

18th January, 1943.

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

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Gaul, Miss Kelly, Moran, Sinnott, Hadden, Crosbie, Raymond E. Corish, and Kevin Roche.

DEED OF MORTGAGE

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage to secure repayment of a Loan of £3,256, to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., which amount was being borrowed to discharge outstanding liabilities in connection with the erection of 34 houses at Green Street together with the erection of a further five houses there. The obtainment of the loan had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and as the Mortgage Deed was in order it was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul.

It was decided to refer the following matters to the County Manager:-

- (1) That he be requested to attend the meeting of the Special Housing Committee on Monday the 25th instant.
- (2) When the Corporation employees would be supplied with their oil-coats.
- (3) That he be requested to instruct the Borough Surveyor to attend a meeting of the Corporation at least once a month.
- (4) That a record be kept of complaints regarding the applications for repairs to Artisans' Dwellings showing the date on which such repairs were carried out.
- (5) The County Manager to arrange to have the pilot lights lighting all night for the future.

HOUSES

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the following houses, and the Town Clerk was directed to bring them to the notice of the County Manager:-

- (1) Whelan's, St. Magdalen's Terrace.
- (2) Matthew Furlong, Devereux Villas.
- (3) Mrs. Cunningham, Talbot Street.
- (4) William Power, Distillery Road.

BUS TERMINUS

Referring to Minutes of Corporation on the 4th instant a letter was read from the Great Southern Railways, Omnibus Department, acknowledging receipt of the representations made by the Corporation regarding the Wexford-Dublin Bus traversing certain parts of the town on its arrival in Wexford. The Company pointed out that some time ago as a result of representations made by citizens an application was made to the Minister for Industry & Commerce for permission to alter the route so as to facilitate citizens in the south end of the Town, but the Minister had informed the Company that having regard to the serious supply position

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of turf, fuel, etc. he regretted that he was unable to approve of the Corporation's proposal.

No further action was taken on this letter, it being stated that representations were being made to have the terminus altered.

REPORT - BORO' SURVEYOR

A report was submitted from the Borough Surveyor regarding the provision of public lavatories in the Town. From this it was seen that it was practically impossible to carry out this work until after the emergency, and as the County Manager had intimated that he was having the matter further examined no action was taken on the report.

BYE-LAWS

Once again the Town Clerk submitted for consideration two sets of bye-laws dealing with the removal of house refuse etc., and after some discussion it was decided on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne, to defer their adoption sine die.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Carish TD
Mayor
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1st February, 1943.

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

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Thomas Byrne.

Councillors Miss Annie Kelly, Michael Flusk, Kevin Roche, Robert Moran, James Crosbie, James Gaul, Raymond E. Corish, Dr. Hadden, and James Sinnott.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Corporation on the 4th ultimo and General Purposes Committee on the 18th ultimo were submitted for ratification and signature. On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Roche the Minutes as submitted were approved and signed by the Mayor.

DERELICT SITES

In accordance with notice given Councillor Sinnott moved that the County Manager be asked to have a list of derelict sites made at the earliest possible moment with a view to acquiring same if they were suitable for building or other purposes.

The County Manager explained that he had already made an Order directing the Borough Surveyor to make available such a list and when he had examined it he would submit a report to the Corporation as to whether or not the various sites were suitable for acquisition by the Council.

BONUS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Gaul moved that the County Manager be requested to grant all Corporation workers a bonus similar to that granted to Government employees. Alderman Byrne seconded. In this connection the Town Clerk explained that the County Manager had already granted a bonus to all Corporation employees except those covered by the cost of living bonus granted by the Corporation some two years ago. In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that the bonus granted by the Corporation and by the County Manager did not cover men employed on Relief Grant Works, and it was unanimously decided on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott that the County Manager be requested to consider the granting of a bonus to men employed on Relief Grant Works during the present emergency.

Alderman Byrne moved that the Great Southern Railways be requested to provide train facilities between Campile and Wexford on Saturday mornings for the convenience of shoppers. Councillor Roche seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

COMMITTEE

Councillor Hadden moved that the Corporation appoint a small Committee to consult with the County Manager on the problem of the dispensary and cognate facilities in Wexford.

In moving this motion Councillor Hadden explained that he was acting at the request of the Corporation Child Welfare Committee. At the present time it appeared that the anti-natal clinic was situated at the County Hospital which is approximately half a mile outside the Urban District and it was very difficult to expect mothers to bring children to this

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clinic during the mornings on which it was held. Councillor Hadden thought that the clinic should be situated at a more central point in the Borough for the convenience of residents. In this connection the County Manager explained that the anti-natal clinic at the County Hospital was carried out by the County Medical Officer of Health and his staff with the unofficial approval of the former County Board of Health. It was the intention of that Board to establish in Wexford a central dispensary which would provide for the normal dispensary services in addition to Child Welfare, V.D. and such other dispensaries as might from time to time be found necessary. The question of the site for this dispensary had been under consideration by the former Board of Health from time to time and they had more or less decided on the site of the former Fever Hospital for Wexford. This site had, however, recently been demised to the Corporation for the purpose of establishing a public park, but the question of a central dispensary site had not been overlooked and he (Co. Manager) was still having the matter explored with a view to providing a site for a central dispensary in Wexford which would deal with dispensary facilities including Child Welfare. This matter was discussed at length and it was eventually decided on the motion of Councillor Hadden, seconded by Alderman Byrne to appