

G.S. RAILWAYS - RATES.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a summons from the High Court of Justice on behalf of the Great Southern Railways Co. for the sum of £863. 6. 5. in respect of overpaid Rates due to a reduction in the Company's Valuation, but it was decided to take no action in the matter.

SANITARY CONDITION OF SLEGG'S LANE.

A letter from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners regarding the sanitary condition of Alegg's Lane, was referred to the Sanitary Inspector for a report.

INSTRUCTION OF FIRE BRIGADE.

The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter from the Lancegaye Safety Glass Company offering to give a course of instruction in up-to-date Fire Fighting to the members of the Fire Brigade for the sum of £20. plus

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First Class expenses for their Instructor, and recommended that some instruction should be given to the Brigade as it consisted largely of inexperienced men, and even the older members had never been properly instructed in modern methods of fire fighting.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should get in touch with Major Comerford, the Captain of the Dublin Fire Brigade, on this matter, and if he advised that the course would be valuable, the offer should be accepted.

EXTENSION OF SEWER AT JOHN STREET.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, the Borough Surveyor reported that he had examined the question of extending the sewerage at John Street to Mr. O'Leary's premises where it was proposed to erect a Water Closet, but the cost of this extension would be prohibitive and he suggested that O'Leary should try to obtain permission from the owner of the house two doors down the street to allow him to connect to the 6" drain from this premises, and if this were done the Corporation could then regard the remaining part of this drain out to the sewer as a public sewer.

It was decided that a letter on the lines of the Surveyor's report should be sent to O'Leary.

FLOODING AT JOHN STREET.

With reference to the question of flooding at John Street from a field there occupied by James Boyle, the Borough Surveyor reported that the water could be trapped under the archway at John Street provided that in doing so the Corporation did not assume any liability for the flooding, and it was decided to enquire from the Corporation Solicitor if the Corporation in trapping the water in the archway would be assuming any liability for the flooding.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES AT CLIFFORD ST.

A lengthy report was submitted from the Sanitary Inspector on the Sanitary Conveniences of a number of houses at Clifford Street, and it was decided to forward the report to the Medical Officer of Health with a request for his observations thereon.

PURCHASE OF STEEL CABINET.

The Town Clerk was authorised to purchase, for use in his office, a steel cabinet in which to store a number of documents, which were at present stored under conditions which he considered unsafe. The cost of the article in question would be approximately £14. 0. 0.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held at the close of the above Meeting.

The members present being:-

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

The Meeting carefully considered the question of the erection of houses at Green Street, which had been before the Corporation this night, and examined the tenders and specification, with the assistance of the Borough Surveyor, to see if it would be possible to make any reductions that would make the rent more reasonable, but it was found impossible to do this, and the meeting separated.

R. Corish T.D.
Mayor Wexford

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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 were:-

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

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

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

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on 3rd and 17th ultimo; Finance and Works, Etc. Committees on 3rd and 17th ultimo; Special Rates Committee on 17th ultimo; and Housing Committee on 17th ultimo.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the Minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the Meeting commenced, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. James J. Stafford, a former Mayor of Wexford, on the death of his brother, the late Mr. George Stafford; and to Mr. Francis Staples, Veterinary Inspector to the Corporation, on the death of his brother-in-law. Alderman McMahon seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

ELECTION OF MAYOR.

The first business was to elect a Mayor to hold office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1941, and until his successor had been appointed and made a declaration of acceptance of office.

As had been the practice for some years, Ald. Corish, the Mayor, vacated the Chair during the election and moved that Ald. Walsh preside. This motion was seconded by Councillor Crosbie and unanimously agreed to.

Alderman Walsh then occupied the Mayoral Chair, and invited nominations for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor Cashman, in a eulogistic speech, proposed that Alderman Richard Corish be elected Mayor of Wexford for the Twenty-first year in succession, to hold office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1941, and until his successor had been appointed and made a declaration of acceptance of office.

Councillor Byrne seconded the proposal, which was supported by Councillors Connolly and Moran and Alderman Coffey.

As there was no other nomination for the office of Mayor, Alderman Walsh declared Alderman Corish re-elected, amidst applause.

The re-elected Mayor then made and subscribed the declaration of acceptance of office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, which Declaration was witnessed by Alderman Walsh and Councillor Gaul.

Alderman Corish then reoccupied the Mayoral Chair, and returned thanks to the members for the honour they had bestowed upon him.

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He reviewed the various services of the Corporation, and said that the coming year might possibly be a trying one for Public Bodies. He further stated that if any danger threatened the people, he would be amongst them.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The next business was to fix the days and hours for three Quarterly Meetings of the Corporation to be held prior to 23rd June, 1941, and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Crosbie seconded by Alderman Coffey, that the three Quarterly Meetings be fixed for Monday, October 7th, 1940 at half-past seven o'clock p.m.; Monday, January 13th, 1941, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.; and Monday, April 7th, 1941, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The appointment of Standing Committees of the Council, as well as an Old Age Pensions Committee for the Borough, was the next item on the Agenda, and Alderman Coffey proposed that the existing Committees be re-appointed; the Public Health Committee to be empowered to deal with all sanitary matters arising in the Borough in pursuance of Section 5 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

Councillor Byrne, however, objected to this proposal on the grounds that the attendance at the Vocational Education Committee was not all that could be desired, but the Town Clerk pointed out that this particular Committee was not being re-appointed this year, and would only be appointed at the Annual Meeting in an Election Year.

Councillor Cashman also objected to the re-appointment of the Housing Committee in its present form on the grounds that it consisted of more than half the effective membership of the Corporation, and consequently any decisions arrived at by that Committee could not be upset by the general body of members when such decisions came before them for ratification.

After some discussion, however, Councillor Cashman withdrew his objection, and the Committees were re-appointed as follows:-

- HOUSING COMMITTEE: Councillors Moran, Sinnott, Crosbie, Dunne, James Billington, Hayes, Buckland, John Billington, Atkins, Connolly, Byrne, Alderman Walsh, and the Mayor.
- FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE: Councillors James Billington, Connolly, Buckland, Moran, McGuire, Alderman Walsh, and the Mayor.
- CEMETERY COMMITTEE: Councillors Cashman, Murphy, Dunne, Sinnott, Buckland, McGuire, Alderman Tobin, and the Mayor.
- SPECIAL RATES COMMITTEE: Councillors James Billington, Buckland, Hayes, Alderman Walsh, and the Mayor, with Ald. Flusk.
- 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, Alderman Walsh, Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. Dowse, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. McTaminey, Mrs. English, Mrs. Kavanagh, and Miss Furlong.

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AVENUE AT CEMETERY.

Councillor Hayes referred to the condition of the Avenue at St. Ibar's Cemetery, and the matter was referred to the Cemetery Committee for consideration.

FIRE BRIGADE.

Reference was also made to a recent fire in the town, and to the action of the Fire Brigade in using the Reservoir water during the present scarcity, when a supply of water could just as easily have been pumped by the Fire Engine from the Quays which was only a short distance away, and instruction were to be given to the Captain that wherever possible sea water should be used during the present dry weather.

Reference was also made to the lack of axes at the fire, but it was pointed out that when the Fire Brigade was reorganised the Town Clerk had asked for a list of any equipment necessary, which he intended to purchase for the Brigade, but so far he had not received any requisition for equipment.

COUNTY COUNCIL WEIGH BRIDGE.

Reference was also made to the proposal of Wexford County Council to construct a Weigh Bridge at Spawell Road, and the Mayor stated that as soon as he learned of the proposal he had consulted with the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor, when they informed the County Surveyor that in their opinion the Corporation would object to any proposal to erect the house to hold the necessary machinery for the Weigh Bridge on the public roadway, and suggested that it should be placed inside the wall of the County Buildings. He understood that this suggestion was being examined by the County Surveyor and his proposals would come before the Corporation in due course.

ROSSLARE TRAIN SERVICE.

Alderman Walsh referred to the Sunday Train Service to Rosslare, and stated that whilst three trains went down there was only one back at 8.0. p.m. This, he stated, was very inconvenient for the poor who wished to get to the seaside for a few hours on Sunday, and, as well, the accommodation on the return train was appalling. He suggested that a train should return from Rosslare at about 6.0. p.m., and the Mayor undertook to take up the matter with the Traffic Manager of the Railway Company on Tuesday morning.

ACCOUNTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £1632. 2. 2. were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

ERECTION OF HOUSES AT GREEN ST.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when tenders were received for the erection of Sixty-four houses at Green Street and when consideration of them was adjourned, it was agreed on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Connolly, to further adjourn this matter to enable the Housing Committee to examine the matter with a view to making reductions in the All-in-Cost of the buildings.

INSURANCE OF CORPORATE PROPERTY.

On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Sinnott,
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an Agreement was executed with the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd. to place the Corporation Insurances with that Body for a period of five years.

It was explained that this was necessary following a revision of the amounts for which the various Corporation properties were insured. The Town Clerk stated that he had carefully examined these insurances some time ago and had reported to the Finance Committee that in his opinion a considerable amount of older Corporation property was under-insured, when he had been given instructions to revise them. He had now done this and the properties were all insured in relation to the present cost of replacement.

SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE OF EDWARD BYRNE.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Resolution of 4th March last, agreeing to a superannuation allowance of £95. 6. 8. per annum to Edward Byrne, former Sanitary Sub Officer, be rescinded and that the superannuation allowance be fixed at £90. 11. 4. per annum.

It was explained that when Byrne resigned, the Corporation had agreed to add two years to his service in order to enable him to receive the maximum retiring allowance, but that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had refused to sanction this proposal and insisted that Byrne's allowance be based on thirty-eight years of service.

The resolution of March last was thereupon rescinded on the motion of Councillor Cashman seconded by Councillor Byrne, and it was further agreed on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that the retiring allowance be fixed at £90. 11. 4. per annum; this being 38/60ths of his salary and emoluments for the three years prior to his resignation.

In this connection, strong references were made to the action of the Department in refusing to grant the full pension to Byrne, who could, if he wished, have remained in office until he had completed forty years of service, but had retired at the request of the Council to make room for a qualified Sanitary Inspector in order to bring the Sanitary Department of the Corporation up to date.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor, and the relatives of the late William Hugh McGuire, a former Mayor of the town.

RELEASE OF PRISONERS.

Councillor Hayes proposed "That in the interests of unity in the country, we call on the Government to release all untried political prisoners, and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister for Justice and to each County Council in Eire."

Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

Councillor Connolly asked what was the position in regard to a scheme of Air Raid Precaution for the town, and was informed by the Mayor that some months ago he enquired in the Department of Defence and was told that a model scheme was being prepared for adoption by Local Authorities to suit the needs of their different areas, but up to the present nothing had been heard from the Department, and he would make further enquiries next week when in Dublin.

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STORAGE, ETC. OF FOOD.

Reference was also made to the storage and distribution of food in case of emergency, and the Mayor stated he hoped to have proposals to bring before the Corporation to deal with this matter in the near future.

A. Cornish T.D.

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.

GRASS IN CEMETERY.

Reference was made to the grass in St. Ibar's Cemetery, and it was pointed out that it was impossible to get any person to cut this for what the grass would be worth, so it was unanimously agreed that Patrick English, who assisted the Gravedigger in the Cemetery, should be paid the sum of £5. for cutting the grass.

COMERFORD'S HOUSE, HILL STREET.

Reference was made to the condition of a house at Hill Street, which had been infested with bugs, and it was stated that the walls, as a result of the attempts made to eradicate these insects, were in a bad state. The occupier of the house was not in a position to do anything with them, and it was agreed that the best course to adopt would be to limewash them for a period of three months, after which they could be distempered. It was agreed to supply the occupier with the necessary lime and distemper to do this work. The Sanitary Inspector was also to visit the house regularly to see if the insects had been entirely eradicated.

REFUND OF RATES TO GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAY CO.

It was reported that the Great Southern Railways Co. had agreed to accept the sum of Rates overpaid by them in the following manner:- One-third by the 30th June, and the balance, with Interest at Four per cent., from date of judgement, and costs to be paid before 31st July, 1941.

It was further reported that it would be necessary to obtain from the Department of Local Government an Order extending the time of payment to cover this period.

The Town Clerk further stated that he had included one-third of the amount in the payments made this night, and he would apply in due course to the Minister for the necessary Order.

FIRST AID.

A letter was read from the Knights of Malta, offering the services of their local Branch for assistance in the preparation and training of First Aid personnel in any scheme which the Council might have in hand in connection with the present emergency.

It was decided to acknowledge the letter, and to inform the Order that their offer would be made use of in any scheme the Corporation might prepare.

FOOD AND DRUGS EXPENSES.

With reference to previous discussions, on the subject of costs incurred under the Food and Drugs Acts due to the failure of an

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officer of the Department of Agriculture to give evidence in the cases, the Minister for Agriculture under date of the 22nd ultimo, by letter No. SK.2/2/39, stated that he was not prepared to make any further payment other than the £4. 4. 0. already made in connection with these cases.

In this connection it was decided to institute legal proceedings against the Department for recovery of the sum due..

COMPLAINT FROM TENANTS, CROKE AVENUE.

A letter was read from the tenants at Croke Avenue complaining of the conduct of Mrs. White there, stating that it was impossible to live in the same neighbourhood with her, and asking that the Corporation transfer her and her family.

In this connection it was decided to write to the lady in question, informing her that if she did not live at peace with her neighbours, the Corporation would have to evict her from the house she occupied.

FIRE BRIGADE INSTRUCTION.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when a letter was read offering the services of a Fire Brigade Instructor. and when the Town Clerk had been directed to communicate with the Superintendent of the Dublin Fire Brigade on the matter, a letter was now read from Major Comerford stating that as far as he was aware the only competent Fire Brigade Instructors in the country were the duly qualified officers and sub-officers of whole-time Fire Brigades. The Instructor proposed had recently completed a course of training in Dublin as an Auxiliary Fireman, and would, no doubt, be competent to train a small Fire crew, but it would be appreciated that he would be somewhat lacking in practical experience. In addition, Major Comerford considered the fees proposed were very much on the high side for the value of the services which could be rendered. Major Comerford further suggested that he would be only too glad to attach one of the members of the Wexford Fire Brigade to a section of the Dublin Fire Brigade for a fortnight's training; the Wexford Corporation to pay his expenses and to indemnify the Dublin Corporation against any claims or injuries received in the course of training.

This matter was referred to the Fire Brigade Committee to select one or two persons to attend the course suggested by Major Comerford.

COST OF LIVING BONUS FOR OFFICIALS.

An application from the Irish Local Government Officials Union for a Cost of Living bonus for the three members of the clerical staff and the Rate Collectors was referred to the Special Rates Committee for a report.

PENDER'S HOUSE, GREEN STREET.

A report was read from Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, and the Borough Surveyor on the condition of a house at Green Street occupied by a family named Pender. Both of them considered the house unfit for human habitation, but a decision on the matter was adjourned until it was seen whether or not the Corporation would erect the sixty-four new houses at Green Street.

REPAIRS TO LORRY.

Complaint was made by Councillor Hayes that a sum of £53 had been expended on repairs to the Morris Lorry with a non-Union Firm, and it was decided that in future when major repairs were required to any of the lorries the matter should be brought to the notice of the Council before the work was done.

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FREE MILK ADMINISTRATION.

It was agreed to pay the usual bonus of Five per cent. for the administration of the National Free Milk Supply Scheme to the Town Clerk, Miss F. M. Daly, and Miss K. Lacey.

R. Corish TD

15th July, 1940.

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: Thomas Walsh and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, James Gaul, Patrick Hawkins, Stephen McMahon, Timothy Cashman, James Sinnott, Thomas Hayes, Robert Moran, and James Crosbie.

RELIEF WORKS, 1940/41.

The Borough Surveyor submitted the following proposals for the expenditure of £8,000 on relief works:- Concrete roadway and footpath at Bride Place £1100; Concrete roadway at Thomas Street and Green Street £2050; Concrete roadway at Selskar Avenue £600; Widening junction of Back Street, John's Gate Street and Cornmarket £750; Surfacing Avenue and Walks at St. Ibar's Cemetery in Tarmacadam £1000; New sewer at Summerhill Road £250; Concrete footpath at Summerhill Road £280; Concrete footpaths St. John's Road, Davitt Road, South, O'Connell Avenue, Menapia Avenue, and St. John's Avenue £800; Concrete roadway at Rowe Street, Lower, £350; Surfacing in Tarmacadam Gibson Street, Clifford Street, Fisher's Row, Swan View (part of) and Wygram Place £820.

It was decided to adopt the Borough Surveyor's proposals on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Sinnott.

PETROLEUM LICENCE.

A Licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, was signed in respect of the premises of Messrs. W.B. Nunn & Co. at Folly.

TOWN RATES - CONNICK PROPERTY.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas J. O'Brien, offering a sum of £10. in full settlement of Borough Rate due by the Repts. Connick on two houses at Selskar Street, and after some discussion it was decided to adjourn consideration of this offer until some agreement had been arrived at in connection with the arrears of Poor Rate.

GRASS AT CEMETERY.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when it had been decided to pay Patrick English a sum of £5. for cutting the grass at St. Ibar's Cemetery, the Borough Surveyor reported that he had visited the Cemetery and found that the Caretaker had already cut about two-thirds of the grass, so it was decided to pay English Two Pounds for cutting the remainder. It was further decided that the Caretaker, Patrick Sutton, should be paid the arrears due for the grass cut in the Cemetery.

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PIGGERY AT ANNE STREET.

Adverting to Minutes of 17th June last, when it had been decided to allow Mr. Patrick Lambert until 30th June to remove the pigs from Anne Street, the County Medical Officer reported that Mr. Lambert had not yet complied with the Order made by the Corporation on 20th May, 1940. Dr. Daly advised the Corporation to take immediate steps to ensure that the Order was complied with. Mr. Lambert had given an undertaking to the Corporation to have the pigs removed by the end of June, but the Sanitary Inspector reported that there were still some pigs on the premises, so it was decided to write to Mr. Lambert pointing out that if the pigs were not removed within seven days, the Corporation would be compelled to institute legal proceedings for abatement of the nuisance.

MEAT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of June showed that he had examined 60 cattle, 294 sheep and 39 swine. Of the cattle, two heads and eight organs were destroyed for Tuberculosis, and forty organs for other diseases. Of the sheep, 100 organs were destroyed for diseases other than Tuberculosis. All the swine presented for inspection were found to be in order.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

Councillor Cashman asked if anything had yet been done in regard to Air Raid Precautions, and if the Corporation intended to give lectures to the Public on this important matter. The Mayor informed the Councillor that he had called at the Department of Defence in connection with this and was informed that a model scheme would be forwarded as soon as possible for adoption by the Corporation. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Mr. Doyle, Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk, who had taken the course in Air Raid Precautions and was a qualified Instructor, should get in touch with the other Instructors in the town with a view to the training of Air Raid Wardens.

H. C. Cashman T.D.

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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 were:-

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Patrick Hawkins, Nicholas Connolly, Stephen McMahon, Robert Moran and Thomas Hayes.

On the motion of Councillor Connolly, Seconded by Alderman Coffey, Alderman Walsh presided in the absence of the Mayor.

EXCHANGE OF LAND WITH G. A. A.

Under date of the 22nd instant, by letter No. G.13324, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he was not prepared to consider the proposal of the Corporation to exchange a strip of land at Summerhill with the G. A. A. until the Corporation were in a position to consider the future of the area as a whole from the viewpoint of Town Planning.

STREET NAMES.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a list of names from the Ordnance Survey Department of Streets and Avenues around St. John's Road for approval. They were all in Order except the Avenue of Ex-servicemen's houses off St. John's Road which appeared in the list as Spafield Avenue. This Avenue had never been Officially named this, but as the name had been used for a number of years it was decided to allow it to stand in the list submitted by the Department.

SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Under date of the 27th instant, by letter No. P. H. 8473/6/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health approved of the proposal of the Corporation to appoint a permanent Sanitary Inspector at a salary of £180 per annum, and it was agreed to request the Local Appointments Commission to recommend a suitable person for appointment.

FIRE BRIGADES ACT.

At the request of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, it was agreed to concur in the making of an Order bringing the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, into operation in the Borough.

TRAINING OF FIRE BRIGADE MEMBERS.

It was reported that the Dublin City Manager had kindly agreed to attach two members of the Wexford Fire Brigade to the Dublin Brigade for two Weeks training and that T. Crosbie and W. Power had been sent. The meeting approved of this arrangement and to the payment of the men's expenses while away, at 10/- per day plus bus fare and wages. ✓

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

It was agreed to give notice of intention to appoint delegates to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities at Dundalk in September next.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

It was agreed to get Messrs. Squire & Co. Dublin, who were working in the district to repair a marble slab in the premises of Gauls Main Street which had recently been removed during the works to the footpath there. The work to be done on a time and material basis.
Chairman.....

TOWN SERGEANT'S HOLIDAYS.

The Town Sergeant applied for and was granted his usual two weeks holidays, the Town Clerk being authorized to make arrangements for the collection of market rents.

BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S HOLIDAYS.

The Borough Surveyor applied for and was granted his usual month's Mr. T. J. Millar being employed at the same salary to carry out his duties for the month.

FOREMAN'S HOLIDAYS.

The foreman also applied for and was granted his usual two weeks holidays, Mr. T. Crosb~~at~~ being nominated to act as foreman at the foreman's wages during the period.

HOLIDAYS CARETAKER CEMETERY.

The Caretaker of the Cemetery also applied for his two weeks holidays which were granted and as in previous years the work in the Cemetery was to be carried out between John McDonald Gravedigger and Mrs. Sutton, the former to look after the outside work and the latter to look after the map and records, the wages of the caretaker to be divided between the two.

WASTE PAPER.

An offer of £2. per ton for waste paper was submitted from W. L. Woolfson and it was agreed that if there was any old papers or books of no use that they should be sold for this price.

TOWN SERGEANT ACTING AS S. S. O.

The Town Sergeant applied for extra remuneration for acting as S. S. O. during the month of April before a Sanitary Inspector was appointed, and as he had quite a number of disinfections to carry out during the period it was agreed to pay him a bonus of Two Pounds.

SCAVENGING LORRY.

With reference to the proposal to purchase an Electric Scavenging Lorry, it was reported that the price of this vehicle had increased by £150 since the date of the tender, and that the price was likely to further increase if the present offer of £1150 was not immediately accepted, so it was agreed that as no other vehicle could be procured and as the Ford Lorry was no longer useable to order the new cart immediately and to apply for sanction to an increased loan to cover the cost.

GRANTS, WATERWORKS, &c.

Reference was made to the delay in advertising the waterworks Improvement Scheme and the Town Clerk replied that he had not yet received the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and it was decided that the Mayor and Town Clerk should visit the Department on a convenient day as soon as possible and try to expedite sanction. As well they should try and have the Relief Grant proposals approved as soon as possible in order that some work might be provided in the town.

R. Cant TD

6th August, 1940.

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 eight o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

Alderman Thomas Walsh, Councillors. Thomas Byrne, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, Patrick Hawkins, and Thomas Hayes.

In the absence of the Mayor Councillor Crosbie moved that Alderman Walsh take the Chair. This motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne, and unanimously agreed to.

Alderman Walsh thereupon occupied the Chair.

PAYMENTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1,776. 6. 9, were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONER

The only other business on the Agenda was the election of a member to represent the Corporation on the Wexford Harbour Board for the ensuing twelve months, and the Town Clerk reported that in accordance with the provisions of the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874, only one person had been nominated for election, namely, Councillor Robert Moran, and on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Alderman Walsh, Councillor Moran was unanimously re-elected to represent the Corporation on the Harbour Board for the coming twelve months.

Councillor Byrne gave notice that he would move at a Special Meeting of the Corporation due to be held on the 12th instant that the Minutes of meetings of the Council be circulated amongst the members prior to each monthly meeting.

The meeting then separated.

R. Conry TD

12th August, 1940.

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: Robert Coffey, and Thomas Walsh.

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

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and approval:- Minutes of meetings of the Corporation on 1st ultimo and 6th instant; minutes of Finance & Works, Etc. Committees on 1st, 15th and 29th ultimo. Alderman Coffey proposed that the minutes be taken as having been read but complained that in his opinion there were far too many meetings being held, and thought that the business could just as well be done with a lesser number of meetings. Alderman Walsh seconded the motion which was adopted, and the minutes as submitted, signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. Hadden, Springfield. The late Mrs. Hadden he stated had given her lifetime to the help of the poor and needy in Wexford, and as well, had acted as Chairman of the Corporation Child Welfare Committee for a number of years. In addition, he stated that she had given able assistance to her late husband George Hadden in the carrying out of his public duties during the latter years of his life. He recalled that during the last years of Alderman Hadden's life his sight had failed him and it was quite a common thing to see Mrs. Hadden bringing him to meetings of the Corporation and waiting in the ante-room for him until the meetings were finished. The motion was seconded by Alderman Coffey, supported by all the members present, and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A letter was read from Mr. F. Staples, Corporation Veterinary Inspector, acknowledging with thanks the resolution adopted at last meeting on the death of his brother-in-law.

Four acknowledgements were read of the resolution adopted at last meeting calling on the Government to release all untried political prisoners.

REPORT - BOROUGH ANALYST

The report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 30th June last, which was submitted, showed that he had examined eight samples of milk, four of butter, three of cheese, two each of whiskey and buttermilk, and one each of cocoa, margarine, flour, vinegar and rise. All the samples were found genuine with the exception of one of milk, which was 11.66% deficient of fats, and it was further reported that legal proceedings had been instituted against the vendor of the defective sample of milk when a penalty of £1. 5. 6 was imposed.

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WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT LOAN.

The next business was to make formal application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to the raising of a Loan of £35,000 for the purpose of improving the Water Supply to the Town. Councillor Byrne moved that the permission of the Minister be sought for this loan and Alderman Walsh seconded.

In this connection the Mayor reviewed all the steps that had been taken by the Corporation within the last eight years to improve the Water Supply to the Town, and pointed out that considerable delays had occurred through differences of opinion between the Consulting Engineers and the Engineers of the Department of Local Government and Public Health. As a result of these delays the estimated cost of the scheme now proposed was considerably more than the estimated cost some twelve or eighteen months ago, and he suggested that in view of this it was not too much to expect that a grant of at least 50% of the costs should be given by the State.

Councillor Byrne's motion that formal application for a loan of £35,000 was then put to the meeting and unanimously agreed to, and the formal application was signed by the Mayor.

The following further resolution in this connection was also adopted on the motion of Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Dunne:-

"It is hereby resolved that the Corporation of Wexford make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for a grant for the purpose of carrying out the Improvement of the Wexford Water Supply, which is being undertaken by the Corporation with a view to the provision of employment for unemployed persons,; and it is further requested that the Minister in pursuance of Section 6 (1) of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921, as extended will issue a certificate to that effect so that any money borrowed for the carrying out of the work shall not be reckoned as part of the debt of the Corporation for the purpose of any enactment limiting their powers of borrowing."

The Mayor moved a further resolution that we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to make a Grant of 50% of the cost of this Scheme for the Improvement of the Waterworks. Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion which was also unanimously agreed to.

It was reported that the level of the water in the Reservoir was rapidly decreasing and at the present time it was estimated that there was not more than five to seven million gallons in the reservoir, which would be less than three weeks supply, and it was decided to further curtail the supply to the town by cutting off the water from 1 p.m. to 5. p.m. each day in addition to the present curtailment from 8. p.m. to 6. a.m.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Byrne moved that the minutes of meetings of the Corporation be circulated amongst the members prior to each Monthly Meeting as had been done up to some months ago, when the practice had been discontinued on the grounds of economy and to the likelihood of there being a shortage of paper in the near future. Councillor Cashman seconded this motion and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed that only the minutes of those committees not composed of the entire membership of the Corporation be circulated.

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DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE

The next business was the appointment of delegates to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities to be held at Dundalk next month. It appeared that the Corporation could appoint three delegates this year, and if either of the three were the Mayor or Councillor Hayes, who were both members of the executive of the Association, the executive would pay their expenses to the Congress. Councillor Dunne thereupon moved that the Mayor be one of the delegates and Councillor Crosbie seconded. Councillor Moran moved that Councillor Hayes be the second delegate and Councillor Byrne seconded. Alderman Coffey moved that Alderman Walsh be the third delegate and Councillor McGuire seconded. As there were no other proposals these three delegates were appointed. Councillor Hawkins moved that if either of the three delegates appointed ~~and~~ were elected on the Executive Council of the Association that they be authorised to attend the number of meetings of the executive permitted by the Local Conferences Order. Councillor Crosbie seconded this motion which was agreed to.

Diphtheria Immunisation

The next business was to adopt a Scheme prepared by Dr. Daly, County Medical Officer of Health, for active immunisation against diphtheria in the Borough, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the scheme as submitted by the Medical Officer of Health was adopted, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

GRAVES - CROSSTOWN CEMETERY

Reference was made to the condition of graves in St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown. It appeared from the complaints that a number of graves were in a delapidated condition, but the Corporation could not do anything about the matter without the permission of the owners who owned the graves in perpetuity. The Mayor remarked that he had discussed this question of the cleansing of graves in the cemetery with the Town Clerk on a few occasions recently and they were trying to prepare a scheme whereby a charge would be made to the owner of each grave for its maintenance by the Corporation, and he suggested that the Cemetery Committee should meet in the near future to consider this matter and report to the Corporation.

This suggestion was agreed to and Alderman Walsh and Councillor Hayes added to the Committee as a couple of the members on it were most unlikely to attend.

R. Coombs TD
Mayor of Wexford.

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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.

GRASS AT CEMETERY

Reference was made to a decision of the Corporation on a recent occasion to allow Patrick English, the gravedigger's assistant, the sum of £2 for cutting some of the grass on the cemetery. It appeared that Mr. Doyle of the Town Clerk's Office, who was acting for the Town Clerk on the night of the meeting, had somehow interpreted the decision that English was not to get the grass cut and actually the Committee meant that he was to get whatever grass he cut on the cemetery for his own use, but this matter was left in the hands of the Town Clerk to now arrange.

HOUSE - WOLF TONE VILLAS

The Town Clerk reported that there was a house vacant at Wolf Tone Villas through the eviction of the former tenant for non-payment of rent, and it was decided that if he could secure a person in one of the condemned houses in Green Street to occupy the house at Wolf Tone Villas that he should give him immediate possession, if not the selection of a tenant could be made on the 19th instant.

RELIEF GRANT PROPOSALS

With reference to the proposals for Relief Grant Work during the present year which was under consideration at a recent meeting, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that the proposals for the laying of a new sewer at Summerhill and the re-surfacing of the walks at St. Ibar's Cemetery should not be included, and suitable alternative proposals should be submitted. Some of the proposed works he stated provided for reinforced concrete roads and reasons should be given as to why reinforcement was considered necessary.

In this connection it was pointed out that the proposal to lay a new sewer at Summerhill would have to be carried out if the footpath there was to be concreted and only the labour costs had been included in the Scheme, the Corporation themselves supplying the necessary pipes, and it was decided that having regard to this fact that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health should be requested to reconsider his decision and allow this part of the Scheme.

As regards the proposal to re-surface the walks at St. Ibar's Cemetery, the Minister was to be informed that the Borough Surveyor was at present on holidays and that alternative proposals would be submitted as soon as possible. In the meantime he was to be asked to approve of the remainder of the Scheme so that much-needed employment could be provided immediately. As regards reinforcement of the concrete the Town Clerk pointed out that in a report submitted to the Department on the 30th May last the Borough Surveyor had given reasons why he considered the use of reinforcement essential, and it was decided to refer the Department to this report.

REPORT - M.O.H.

Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, reported that he had inspected a house at Allen Street tenanted by Edward Furlong, and found dry closet and ashpit in a filthy condition and unfit for use, and recommended that the owner be requested to have a proper privy or W.C. constructed. It was decided on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Byrne to serve notice on the owner requiring the construction of a W.C. within one month.

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HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

The Town Clerk read correspondence which had passed between himself and Mrs. Gordon, Parnell Street, since June last on the subject of an account for £32. 9. 6 incurred on the provision of a water closet for house at William Street, occupied by Miss Johnson, and owned by her, and it was decided to inform Mrs. Gordon that unless the sum due was paid on the 19th instant the Corporation would be obliged to hand the account to their Solicitor for collection.

HOUSE - FISHER'S ROW

The Town Clerk further reported that in the case of Mrs. Mary Bolger, Fisher's Row, who was considerably in arrear with instalments on foot of loan made under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and against whom a decree for possession had been obtained but had not been executed, by direction of the Committee following an agreement with Mrs. Bolger to pay 15/- per week for her lifetime when the position would be reviewed, up to the present he had not received any payment, and it was decided to inform Mrs. Bolger that unless she gave up possession within seven days the Corporation would be obliged to execute the decree.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Major Comerford, Chief Superintendent of the Dublin Fire Brigade, on the conduct of Messrs. Crosbie and Power, members of the Wexford Fire Brigade, who had been attached to the Dublin Fire Brigade for a fortnight's training. The letter stated that their behaviour was in every way exemplary and they took a very keen and intelligent interest in all the instruction which was imparted to them. In this connection it was decided that the Corporation should advertise for auxiliary firemen who could be trained by these two men.

LOAN - S.D.A. ACTS

Under date of the 9th instant by letter No. H. 9993/3/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he did not consider the Corporation would be justified in making an advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mrs. C. Kehoe for the purchase of a 12-roomed house described as a private hotel. In this connection the Town Clerk also pointed out that he had had correspondence with the Department on the subject of the rate of interest proposed to be charged by the Treasurer for the loan necessary to finance this advance, and he was at present in negotiation with the National Bank with a view to having the proposed rate of interest reduced, so it was decided that as soon as the question of the rate of interest had been decided between the Town Clerk and the Bank that he should request the Minister to reconsider his decision to sanction the advance, as in the opinion of the Corporation the premises were well worth the amount proposed to be loaned.

A complaint was read from the Caretaker of the Reservoir to the effect that Rev. Father Browne, Barntown, had been shooting seagulls with a miniature rifle on the water, and it was decided to inform Father Browne that this practice must cease.

An application was read from the two Rent Collectors, Messrs. Lacey and Roche, asking to be paid weekly, and as the Town Clerk did not consider that there was much objection to this, it was unanimously agreed to leave it in the hands of the Clerk to pay the Collectors as he thought fit.

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A Circular letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health intimating that the rate of wages payable on Works financed either wholly or partly out of the Grants should not exceed the rate payable at 1st September, 1939.

An application was read from John McCormack, Abbey Street, for permission to use the scales for the purpose of weighing potatoes at the Market on Wednesdays and Saturdays. This was unanimously agreed to.

A letter was read from the Irish Local Government Officials Union pointing out that Mr. Henry F. Doyle, Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk, had acted as Town Clerk in the absence of Mr. Byrne on holidays, and requested that he should be granted extra remuneration for the period as was done in the case of the Corporation's outdoor staff.

During the discussion which ensued on this application it was thought that any extra remuneration granted should be divided between the two junior members of the staff, namely, Mr. Doyle and Miss Lacey, as both of them had to some extent carried out the work of the Town Clerk during his absence. So it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to pay Mr. Doyle extra remuneration at the rate of £1 per week and Miss Lacey the sum of 10/- per week for the period during which the Town Clerk was absent.

Arising out of this matter complaint was made that the Town Clerk's Office was not always open to the public especially round the lunch hour, and it was decided that the office should be open continuously between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m., the dinner hour to be divided between Mr. Doyle and Miss Lacey, and that one or the other of them should not leave the office until the other returned.

It was further decided that no person should leave the office during working hours without the permission of the Town Clerk, and that the time allowance for dinner for both Mr. Doyle and Miss Lacey should be one hour each.

Reference was also made to the fact that some persons were being paid their weekly wages on Friday prior to the fixed hour of 5.30 p.m., and it was decided that unless exceptional circumstances made it necessary no person should be paid before 5.30 p.m.

The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that he had found it necessary to employ Miss E. M. Phillips to deputise for Miss Lacey as typist during the absence of the latter on holidays. This was unanimously agreed to with remuneration at the rate of £1. 10. 0 per week.

The Town Clerk was directed to report against next meeting on the cost of re-surfacing the Distillery Road Footpath and to indicate separately the cost of supervision; and a similar report was to be submitted on the cost of re-adjusting Cromwell's Fort Avenue to the level of the new road there.

R. C. C. TD
Mayor of Wexford

19th August, 1940.

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 were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh and Councillors Atkins, Sinnott, Hayes, Crosbie, Connolly, Moran, Cashman, John Billington, Byrne, and Dunne.

HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET.

The Meeting had been convened to consider the position of the fourteen 5-roomed houses at William Street, only four of which had been disposed of on the basis of a deposit of £30 and a Rent-charge of 15/6 per week for thirty-five years.

At the outset, complaint was made that some of the gates had not yet been provided by the Contractor for these houses, and the Town Clerk was directed to write to Mr. Malone informing him that unless the gates were provided by the 26th instant, the Corporation would be obliged to take legal proceedings to enforce the Contract. The Town Clerk reported that a man named Lynn of North Main Street was prepared to take one of the houses on a basis of a £10. deposit and 16/- per week for thirty-five years, which had been discussed by the Corporation some time ago, and it was unanimously agreed to accept this offer.

As regards the remainder of the houses, it was decided on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the six houses on the Sea side of St. Brendan's Road be advertised for tenants at a rent of 18/- per week plus rates; the remaining three houses to be held for sale on the tenant-purchase system on either of the two basis of a deposit of £30 or a deposit of £10. These three schemes were to be submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for approval.

HOUSING SURVEY, 1938/44.

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health requesting the return of completed Forms in respect of Housing Survey of 1938/44. In this connection, the Town Clerk pointed out that he had received some reports from the Medical Officers on the houses in their areas which were considered as unfit for human habitation, but he was of opinion that these reports did not reflect the true position in the Borough and that there were a considerable number of people living in rooms who were not covered by the reports of the Medical Officers. He had the Sanitary Officer at present engaged on making a report of houses in the town to ascertain the number of people who were residing in rooms.

The Committee agreed with the town Clerk that the reports of the Medical Officers did not reflect the true position and approved of the steps he was taking to ascertain the number of persons requiring houses, and directed that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be informed of the position as outlined.

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES.

The Town Clerk was requested to look up the legal position as to what powers the Corporation had to take over houses suitable for the accommodation of the Working Classes, and to repair them.

GREEN STREET HOUSES.

The Committee then further examined the position of the Green Street Housing Scheme, and came to the conclusion that having regard to the abnormality of high prices, it would be

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impossible to build these houses and let them at a rent which slum dwellers would be in a position to pay. After some discussion, Mr. Millar, Acting Borough Surveyor, was asked to prepare an Estimate of the cost of erecting Bungalow Houses on this site.

The Meeting then adjourned until the 26th instant.

*R. Corish T D
Mayor*

A Meeting of the Cemetery Committee was held at the close of the above Meeting; the members present being the Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh, Councillors Dunne, Cashman, McGuire, Hayes and Sinnott.

This Meeting had been convened to consider a suggestion made by His Worship the Mayor that the Corporation should take over the cleansing of graves in Crosstown Cemetery.

In this connection, the Town Clerk reported that there were approximately 2,500 Grave Spaces sold in Crosstown, and if only 1,000 of these agreed to pay a sum of Five Shillings per annum for the keeping of their graves in a clean and tidy condition it would bring in a revenue of £250 per year, and would enable the Corporation to employ two men to carry out the work.

After some further discussion on this proposal it was unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk should prepare a circular and send it to the owner of each grave in Crosstown whom he could trace, and, as well, he should issue a public advertisement calling attention to the scheme.

If sufficient persons consented to participate in the scheme, the Committee would then be prepared to recommend the Corporation to put it into operation.

R. Corish T D

26th August, 1940.

A Special 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: Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, James Murphy, Nicholas Connolly, James Gaul, Patrick Hawkins, James Crosbie, Phillip McGuire, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, Stephen McMahon, and James Sinnott.

SYMPATHY.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of Councillor James Billington, who had died since the last meeting, and that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect to his memory.

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

The Meeting then separated.

*R. Corish T D
Mayor of Wexford*

26th August, 1940.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held at the close of the Special Meeting; the members present being The Mayor (in the Chair) with Councillors Sinnott, Byrne, Connolly, Dunne, Moran, Crosbie, and Hayes.

ERECTION OF HOUSES AT GREEN STREET.

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting, when Mr. Millar, Acting Borough Surveyor, had been asked to prepare a plan for a Bungalow type of house at Green Street, Mr. Millar now submitted such a plan, and estimated that the house could be built at an All-in-Cost of £407.

He also submitted a lay-out plan for thirty-four bungalows on the site, and the members were well pleased with the design of the house and the proposed lay-out.

It was therefore decided on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Connolly, that the Corporation be recommended to erect bungalows on this site, and to appoint Mr. Millar as Engineer-in-Charge at a wage of £6, 6. 0. per week.

In this connection, it was pointed out that the Borough Surveyor would have ample work to do in administering the £8,000 Relief Grant which was about to be commenced and would not have any time to superintend the erection of houses, and it was the intention of the Committee that Mr. Millar should be given absolute charge and would not be subject in any way to the Borough Surveyor.

This motion was unanimously adopted.

In this connection it was suggested that in order to expedite approval to these proposals the Mayor, accompanied by the Town Clerk and Mr. Millar, should visit the Department on the following day and submit the plan of the house and the lay-out for provisional approval.

This suggestion was adopted on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Connolly.

REGISTER OF LODGING HOUSES.

The Town Clerk was authorised to issue an advertisement, requesting all persons who had houses let in lodgings to furnish him with the particulars required by the Corporation Bye-laws in that behalf.

*H. Connolly T.D.
Mayor of Wexford*

2nd September, 1940.

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, James McMahon, and Robert Coffey.

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

MINUTES.

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on 12th and 26th ultimo; Finance and Works, Etc. Committees on 12th ultimo; Housing Committee on 19th and 26th ultimo; and Cemetery Committee on 19th ultimo.

On the motion of Alderman McMahon, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the Minutes as submitted were approved, and signed by the Mayor.

ACCOUNTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £1219. 3. 6. were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

Arising out of the accounts, Alderman Coffey referred to an item in respect of the purchase of Bass Brooms and protested that they should be purchased locally.

The Town Clerk, in reply, stated that the brooms were purchased from the National Institute for the Blind, who were the Official Contractors under the Combined Purchasing Act, and that they could not be purchased from any other Firm.

ALTERATION TO SHOP.

Alderman Walsh referred to alterations which were being carried out to a building at Cornmarket, and asked if the Borough Surveyor, or Acting Borough Surveyor, knew anything about it.

The Acting Borough Surveyor stated that no plans had been submitted, and the Mayor suggested that the Town Clerk should write to the man referred to.

The Town Clerk, in further reply to Ald. Walsh, said that under the Town Planning Acts plans for every building should be submitted to the Corporation, but he had a recollection of three buildings being erected in Wexford in respect of which no plans were submitted. This failure to submit plans had been reported to the Corporation and no action taken. It was decided that the Town Clerk write to the person referred to, as suggested by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the three girls who had lost their lives in the recent disaster at Campile.

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

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The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the widow and family of Mr. Moses Brennan, who had lost his life in a bombing attack on the Mail Boat "St. Patrick".

Alderman Coffey also seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members and adopted.

The Mayor further moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Peter Somers, who for a long number of years had been a faithful servant of the Corporation. Councillor Dunne seconded this motion, which was adopted in the usual way.

Councillor Connolly moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Rev. John Sinnott, Adm., Wexford, on the death of his cousin.

Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, which was also adopted.

A letter was read from Mr. A. B. Hadden acknowledging the Vote of Sympathy passed at last meeting on the death of his mother.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

The Mayor stated that a number of officials from the Department of Defence had spent the day with the Town Clerk, the Acting Borough Surveyor and himself discussing the subject of protection against Air Raids, and he had asked them to come before the Corporation to explain the object of their visit with a view to impressing on the people the urgent necessity of volunteering their services to assist in the administration of the scheme at present in course of preparation by the Corporation.

Mr. Blunden, of the Department of Defence, stated he would like to say that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence was very much concerned at the lack of progress on the organisation of Air Raid Precautions Schemes especially in certain areas in the country, and he had asked Major O'Sullivan, Captain Black, and Captain Davis and himself to come down and explain to the Corporation his anxiety with regard to the progress of the scheme.

The Department would supply a large quantity of the equipment, and he hoped the Corporation would be able to provide the necessary personnel. Major O'Sullivan then addressed the meeting and in a very lucid statement briefly outlined the various services it would be necessary to organise to have a proper scheme.

At the end of the Major's address, the Mayor said he thought he might say, on behalf of the Corporation, that they were very grateful to Major O'Sullivan for the information he had given them, and hoped the words he had said would catch the ears of the public and that a generous response would be forthcoming.

The officials of the Department of Defence then left the Meeting, and after a short discussion the following Committee were appointed to administer the Scheme, namely, Aldermen Coffey and Walsh, with Councillors Moran, Hawkins, Cashman and Crosbie.

LOAN FOR WILLIAM STREET HOUSES.

The next business was to execute a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works for the repayment of a Loan of £1860 to discharge outstanding liabilities in connection with the erection of fourteen houses at William Street, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Hayes, it was unanimously resolved:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1932."

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The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation, and on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Dunne, the following further Resolution 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."

LETTING OF WILLIAM STREET HOUSES.

The Housing Committee recommended that in addition to the Scheme already adopted for the disposal of the William Street Houses on the basis of a deposit of £30 with a rent-charge of 15/6 per week for 35 years, that four of the houses be sold for a deposit of £10 and a rent-charge of 16/- per week for 35 years, and that six of the houses be advertised for letting at a rent of 18/- per week plus rates.

Both of the tenant-purchase schemes would be subject to a perpetual yearly rent of Ten Shillings to commence at the end of the purchase period.

Councillor Byrne moved the adoption of the Committee's recommendation and Councillor Crosbie seconded.

Alderman Coffey said that on several occasions it was stated that the rent would not exceed 15/-, and another member had stated that similar houses in Enniscorthy were let at 14/-. Councillor Hayes stated that the statement in respect of houses at Enniscorthy was false; there was no such thing as 14/- a week.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk stated that so far as he could ascertain in regard to the Enniscorthy houses, the basic rent was 12/6 per week; a charge of 1/6d per week was being made for Rates; and the Council was subsidising the houses to the extent of 3/6d. per week. The Committee recommendation was then unanimously agreed to.

ERECTION OF GREEN STREET HOUSES.

The Housing Committee further recommended the Corporation to erect thirty-four bungalows at Green Street under the supervision of Mr. T.J. Millar at a salary of £6. 6. 0. per week.

The Mayor reminded the Meeting that some time ago they had invited tenders for the erection of Sixty-four houses, and it was found that the All-in-Cost would be £486 per house, and that the rent of the house, after taking the Government subsidy into account, would be 10/4.

The houses were supposed to be let to people in lodgings or from slums and he did not think the people would be able to pay that rent.

The Housing Committee had thought it advisable to ask Mr. Millar, who was then Acting Borough Surveyor, to prepare a plan of a Bungalow type of house. Such a plan had been prepared, and a Specification, which cut out all non-essentials, had also been submitted by Mr. Millar, who estimated that the bungalows could be erected for £400 each.

The Housing Committee considered that the scheme would be far better with the lesser number of houses, and as the Borough Surveyor had £8,000 in Grants to supervise prior to the 31st March next, they believed that his hands would be full.

After a short discussion the recommendation was adopted, but with

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

COUNTY OF WEXFORD

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898,
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925,
PUBLIC HEALTH (IRELAND) ACT, 1878,
AND ACTS AMENDING OR EXTENDING SAME.

*Petition referred
to in Minutes of
Wexford Corporation
on 2nd September 1940*
J. J. [Signature]
[Signature]

In the Matter of a Scheme for the Widening of the Public
Road in the Borough of Wexford in Wexford Urban No. 2
District otherwise known as The Folly

P E T I T I O N

By

The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford

To

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health

For

An Order to be allowed to put into force the powers of the Lands
Clauses Acts as amended by the Housing of the Working Classes
Acts with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise
than by agreement.

To : The Minister for Local Government and Public Health

THE PETITION of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of
Wexford acting by the Wexford Corporation being the Sanitary Authority for
the Borough of Wexford, SHEWETH as follows :

1. THAT your Petitioners are desirous of being allowed to put into force
the powers of the Land Clauses Acts as amended by Section 8 of the Public
Health (Ireland) Act, 1896, and as amended by the Housing of the Working
Classes Acts, with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than
by agreement, so as to enable them to acquire the lands set out in the Schedule
hereto.

2. THAT the lands which your Petitioners desire to acquire are particularly
described in the second and third columns of the Schedule hereto annexed and
are also delineated on the Plan hereinafter referred to and described in the Book
of Reference deposited with the said Plan and in the columns 5, 6 and 8 of the
said Schedule is inserted opposite the description of each portion of the said lands
the name of the owner or reputed owner, lessee or reputed lessee or occupier of
the said lands.

3. That the purpose for which the said lands are required by your Petitioners is for the Improvement of the Public Roadway and thoroughfare of the said Borough of Wexford in the Townland of Wexford Urban No. 2 otherwise known as The Folly, Wexford.

4. That your Petitioners have complied with all the relevant provisions of the above-mentioned Acts with respect to the publication of advertisements and service of notices by publishing in the issues of the Wexford "People" of the 11th, 18th and 25th May 1940 and in the Wexford "Free Press" of the 11th, 18th and 25th May 1940 respectively (all said newspapers being newspapers circulating in the said Borough of Wexford and in the District in which the lands are situated and in which all the persons stated to be affected reside) an advertisement describing the purposes in respect of which the said lands are proposed to be taken and naming the place where a Plan of the proposed undertaking might be seen at all reasonable hours and stating the denomination and quantity of the lands proposed to be acquired, and by serving notices upon every owner or reputed owner, lessee or reputed lessee and occupier of such lands, defining the particular lands proposed to be taken and requiring an Answer as in the said Acts mentioned. The nature of the Replies received from the said owners or reputed owners, lessees or reputed lessees of the said lands upon whom said Notices were served is set out in Column 7 of the said Schedule hereto and the nature of the Replies received from the Occupiers of the said lands upon whom said Notices were served is set out in column 9 of the said Schedule hereto, the word "assents" being written in the said column opposite the name of each owner or reputed owner, lessee or reputed lessee, or occupier who has assented in respect of the taking of the said lands and the word "dissents" being written in the said column opposite the name of each said owner or reputed owner lessee or reputed lessee or occupier who has dissented in respect of the taking of such lands; the words "No Reply" being written in the said column opposite the name of each said owner or reputed owner, lessee or reputed lessee or occupier who has not returned any Reply to the Notices so served upon him and the word "Neuter" being written in the said column opposite the name of each such owner or reputed owner lessee or reputed lessee or occupier who is neuter in respect of the taking of said lands.

YOUR PETITIONERS, THEREFORE, PRAY that they may be allowed to put into force the powers of the Lands Clauses Acts as amended by Section 8 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1896, with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by Agreement, in respect of the said lands set out in the Schedule hereto annexed.

Dated this *Second* day of *September* 1940.

PRESENT when the SEAL of the MAYOR,
ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES OF THE
BOROUGH OF WEXFORD was hereto affixed:

(Signed) Richard Corish Mayor

(Signed) John Byrne Town Clerk

(P.S.)
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WEXFORD ROAD WIDENING SCHEME

SCHEDULE:

LANDS AT FOLLY, MICHAEL STREET AND MILL ROAD, WEXFORD,

Electoral Division, Wexford Urban No. 2 : St. Mary's Ward, Wexford.

No. on Plan	Description Nature	Area	Townland	Owner or Reputed Owner	Lessee or Reputed Lessee	Reply	Occupier	Reply
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Lands	2.4 perches	Wexford Urban No. 2	Mrs. Mary K. Wickham	Mrs. Mary K. Wickham	Dissents	Peter Donnelly	No Reply
2.	Lands	7 perches	do.	Richard Doyle	Richard Doyle	Dissents	Thomas Traynor	do.
3.	Lands	1.3 perches	do.	W. V. Stafford'	W. V. Stafford	No Reply	W. V. Stafford	do.
4.	Lands	1.3 perches	do.	James Billington	James Billington	No Reply	James Billington	do.

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Alderman Coffey dissenting because, in his opinion, the Borough Surveyor was the responsible officer, and should have charge of the scheme.

PETITION - LANDS CLAUSES ACTS.

The next business was to execute a petition to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health praying that the Corporation be allowed to put into force the powers of the Lands Clauses Acts, as amended by Section 8 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1896, with respect to the purchase and taking over of lands otherwise than by Agreement. It was pointed out that for some time past the Corporation had been endeavouring to widen the road at Folly, Wexford, but could not secure agreement with the owners of certain lands there to enable this work to be done.

The particular point was very dangerous, and there was no hope of carrying out the work except by the compulsory acquisition of the lands in question.

The total area proposed to be acquired was only twelve perches. It was also intimated to the meeting that the necessary steps as regards the publication of advertisements and service of Notices had been taken, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Petition was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation. A copy of the Petition is attached to these Minutes.

STREET LIGHTING.

Complaint was made that the Electric Light at Waterloo Road and Paradise Row had been out for the past few weeks, and the Town Clerk was directed to take the matter up with the Electricity Supply Board.

CLEANSING OF GULLEY TRAPS.

Complaint was also made regarding an obnoxious odour from some of the gully traps in the streets. It was explained that this was due to the abnormally dry weather and that the water in the gully traps evaporated rapidly. At the present time the traps were being filled with Sea water by the Corporation employees, and the Borough Surveyor was directed, if necessary, to put more men on this work so that the traps could be kept sealed.

SHORTAGE OF WATER.

The Mayor referred to the terribly serious position of the Water Supply to the Town, and appealed to the public to assist the Corporation by every means in their power to prevent waste. He intimated that further curtailment of the supply to the town would be necessary during the course of next week.

WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

The Mayor also referred to the proposed improvement of the Wexford Water system, and intimated that the difficulty regarding the rate of wages had been overcome by an interview which the Town Clerk and himself had had with an official of the Department. The Scheme had now been advertised for tender and he suggested that a small Committee should be appointed to meet immediately the tenders were received so that they could be opened without delay and handed over to the Consulting Engineers for report. This suggestion was unanimously agreed to, and Alderman Walsh with Councillors Hayes, Connolly and the Mayor appointed as such a Committee.

The Meeting then terminated.

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

APPLICATION FOR TENANCY - WILLIAM STREET.

An application was read from a man named Thomas O'Connor for one of the houses at William Street on the tenant-purchase system, and the application was granted.

S.D.A. ACTS - LOAN TO C. KEHOE.

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the proposal of the Corporation to make a Loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mrs. Catherine Kehoe, South Main Street, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he could not see his way to alter his views expressed in the Department's letter of the 9th ultimo on the subject.

In view of this communication the Meeting saw that they could do nothing further in the matter.

CURTAILMENT OF WATER SUPPLY.

Regarding the further curtailment of the Water Supply, it was agreed that the supply should be cut off between the hours of 7.0. p.m. to 8.0. a.m. and 1. 0. p.m. to 5.0. p.m. until further notice.

INSTALLATION OF W.C. AT WILLIAM STREET.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had written to Mrs. Gordon of Parnell Street requesting payment of an account of £32. 9. 6. for the installation of a Water Closet at William Street in a house owned by this lady, under the Public Health Acts.

He had now received a letter from Mrs. Gordon, enclosing £3. off the account, and she stated that as she had got no increase in rent to pay same, she could not pay the account in full, but it was decided to inform Mrs. Gordon that unless the account was paid in full within a reasonable time, the Corporation would be compelled to take legal proceedings for the recovery of the amount due.

S.D.A. ACTS - MARY BOLGER.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had written to Mrs. Mary Bolger, of Fisher's Row, on the 13th ultimo, requesting her to give up possession of the house there over which the Corporation held a Mortgage in respect of an advance which had been made under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, otherwise the Corporation would be compelled to lodge the Decree obtained by them with the Sheriff for execution. To this letter he had received no reply.

It was decided to again write to Mrs. Bolger pointing out that no reply had been received to the Town Clerk's letter of the 13th ultimo, and informing her that they did not wish to hand the Sheriff the Warrant for execution, but if possession were not given by the 16th instant, the date of the next meeting, they would be obliged to execute the Warrant.

EXTRA REMUNERATION FOR MR. H. F. DOYLE AND MISS LACEY.

Under date of the 21st ultimo, by letter No. G.5556/3/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he could not see his way to sanction the proposal of the Corporation to pay extra remuneration to Mr. H. F. Doyle and Miss Lacey for discharging the

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work of the Town Clerk during his absence on holidays.
On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was decided to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider his decision in this matter.

REPORTS FROM M.O.H.

The Town Clerk was directed to write to Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, requesting the submission without further delay of reports on houses at Barrack Street and Clifford Street.

R. Corish TD

16th September, 1940.

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: James McMahon and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Thomas Hayes, Thomas Byrne, James Murphy, James Gaul, Patrick Hawkins, James Crosbie, Timothy Cashman, James Sinnott, Stephen McMahon, Thomas Dunne and Robert Moran.

WATER SUPPLY.

Lengthy reports were submitted from the County Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor regarding the present position of the water supply.

These reports revealed a very grave situation inasmuch as the amount of water in the Reservoir was only capable of supplying the needs of the town for approximately five days.

Dr. Daly, County Medical Officer of Health, who attended the meeting, pointed out the grave danger of epidemics of infectious diseases which might follow the failure of the water supply, because people would be forced to use other sources of supply if they were available, and these sources were often contaminated and unfit for human consumption. As well, the disposal of sewage by water carriage methods became difficult, if not impossible, owing to lack of water to flush the mains.

The Borough Surveyor recommended that the supply to the town be limited to two hours per day, and it was unanimously agreed that the supply should be cut off except between the hours of Twelve, noon, and One p.m. and Five p.m. and Six p.m.

Dr. Daly stated that his assistant had visited all the schools and colleges in the town and advised them to close down until the emergency had passed because of the grave danger of the sanitary conveniences becoming unworkable by reason of lack of water and the consequent danger of infectious diseases breaking out amongst the pupils, and he asked the Corporation to endorse this advice and request the School Authorities to carry it out.

It was decided to write to the Manager of each School pointing out that as the Corporation were unable to guarantee a sufficient supply of water to keep the sanitary conveniences in proper working order that the advice of the Medical Officer should be acted on at once.

Dr. Daly further advised that the public be warned against using water, no matter from what source it was derived, without first boiling it, and he submitted a memorandum on the conservancy method for the disposal

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of sewage, which he suggested should be published in the press for the information of the citizens in the event of a break-down in the water-carrying system.

It was also agreed to issue a public notice warning the public against using water for human consumption without having it boiled first, and intimating that details of alternative methods of sanitary conveniences were being published in the local press.

Dr. Daly was authorised to take samples of water from the various wells, springs, etc. in the town for the purpose of bacteriological examination.

RELIEF WORKS.

It was reported that some time ago the Department of Local Government and Public Health had intimated they were unable to sanction the proposal of the Corporation to expend £1000 on the resurfacing of walks at St. Ibar's Cemetery out of the Employment Schemes Vote for the current year, and in view of the very low level of the water in the Reservoir it had been suggested to the Department that £1000 be expended on the cleaning of the reservoir at Coolree.

It was explained to the Department that such a favourable opportunity of cleaning away the mud, slime, and growths, which tended to discolour the water, had not presented itself for the past twenty years, and it was probably the last opportunity the Corporation would have of cleaning this reservoir because, with the new improvement scheme at present in contemplation, it was hoped to always keep it full.

The Department had agreed to the expenditure of £600 on the cleansing of the reservoir, subject to a local contribution of forty per cent. or £240, and the work had now been put in hands and 100 men per week engaged on the Rotational basis.

Despite the fact that the Corporation were asked to contribute £240 towards the cost of this work, the Department had only reduced the local contribution towards the cost of the road works proposed to be carried out under the Employment Schemes Vote this year by the sum of £50, which meant that the Corporation would have to expend £190 more on employment schemes than had been estimated for in the current year.

The Committee did not consider the financial arrangements made by the Department as equitable, especially having regard to the very high labour content on the reservoir job, and directed the Town Clerk to request that their contribution towards the cost of cleansing the reservoir should be reduced to £50 or their contribution towards the scheme of road works reduced by £240.

In this connection it was pointed out that as the men would have to walk between three and four miles to their work it would be necessary to allow them walking time and the least that could be allowed was $\frac{1}{2}$ hour each way, which would mean $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours per man per day. This was the equivalent in money value of 1/6d.

It had been suggested to the Department that the Corporation should employ a Bus to bring the men to and from the work and this would only cost 3d. per man per day.

The Department had now intimated that the Corporation should make the most economical arrangements possible for the conveyance of the men to and from the site of work.

In making the arrangements to have the men brought by Bus, it was found that the Bus would be an hour late on Wednesday evenings, and the Surveyor had decided to allow the men to work an extra hour on this day.

These arrangements were unanimously approved of.

FIRE BRIGADE FOR RURAL AREAS.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had received a request from the Secretary of the Board of Health, as a result of a direction from the

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Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to attend a Conference of the Local Sanitary Authorities at Enniscorthy with the Mayor on the 4th instant to discuss the provision of Fire Fighting Services for the Rural Districts under the Fire Brigades Act of 1940.

They had attended this Conference, and had agreed, subject to approval by the Corporation, to enter into an Agreement with the Board of Health whereby the Corporation Fire Brigade would undertake fire fighting in the old Wexford Rural Area.

The Town Clerk had subsequently submitted to the Board of Health a suggestion for the financial provisions of this Agreement whereby the Board would pay the Corporation a retaining fee of £50 per annum, and that each attendance at a fire outside the Borough would be charged for at 50 per cent. of the Scale of Fees already fixed by the Corporation for such attendances.

Where the amount of such fees exceeded the retaining fee of £50, the Board of Health would only pay the Corporation such excess in addition to the retaining fee.

These suggestions were, of course, only tentative, and the exact details of the entire scheme would still have to be worked out, but it was unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk should carry on the negotiations on the basis outlined, and it was further agreed that the Mayor should be paid travelling expenses to and from the Conference at the rate of Sixpence per mile.

PURCHASE OF FIRE HOSE.

It was reported that some time ago an order had been placed with Messrs. Merryweather & Sons, Ltd. for 800 ft. of fire hose, but the firm in question stated that it would not be possible to give early delivery as hose was now under Government control.

The Lancegaye Safety Glass Co. Ltd., who were the Irish Agents for Messrs. Merryweather, had issued a circular intimating that they would be in a position to supply a quantity of 24 ply first quality hose during the next few weeks at 4/- per foot; the terms being cash within ten days from date of dispatch, otherwise the charge would be 15 per cent. extra.

In view of the difficulty of purchasing hose of any description at the present time and to the need of having the fire fighting equipment of the Corporation at as high a standard as possible during the present emergency, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh, to order 800 ft. of hose immediately.

FEES FOR ALLOTMENTS.

With reference to Minutes of 11th December last, when it was agreed to pay the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk fees for the administration of the Allotments Scheme this year, the Town Clerk pointed out that by the terms of his appointment he was required to lodge all fees received to the credit of the Corporation. As the administration of this scheme was undoubtedly extra work since that agreement was entered into, he felt that he should be allowed to retain them for his own use, so it was unanimously agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that the Town Clerk be not required to lodge these fees to the credit of the Corporation. This, of course, was subject to approval by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

S.D.A. ACTS - MARY BOLGER.

With reference to Minutes of previous meetings, when the question of arrears of instalments due by Mrs. Mary Bolger, of Fishers' Row, in respect of a Loan made to her under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, was under consideration, the Town Clerk reported that, as directed, he had informed Mrs. Bolger that unless the keys of the house were handed over to him by this day, the Decree for possession

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already obtained by the Corporation to be handed to the Sheriff for execution.

He now read a letter which he had received from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, on behalf of Mrs. Bolger, asking the Corporation to accept the sum of 10/- a week from her as a rent for this house, but it was pointed out that the annual charge on the Loan amounted to £31. 7. 4. and that the 15/- a week which the Corporation had already agreed to accept would merely cover this and take a little off the large amount of arrears which were outstanding.

In the opinion of the Committee, Mrs. Bolger would be just as well able to pay the 15/- which they had fixed as the 10/- now offered, and it was decided to inform the Solicitors that the Corporation could not accept anything less than 15/- per week from Mrs. Bolger on foot of this debt.

SUB-LETTING AT EMMET PLACE.

The Town Clerk reported that it had come to his notice that a woman named Elizabeth Kenny, who was occupying a four-roomed house at Emmet Place for which she paid the Corporation a rent of 3/5d. per week, had sub-let portion of this house to a man named James Whitmore, who was paying her 2/- per week, and a man named Dunbar and his wife who was paying her 7/6 per week. This meant that she was receiving 9/6d. per week from sub-letting a house for which she only paid 3/5.

The Town Clerk further reported that he had written to the lady requesting her to have the lodgers removed or legal proceedings would be instituted for possession of the dwelling.

Some members explained that the single lodger, named Whitmore, was an uncle of the lady in question and a pensioner, and it was decided that if she removed the married couple within seven days, no objection would be raised to Mr. Whitmore staying with her.

SALE OF FISH.

A report was read from the Sanitary Inspector to the effect that on the 11th instant, at 8.50 a.m. he inspected two boxes of Mackerel exposed for sale at Common Quay, and found same to be unfit for human consumption. He brought Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, to the scene, who, after inspection, agreed with his findings, and the two cases were dumped from Wexford Bridge.

As far as he could ascertain, no fish had been sold to the public. The vendor was William Day, 126, The Faythe.

Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, submitted a confirming report, and recommended that no action be taken.

The report was noted.

CONDITION OF ARTISANS DWELLINGS.

It was decided to again request the Rent Collectors to submit reports on the condition in which Artisans Dwellings were being kept by the tenants.

SUB-LETTING.

Complaint was made that lodgers were again occupying some of the Corporation houses which had been provided for slum clearance persons, and the Town Clerk was authorised to take the necessary action to have the lodgers removed.

CONDITIONS AT LABOUR EXCHANGE.

Complaint was made about the conditions under which men signing for Unemployment Insurance and Unemployment Assistance at the Labour Exchange, laboured in bad weather, as they had to stand in a queue

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On the Quay for lengthy periods, and the Town Clerk was requested to write to the Manager of the Labour Exchange, asking him to make arrangements for the men to sign at different periods, so as to avoid having them standing on the quays for long periods in bad weather.

R. Connors T.D.

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A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held at the close of the Finance and Works, Etc. Committee Meeting, the following members being in attendance:-

The Mayor (in the Chair) with Alderman Walsh, Councillors Crosbie, Moran, Dunne, Sinnott, Byrne and Hayes.

ERECTION OF BUNGALOWS AT GREEN STREET.

With reference to the proposal to erect bungalows at Green Street, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 6th instant, by letter No. H.3529/11/40, intimated that he saw no objection to the Corporation proceeding to invite tenders therefor.

The Minister could not approve, however, could not approve of the appointment of a Special Engineer in charge of the scheme, and pointed out that the work of supervision formed part of the normal duties of the Borough Surveyor. The Minister would raise no objection to Mr. Millar being employed as Clerk of Works under the Surveyor at a salary of £5. 5. 0. per week, provided that his appointment was approved by the Borough Surveyor.

The Committee saw that there was no use in pressing the appointment of a special Engineer and it was unanimously decided to advertise the bungalows for tender.

The question of the appointment of Mr. Millar as Clerk of Works was also considered, and the Committee were agreeable to recommend the Corporation to appoint him, but stipulated that an office should be provided on the job and that he should be in attendance there all day.

LETTING OF WILLIAM STREET HOUSES.

It was reported that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had sanctioned the proposals made by the Corporation for the disposal of the William Street houses.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when an application had been submitted from a man named O'Connor for the purchase of one of the William Street houses, it was now explained that this man wished to acquire a vacant piece of ground adjoining on which he wished to erect a shop.

The Committee carefully considered this matter, and decided that they would raise no objection to letting him the plot at 30/- per year, subject to a plan of the proposed building being submitted to them beforehand.

20th September, 1940.

A Meeting of the A. R. P. Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p. m. The Members present being; The Mayor, in the Chair; with Alderman Walsh; Councillors Crosbie, Hawkins, Moran and Cashman.

The first business was to decide where it was proposed to establish three auxiliary fire stations and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was agreed to establish one at Gibson Street, one at the main Fire Station, Davitt Road, and a third at the South end of the Town. For the third, the Corporation Store at Trinity Street was not considered suitable as there was a considerable amount of building material and other equipment stored there which might interfere with the rapid get-away of the fire pump, and a decision on the exact location of the third station was deferred to a further meeting.

The meeting then examined the list of names submitted for A.R.P. work and selected 14 persons whom they considered would make good firemen, and it was agreed to invite them to a further meeting of the Committee to be held on the 25th ultimo.

The Committee also considered the best locations for Air Raid Shelters and thought that they should be erected at Redmond Monument, Market Place, Bull Ring (Common Quay Side), Patrick's Square, Petticoat Lane, and St. Peter's Square.

It was also decided to ask the Department of Defence to expedite the plans for such Shelters.

A further meeting of the Committee was held on the 25th September, 1940, the same members being in attendance as on the 20th instant.

All the members selected at the last meeting as Auxiliary Firemen were in attendance and signified their willingness to undergo a course of training with the Regular Fire Brigade Officers in fire fighting, and it was arranged to hold the first instruction meeting on 3rd proximo.

At the request of the Department of Defence it was agreed to send Mr. T. Crosbie, Fire Brigade Captain, for a further three week's course of training in Fire Fighting which was being organised by the Department at Tara Street, Dublin, and to pay him the same expenses as on the previous occasion.

The meeting also unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to give first preference to married men of the auxiliary fire brigades for vacancies on the regular Brigade.

The Town Clerk submitted a proposed division of the Town into five areas for the purpose of Air Raid Precautions in connection with the Warden Service, and the division as suggested was unanimously agreed to.

He also submitted a list of persons who had volunteered their services for the administration of the Scheme and the Committee selected the following as area Wardens:- No. 2. Area, Patricjk Curran, Abbey Street. No. 3. Area John Furlong, Old Pound. No. 5. Area Laurence Grannell, William Street. The selection of Area Wardens for the No. 1 and No. 4 areas was deferred to a further meeting to enable the members to think of the names of suitable persons.

30th September, 1940.

A meeting of the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Public Health Committees 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, Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Stephen McMahon, James Murphy, Thomas Byrne, John Billington, Patrick Hawkins, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Patrick Atkins, Robert Moran, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, Timothy Cashman and Thomas Dunne.

WATER SHORTAGE.

With Reference to minutes of last meeting when Dr. Daly C.M.O.H. was in attendance in connection with the shortage of water and when he was authorised to take samples from various wells and springs in the Town for bacteriological examination, the Doctor now submitted the results of 20 such samples. These showed that all but four of the samples were found to be unfit for human consumption without being boiled, and the Town Clerk explained to the meeting that he had had notices placed on or near all these wells and springs warning the public to boil the water before using it for human consumption. As well he had had poster displayed in every street in the town warning water consumers to boil all water no matter from what source it was derived, before using it for human use. In addition handbills had been distributed to every householder containing a similar warning.

It was also explained to the meeting that the rise and fall of the various wells and springs in the town was being noted daily, and so far as could be ascertained there was no danger of a shortage of water for ordinary domestic purposes. As regards the sewers they were being flushed daily with salt water from a large tank, and arrangements had been made to supply the Gas Works, Bakeries and other essential industries with water from tanks.

It was further reported that the John Street Reservoir had been pumped dry and cleaned and three taps taken off it. Arrangements to have this water chlorinated were also being made.

A very lengthy discussion took place on the water question, during which the members gave the Borough Surveyor the location of a number of wells and springs which could be opened up for the use of the public and it was eventually agreed that everything possible was being done to minimise the inconvenience caused by the failure of Coolree Reservoir, and that the Officials were closely watching the situation, and at the moment seemed to have it well in hand.

The Rent Collectors were instructed to examine the Water closets in the Corporation houses and to instruct the tenants not to use them unless there was water available to keep them flushed.

Reference was also made to the failure of the Technical School to close in accordance with the advice issued after last meeting and the members of the Corporation on the Vocational Education Committee agreed to requisition a Special Meeting to deal with this failure.

The Mayor was asked to issue a statement to the press pointing out the difficulties the Corporation had met with in the last few years in their Scheme for the improvement of the Water supply to the Town.

It was explained to the meeting that the Special Committee appointed to

open the tenders received for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme had met this afternoon when eleven tenders had been received, opened and handed to the Consulting Engineers for examination and report. This report would be before the Corporation on the 7th proximo, and it was decided to have a member of the Firm of Delap & Waller, Engineers in attendance at this meeting.

The Borough Surveyor explained to the meeting the progress made with the work of cleansing the Reservoir at Coolree and it was stated that in order to carry out further cleansing work the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had been asked for a further grant.

BOOTS & COATS FOR WORKMEN.

The Corporation workmen applied for their annual Boots and oilcoats and it was agreed to invite tenders for same.

HOUSE AT HILL STREET.

A report was received from the County Medical Officer of Health on the overcrowded conditions of a house at Hill Street occupied by a family named Flaherty. The house was a reasonable good one but unsuited for a large family and the Doctor recommended that the family be given a larger house.

It was decided to point out to Dr. Daly that the Corporation could not give this family a house provided for the clearance of slums as their dwelling was not unfit for human habitation, but if he applied for the next non-slum clearance house available his application would receive consideration.

HOUSE WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

A letter was read from a man named James Cullen recently transferred from Green Street to Wolfe Tone Villas, stating that he could not occupy this dwelling on account of bugs and the Sanitary Inspector was requested to make a further inspection and report if there were bugs still in the house.

DAMAGE TO HOUSES W. T. VILLAS.

Rent Collector Roche reported that owing to disturbance between neighbours at Wolfe Tone Villas recently damage was done to the houses occupied by Mary Cullen and Andrew Berry.

In this case the Committee was inclined to institute legal proceeding for damages but as the persons concerned would not be in a position to pay anything it was agreed that as legal proceeding were pending between the parties to the dispute that the Corporation Solicitor should be instructed to attend the case and point out the position of the Corporation in Court and ask the permission of the Justice to say that in future cases the Corporation would proceed for damages.

PIGS AT ANNE STREET.

A complaint from Mr. Patrick Whelan, Hairdresser of North Main Street, about pigs at the rere of his premises, the property of Mr. Nicholas Lambert of Anne Street was referred to the Sanitary Inspector for a report.

DEPOSIT WILLIAM STREET HOUSES.

An application from two of the tenant-purchasers who had deposited £30 in respect of the William Street Houses for a reduction to £10 of this deposit was referred to the Housing Committee for consideration.

HOUSE AT TALBOT STREET

An application from the Matt Talbot Social Club, Talbot Street, for permission to occupy a condemned house there was refused.

W. C. WILLIAM STREET.

It was agreed to institute legal proceedings against Mrs Ellen Gordon of Parnell Street for the cost of providing a water closet in house at William Street owned by her and occupied by Miss Johnson, under the Public Health Acts.

EXTRA REMUNERATION FOR CLERKS.

Under date of the 17th instant, by letter No. G.5556/4/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health refused to sanction the proposal of the Finance Committee to grant extra remuneration to Mr. H. F. Doyle and Miss Lacey for discharging the duties of the Town Clerk while absent on holidays.

The meeting considered this refusal very unjust and decided to place the matter on the agenda for the next meeting of the Corporation in the form of a recommendation to grant the extra remuneration.

~~AS REPORTED~~
SURVEYORS CONFERENCE.

Under date of the 19th instant, by letter No. R/IR/142, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated to the Town Clerk that he had arranged a Conference of Surveyors in Dublin on the 24th idem to confer with the Department's Chief Engineering Adviser on matters arising out of the present emergency, and asked that arrangements would be made after consultation with the Mayor to enable the Borough Surveyor to attend the Conference.

The Mayor and Town Clerk reported that they had agreed to the Ministers request and this action was now approved and it was further agreed to pay the Borough Surveyor the usual expenses.

HOUSES AT CDRNMARKET.

A letter was read from Messrs Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, on behalf of Miss Catherine Mythen, Cornmarket, complaining of the condition of two houses adjoining her licensed premises there. The two houses in question were owned by Mr. James McMahon, Bride Street, and were the subject of 2 Demolition Orders under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931. The houses had been partly demolished and were in such a condition as to constitute a danger to passers-by and to the occupants of the neighbouring property, and the Solicitors requested the Corporation to take steps to have the matters complained of made right.

This matter was deferred to enable the ~~Corporation~~ Town Clerk to report on the position of the Corporation in the matter.

ARREARS S. D. A. ACTS - MARY BOLGER.

It was decided to lodge with the Sheriff the Decree obtained for possession on the house in the case of Mrs. Mary Bolger, fishers Row, who was in arrear with the repayment of Loan advanced to erect her house there.

QUEUES AT LABOUR EXCHANGE.

With reference to the Complaint at a recent meeting regarding the conditions under which men signing at the Labour Exchange laboured, the Manager stated that the men required to sign attended in accordance with a timing system which regulated the traffic on all normal days and obviated the necessity for long queues. As well a waiting room was provided. It was decided to point out to the Manager that the really bad days during which men had to queue were on pay days.

HOUSES CLIFFORD STREET.

A report from Dr. Sinnott, M.O.H. on the need for sanitary conveniences in a number of houses at Clifford Street was adjourned.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to examine and report on the condition of the roof on the premises of Lennon & Browne, Main Street.

PETROLEUM LICENCE.

A licence under the Petroleum Act, 1871, was signed in respect of the Premises of Irish Shell at Trinity Street.

MILK CARTS.

A Complaint regarding the cleanliness of some of the persons delivering milk in the Town was referred to the Sanitary Inspector.

*R. Connel TD
Mayor of Wexford*

7th October, 1940.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council 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 Cerish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

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

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, James Murphy, Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, John Billington, Patrick Hawkins, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Thomas Hayes, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, Timothy Cashman, and James Gaul.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and approval:- Minutes of Corporation on 2nd ultimo; Finance & Works Committee on 2nd, 16th, and 30th ultimo; Housing Committee on 16th ultimo; and Air Raid Precautions Committee on 20th and 25th ultimo; On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Hawkins, the minutes as submitted, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACCOUNTS

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate, to £5,317. 7. 11 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable them to be discharged.

In reply to Alderman Coffey the Town Clerk stated that the amount of £23. 2. 0 appearing in the accounts for Analyst's Fees was in respect of bacteriological examination of water from various wells and springs in the town which it had been found necessary to open during the past two weeks owing to the failure of the Coolree Reservoir.

The Alderman further asked if it was intended to publish the reports on these various wells and springs, and the Town Clerk stated that the County Medical Officer of Health had recommended this to be done, but in view of the fact that a large number of them were privately owned he proposed to ask the advice of the Corporation Solicitor before issuing them to the Press.

In reply to a further query, the Town Clerk stated that the expenses of the two delegates attending the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities at Dundalk amounted to £11. 13. 8.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy passed at previous meetings were read from Rev. J. Sinnott, A.D.M., Rev. John Butler, C.C., Mrs. Billington, and Mr. Joseph Somers.

SYMPATHY

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Murphy, the sympathy of the Corporation was extended to the Rev. George Murphy, R.C.A., on the death of his brother, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the sympathy of the Corporation was extended to the widow and family of the late Richard Goodisson, who for a number of years had been a faithful servant of the Corporation. Both motions were adopted in respectful silence.

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TENDERS - WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The next business was to consider tenders for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme.

At the last meeting of the Corporation a Special Committee had been appointed to open these tenders and hand them to the Consulting Engineers for a report and recommendation. This Committee had met on the 30th ultimo at 3.0. p.m., the tenders having had to be lodged by twelve noon on that date.

Eleven tenders were submitted to the Committee as follows:---

1.	R. J. Campbell & Co. Ltd., Dublin. -----	£29,772.	0.	4.
2.	Campbell & Thomas, Belfast. -----	35,681.	13.	8.
3.	C. J. Downey, Dublin. -----	42,338.	0.	0.
4.	Irish Engineering & Harbour Co., Dublin. -----	40,155.	0.	0.
5.	William Lacey, Hewth. -----	34,807.	6.	6.
6.	William Lee, Arklow -----	33,977.	0.	0.
7.	McNally & Co., Dublin. -----	34,777.	0.	0.
8.	McCaffrey & O'Carroll, Limerick -----	32,475.	0.	0.
9.	South of Ireland Asphalt Co. -----	37,552.	9.	7.
10.	Thomas Thompson & Son, Ltd., Carlow. -----	36,258.	0.	0.
11.	Thomas Thornbury & Co. (Eire) Ltd., Tullamore. ---	78,798.	4.	2.

The Committee saw that the lowest tender was that of Messrs. R. J. Campbell & Co., Ltd., Riverview Works, Ringsend, Dublin, and this tender was accompanied by a letter which stated that the estimate was based on the price of materials and labour ruling at the date of their tender, and any increase in these figures would be to the Council's account.

It was pointed out to the Committee that the General Conditions of the Contract provided for an adjustment of the contract figures where the prices of materials increased or decreased more than 5% over those ruling at the date of the tender. The lowest tender was, however, handed to the Consulting Engineers, Messrs. Delap & Waller, for their report. The list of tenders received was submitted to the present meeting together with the Consulting Engineers report, which was to the effect that on examining the lowest tender - that of Messrs. R. J. Campbell & Co., Ltd., they found it was coupled with a proviso in their covering letter that their estimate was based on the price of material and labour ruling at the date of their tender and that any increase in these figures would be to the Council's account. The Engineers considered that such a proviso was not in keeping with the General Conditions of the Contract. They also found on examination certain arithmetical mistakes, which on being rectified made the total of Messrs. Campbell's tender £29,801. 14. 6. The Engineers also stated that the manner in which certain items had been priced was ^{not} usual in their experience.

They took these matters up with the Contractors who agreed to withdraw the proviso on condition that the Corporation would agree to increase their tender price by 5% and to their being able to obtain a definite guarantee from the Wexford Town Trades Union that the present rates of 1/- per hour for labourers and 1/8d per hour for carpenters would hold

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for the full period of the Contract. If the Corporation was unable to agree to this proposal they would be obliged to withdraw their tender. The Engineers further stated that the proposed increase of 5% would bring their tender to £31,291. 16. 3, and as at this increased figure the tender was still the lowest submitted, they recommended its acceptance. The Town Clerk also informed the meeting that a further tender was received at 10.50. a.m. on Tuesday last, October 1st (a day after the specified time) from Mr. T. McCarthy, Rathcoole, Banteer, Co. Cork, and he had been informed that his tender could not be considered. Mr. Maconchy, of the firm of Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, was present at the meeting, and explained that with the 5% increase Messrs. Campbell & Co. were only tendering on the same basis as the other Contractors, and as they were a reputable firm he had no hesitation in recommending the Corporation to accept their tender for that portion of the Waterworks Improvement Scheme.

After some discussion Councillor Connolly proposed that the lowest tender that of Messrs. R. J. Campbell & Co., Ltd., be accepted. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion, and in doing so asked that in view of the failure of the water supply this year and to the necessity for laying a pipe line from Edenvale to Coolree by next summer that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to give a decision on the matter as expeditiously as possible. The motion as proposed and seconded to accept the lowest tender was unanimously agreed to.

The Mayor then referred to a leading article which had appeared in the Wexford "Free Press" on the 28th ultimo regarding Wexford Water Supply. The writer of the article suggested that instead of pumping water from Edenvale to Coolree that the present Reservoir at Coolree should be deepened and enlarged to hold a sufficient quantity of water to carry the town over any dry period. The Mayor pointed out that the question of further enlarging the Coolree Reservoir had been considered by the Corporation some years ago and had been definitely turned down by both the Consulting Engineers and the Engineers of the Department of Local Government and Public Health. Mr. Maconchy had informed him, he stated, that there was not sufficient water running off from the Forth catchment area above Coolree level to supply the requirements of the Town. No matter what size the reservoir might be made after taking into account compensation water which would have to be given from streams other than those already flowing into the reservoir from the catchment area. The catchment area was only about 600 acres. As well, if there was sufficient water, the cost of digging out the Reservoir to enlarge it (which matter had already been considered by the Engineers) would add considerably to the total of the present proposed scheme, as the same cost for filtration plant, alterations to mains, etc., would have to be included. One of the other facts apparently overlooked was that a colossal Reservoir would have to be excavated to catch all the water as otherwise any surface water which might still overflow would run to waste. In the river Sow he stated, there was still ample water even at the end of this long period of drought.

With reference to the rate of wages of 47/- per week proposed to be paid to labourers on the scheme it was pointed out that the Corporation could give no guarantee on behalf of the Trade Unions, but the Mayor made a strong appeal that the men should work during the whole period of the job at the rate laid down in the Specification, namely, 1/- per hour.

The Mayor then gave a resume of the present waterworks since its construction some 60 years ago. At the end of this he stated that some people were inclined to blame the Corporation for the failure of the supply this year and said that no Council could possibly visualise in the early summer such a long period of drought, and pointed out that in June, 1939; when the Corporation began to shut off the supply to the Town at night the reservoir was down 78 inches, whereas last June when the supply was first curtailed the reservoir was only down 35 inches.

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He further pointed out that since 1933 the Corporation had had the question of the Improvement of the Water Supply under constant consideration and had prepared three Schemes before one was found which might meet the needs of Wexford in a satisfactory manner. He thought that no blame could be attached to the Corporation, however, for the failure of the supply, and that they and their Officials had done everything possible to minimise the hardships which the failure had brought about. They had supplied essential industries such as the Gas Works, bakeries, etc. with water drawn in tanks from rivers, etc. near the Town at considerable expense, and there was really no shortage of water for ordinary domestic purposes except the inconvenience of carrying it from springs and wells.

Having regard to the heavy rainfall over the week-end the Borough Surveyor stated that he was now in a position to allow the water supply to be turned on to the town for four hours each day, and as the situation improved these hours would be extended.

The Consulting Engineers recommended that a Clerk of Works be advertised for in connection with the Waterworks Improvement Scheme at an inclusive salary of £5. 5. 0 per week, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously decided to invite applications for the post at this salary, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

At the conclusion of the discussion on the Water Supply, the Borough Surveyor was congratulated on the interest he had taken in this matter since he came to Wexford.

Derelict Sites

The next business was to receive from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health a copy of the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, together with the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Regulations, 1940, and on the suggestion of the Mayor this Act was referred to the Housing Committee with instructions to prepare an early report on the number of derelict sites in the Town.

MORTGAGE DEEDS

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation three Mortgage Deeds to secure repayment of loans to the National Bank as follows:-

- (1) Loan of £1,150 for the purchase of an Electric Scavenging Lorry.
- (2) Loan of £425 to discharge liabilities in connection with the erection of eight bungalows at Davitt Road North.
- (3) Loan of £135 to defray liabilities in connection with the erection of a Fire Station at Davitt Road, North.

It was intimated to the meeting that the Mortgage Deeds were in order, and on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the following three resolutions as submitted by the Bank's Solicitor were unanimously adopted:-

(1)

"AT a meeting of the Corporation of the Borough of Wexford held on the 7th day of October, 1940 IT was resolved - that in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 19th September 1940 the Corporation do borrow from The National Bank Limited the sum of £1150. for the purchase of an Electric Scavenging Lorry said loan to be repaid to the Bank by half-yearly instalments spread over the period of five years with interest thereon at one half per cent. under the Irish Banks' 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 used to execute the said Mortgage

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(2)

"AT a meeting of the Corporation of the Borough of Wexford held on 7th day of October 1940 IT was resolved - that in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 14th February 1940 the Corporation do borrow from The National Bank Ltd. the sum of £425 for the purpose of defraying excess expenditure incurred on the erection of eight bungalows at Davitt Road North, under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts to be repaid to the Bank within the period of 10 years with interest thereon at the rate of one half per cent. under the Irish Banks' 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."

(3)

"AT a meeting of the Corporation of the Borough of Wexford held on the 7th day of October 1940 IT was resolved - that in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 20th June 1940 the Corporation do borrow from The National Bank Ltd. the sum of £135 to defray the abalance of expenditure on the erection of a Fire Fighting Station said loan to be repaid to the Bank by half-yearly instalments spread over the period of 3 years with interest thereon at one half per cent. under the Irish Banks' 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 three Mortgage Deeds were thereupon sealed on the part of the Corporation and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

ALLOTMENTS 1941.

Under date of the 1st instant by Circular letter No. H.96/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health asked ~~for~~ the Corporation to make the necessary arrangements to provide allotments during the 1941 season, and it was unanimously agreed that the necessary advertisements should be issued forthwith inviting applications from both employed and unemployed persons and as soon as the demand had been ascertained that applications be invited from persons having land suitable for allotments to let in or near the urban area.

EXTRA REMUNERATION

The Finance Committee recommended that Mr. Henry F. Doyle and Miss K. Lacey, of the Town Clerk's Office, be paid £1 per week and 10/- per week each respectively for discharging the duties of the Town Clerk during his four weeks holidays in the month of July. It was reported that this matter had come before the Finance Committee on the 12th August last on an application from the Irish Local Government Officials Union, when the Committee unanimously decided to grant the extra remuneration now recommended subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. The Minister had refused to sanction the proposal on two occasions, and at their meeting on the 30th ultimo the Committee decided to refer the matter to the Corporation. Councillor Byrne moved the adoption of the recommendation and stated ~~the~~ felt very strongly on this matter of junior officials discharging the duties of senior officials without receiving extra remuneration. Councillor Dunne seconded the motion which was supported by a number of members and adopted but with Alderman Coffey dissenting.

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COST OF LIVING BONUS

Councillor Hawkins referred to the decision of the Corporation in March last to grant a cost of living bonus to certain of the workmen in their employment who might be regarded as permanent employees, and asked why Patrick Sutton, Caretaker of ~~the~~ Crosstown Cemetery, had not been paid this bonus. The Town Clerk pointed out that as Sutton carried out the duties of Registrar of Burials his employment came within the purview of the Local Offices ^{and} Employment Order, 1924, and under the terms of that order the remuneration of officials or employees affected thereby had to be approved by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. He had applied for that approval on the 9th April last and on the 7th June had received a request from the Department to forward a statement showing the rate of wages of the Corporation workers affected and the rate of wages of employees of the Wexford Gas Company occupying positions comparable to the Corporation workers affected. He had forwarded such a statement on the 11th idem, but up to the present had received no reply. The meeting decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to be so good as to state when sanction to the proposed cost of living bonus for Sutton might be expected.

The meeting then terminated.

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A Meeting of the Finance & Works Committee was held at the close of the above meeting the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

Under date of the 3rd instant the Corporation Solicitor pointed out that the Arbitration in connection with Claims for Compensation arising out of the Waterworks Improvement Scheme would be held on the 29th instant, and asked if the Corporation would permit the employment of Senior Counsel to appear on their behalf, and it was unanimously agreed that permission be granted for the employment of Counsel as suggested by the Solicitor.

The Town Clerk reported that Miss K. Lacey, Typist in his office had been out sick for the past week and would not be able to resume duty for another two weeks. He had been obliged he stated to employ Miss E. M. Phillips, who had worked in the office on previous occasions in connection with Grant Work and was familiar with the routine of the place. The action of the Town Clerk in this case was unanimously agreed to on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, and it was agreed to pay Miss Phillips the usual rate of remuneration namely, £1. 10. 0 per week.

LICENCES

Licences under the Petroleum Act, 1871, were signed in respect of the premises of Messrs. J. J. Stafford & Sons, Paul Quay, and Messrs. Frank O'Connor & Co., North Main Street.

The Town Clerk stated that he had received a quotation from the Lancegaye Safety Glass Company, who were the Irish Agents for Messrs. Merryweather & Sons, Fire Engineers, for firemen's helmets, belts, pouches, axes, waterproof coats, and rubber boots. The total cost of nine sets of these articles would amount to £64. 10. 9, and neither the Town Clerk or the Borough Surveyor were aware of any other firm in Ireland who could supply these articles.

After some discussion it was decided to purchase the firemen's helmets, belts, boots and axes at a total cost of £32. 12. 6, and to ask for samples of the waterproof coats and rubber boots.

The meeting then terminated.

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Chairman.....

14th October, 1940.

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: Robert Coffey and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, Patrick Hawkins, James Crosbie, Philip McGuire, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes, James Sinnott, Timothy Cashman, and Thomas Dunne.

TENDERS FOR HOUSES

Six tenders were submitted for the erection of 34 Bungalows at Green Street, Wexford, they were as follows:-

Messrs. J. & P. Conlon, Carlow. -----	£12,885.	0.	0.
Messrs. John Kenny & Sons, Dublin. -----	13,278.	0.	0.
Messrs. Thomas Thornbury & Co. Tullamore. --	13,564.	0.	0.
Joseph O'Reilly & Partners, Dublin. -----	13,600.	0.	0.
John Murray & Sons, Youghal. -----	14,132.	11.	8.
Richard B. Nolan, Waterford. -----	15,543.	7.	6.

Messrs. Conlon quoted for block walls and would make no allowance for mass concrete; they would charge £3 per house extra for asbestos slates; and would allow a credit of £1 per house if steel sashes were used.

Messrs. Kenny & Sons quoted for mass concrete walls and would charge £12. 15. 0 per house extra for block walls; they would charge £5. 5. 0. per house extra for cement asbestos slates; and would allow a credit of £1. 5. 0 per house if steel sashes were used. Messrs. Thornbury would allow a credit of £3. 2. 0 per house for mass concrete; and £3. 0. 0 per house if steel sashes were used; and would charge £6. 5. 0 extra per house if asbestos slates were used. Joseph O'Reilly & Partners would allow a credit of £10 per house if mass concrete were used and £5. 0. 0. per house if steel sashes were used; they would charge £5. 0. 0. per house extra for asbestos slates. Messrs. Murray would charge £8 per house extra for mass concrete walls; £13 per house extra for cement asbestos slates, and would allow a credit of £10. 10. 0. per house if steel sashes were used. Mr. Nolan would make no allowance for the use of mass concrete; would charge £4. 10. 0 per house extra for asbestos slates and £12 per house extra for weighted sashes; he would allow a credit of £5 per house if steel sashes were used.

All the tenders with the exception of Messrs. Conlon and Messrs. Kenny had a war clause attached.

It was seen that the tender of Messrs. J. & P. Conlon, Carlow, was the lowest submitted, but before coming to any decision it was unanimously agreed to refer this to the Borough Surveyor to examine and make a report, if possible, to a Special Meeting of the Corporation which would be convened for the 21st idem.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

With reference to minutes of Corporation on the 2nd ultimo when Officials from the Department of Defence addressed the Council on the subject of Air Raid Precautions, an outline Scheme, which had been discussed by the Department Officials and the Corporation Officials on the 2nd and 3rd ultimo, was now submitted.

As this was a very lengthy document it was agreed that copies of it should be sent to each member to enable them to familiarise themselves with the proposals, when they could be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

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In this connection it was pointed out that a very poor response had been received to the Council's appeal for Air Raid Wardens, etc. The Mayor made a further appeal for volunteers to man this very important service and suggested that the outline scheme should be given to the Press so that the public would be aware of the huge task in front of the Corporation and realise that it could not be efficiently carried out without their wholehearted co-operation.

WATER SUPPLY

The Borough Surveyor intimated that it would be advisable to point out to the public that although the danger of an acute shortage of water was passed it was not yet possible to give a 24 hours supply. The water for the present would be turned on each morning at 7 a.m. and would be continuous throughout the day until 6 p.m. with further concessions to higher levels at night where pressure is bad during the day time. It was decided to give the Borough Surveyor's report to the Press for publication.

The Town Clerk reported that following the intense rainfall during the past week-end he had consulted with the County Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor on the advisability of re-opening the schools, which had been closed for the past few weeks owing to the water shortage. Both the County Medical Officer and the Surveyor agreed that this could be done with complete safety, and he had accordingly issued a letter to the Manager of each School stating that the emergency was now past and they could reopen their schools as soon as they could make the necessary arrangements.

Arising out of the water question Councillor Sinnott stated that at last meeting the Corporation Officials had been congratulated on the manner in which they had met the emergency, but he thought it was only right that the Corporation should also congratulate the public on the manner in which they had co-operated with the Corporation in meeting the situation that had arisen.

The Meeting then terminated.

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Mayor

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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.

LAW COSTS

The Town Clerk referred to the recent proceedings by John Kirwan against the Corporation in connection with the trespass at Distillery Lane. He pointed out that there were two cases. In one case the Judge had awarded 1/- damages with an agreed sum for costs, and in the second case had awarded 1/- damages and costs.

The Solicitors for Mr. Kirwan had recently presented their Bill of Costs to the County Registrar for taxation when it appeared that they had drawn yhr Bills on the High Court scale less one-third, whereas the order of the County Registrar stated that the costs should be on the higher equity scale.

The Corporation Solicitor had attended at the Taxation and objected in toto to their Bill. Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey applied for an adjournment to consider the matter, and wrote stating that if the Corporation were not satisfied that the costs should be taxed on the basis on which they were drawn they would have to bring the matter before the Court again on this question.

It was decided to inform the Corporation Solicitor that the meeting could not see how they could agree to any alteration in the Order as issued by the County Registrar, and if Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey insisted on reopening the matter at the next Circuit Court the Corporation would have no option but to defend it.

HOUSING INQUIRY

Under date of the 9th instant by letter No. H.1565/2/39, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he had instructed his Inspector, Mr. Seamus Murphy, to hold an Inquiry on oath under Section 85 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, into the letting of certain houses provided by the Wexford Corporation where the tenants are stated to have been displaced from their previous dwellings by means of operations under the Bye-Laws made by the Corporation with respect to houses and lodgers. The Corporation he stated, would be required to submit evidence as to the situation under which it was considered that the former dwellings of the tenants referred to came within the scope of the Bye-Laws, evidence will also be required in relation to each lodging house as to:-

- (1) particulars of the family of the person having charge of the house where such person resides on the premises;
- (2) particulars of the family displaced;
- (3) particulars of the families who were lodging in the houses before displacement of the family at (2);
- (4) the steps taken by the Corporation to ensure that overcrowding will be permanently remedied; and
- (5) the number of families at present residing in the house other than the family of the person having charge of the house.

The letter stated that a further communication would be sent as to the time and place at which the Inquiry would be held.

The meeting decided to take no action pending the fixing of the date of the Inquiry.

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REPORT - MEAT INSPECTOR

The Meat Inspector reported that during the month of September he had examined 116 cattle, 320 sheep, and 40 swine. Of the cattle, there were 15 diseased. One partial carcase to the extent of 56 lbs weight and 15 organs had been destroyed for tuberculosis, while 50 organs were destroyed for other diseases. Of the sheep, 100 organs were destroyed for diseases other than tuberculosis. Of the swine one partial carcase was destroyed for tuberculosis.

TOWN PLANNING ADVISER

Under date of the 2nd instant by letter No. 4203/2/40, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he would raise no objection to the employment of Mr. R. Donnelly, Architect and Consulting Engineers, Dublin, as Town Planning Adviser, at an inclusive fee of £240 as set out in his application of the 27th December 1939, and it was decided to so inform Mr. Donnelly and have him proceed with the work forthwith.

HOUSE - FISHER'S ROW

With reference to previous discussions re Mrs. Mary Bolger, Fisher's Row, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, stated they had inspected the premises and stated they were in such a condition that would never be expected of premises recently constructed if they had been built in proper and workmanlike fashion, and again suggested that the Corporation should take over the entire premises as they stood and rent them to Mrs. Bolger at a weekly rent for the remainder of her days, and when she died the Corporation could dispose of the property to the best advantage. It was decided to inform the Solicitors that the Corporation had nothing to do with the erection of the building and only advanced the money therefor. They could not agree to take over the premises suggested, and the Corporation Solicitor was to be instructed to lodge the decree obtained with the Sheriff for execution.

WATERWORKS ARBITRATION

The Town Clerk reported that the Arbitration proceedings in connection with the Acquisition of Land and Water Rights for the proposed Waterworks Improvement Scheme would be held on the 29th instant. The Corporation Solicitor and Counsel engaged to appear on behalf of the Corporation, considered that the attendance of the Town Clerk would be necessary at a consultation to be held in Dublin on the 16th instant, and it was unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk should be authorised to attend this consultation, It was further agreed that the Town Clerk should be requested to meet the Mayor in Dublin on the morning of the 17th instant and see if it would be possible to have a decision on the Scheme from the Department in the near future.

HOUSES - CORNMARKE

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the condition of two condemned houses at Cornmarket was under consideration and had been adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to look up the legal position of the Corporation in the matter, the Town Clerk reported that the houses in question were condemned under Section 23 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, and under Section 26 of the Act the Corporation appeared to be bound to demolish a house where the owner failed to do so. The Town Clerk further reported that his difficulty in construing this Section was to decide whether it was directory or mandatory, if it was the latter the Corporation could be compelled to demolish the houses, and once they had anything whatever to do with them they were likely to be made responsible for damage to and support of adjoining property.

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He further stated that the houses had been rendered uninhabitable by reason of the removal of the roof, windows, etc. as a result of which the gable end of the premises adjoining occupied by Miss Catherine Mythen had become damp. To his (Town Clerk's) mind the only danger at the moment was that contemplated by Section 75 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, which dealt with property dangerous to passers-by or the occupants of adjoining buildings. If the houses were only dangerous to passers-by he would advise the Corporation to erect a hoarding roof, but one part of the gable end over-hung the roof of Miss Mythen's house and if this fell it would cause serious damage to her roof and possibly to pedestrians. Having in mind, he stated, the fact that the Corporation would be liable for the adjoining property if they interfered it was very hard to advise them, and in his opinion they should at the present stage disclaim all responsibility.

He further pointed out that the course suggested by him would not however, relieve the Corporation of their responsibility under the Towns Improvement Act. If they acted under the latter Act they might still be held liable for damage to the adjoining property in the same way as if they had taken action under Section/of the Act of 1931;

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter and it was adjourned to next meeting to enable the Town Clerk, if possible, to discuss the matter with Officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health when in Dublin during the present week.

SLAUGHTER HOUSE LICENCES

The Town Clerk reminded the members that for some time past they had not renewed the Slaughter House Licences in the Borough. This matter was left in abeyance pending a permanent appointment to the post of Veterinary Inspector. This post had now been fixed up, and some time ago he had sent the victuallers the usual form of application for renewal of their licences. On receipt of these forms he had referred them for reports to both the Veterinary Inspector and the County Medical Officer of Health. The County Medical Officer now reported on the various applications, and in his opinion, most of the Slaughter houses were situated too close to dwelling houses to be suitable, and the meeting decided to send a copy of the reports to each of the Slaughter house owners with a request to be informed what steps they proposed to take to remedy the defects mentioned.

TENDERS

Tenders were submitted for the supply of boots and oil skins for the workmen, together with an overcoat for the foreman. The only tender submitted for the overcoat was from Mr. John P. Rochford, who quoted £2. 10. 0, and Alderman Coffey who was in the trade informed the meeting that it was good value, so it was unanimously agreed to accept it. For the boots, Messrs. Healy & Collins submitted tenders at 13/11d, 14/9d, and 15/6d. On examination of these boots Alderman Coffey recommended the acceptance of the one quoted at 15/6d as being a very good boot, and as the price of a similar boot on the Trade List was 17/- this tender was also accepted. For oil skins coats Messrs. Healy & Collins quoted £1. 1. 9, and reference to the Trade List showed that the price quoted by the Official Contractor was 22/6d, and this tender was also accepted.

SHOP - WILLIAM ST.

There was submitted to the meeting a plan of a shop which was proposed to be erected by Mr. Thomas O'Connor, of William Street, on a plot of ground adjoining the houses at St. Brendan's Road, which the Housing Committee proposed to recommend the Corporation to lease to him at a rent of £1. 10. 0 per annum on a 31 years lease. The meeting favourably

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considered the plan and decided to recommend the Corporation to grant a lease for the erection of the building on the terms suggested by the Housing Committee, provided that the building was erected by competent tradesmen and a boundary fence to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor provided.

A notice for a meeting of the Housing Committee appeared on the Agenda, and in reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that the principal business for the meeting was to consider what could be done to dispose of the ten vacant five-roomed houses at William Street, and the Mayor suggested that the meeting should be adjourned, and in the meantime the Town Clerk write to the Department of Local Government and Public Health asking for a subsidy on these houses to enable them to be let at a lesser rent than 18/- per week.

The meeting then terminated.

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Mayor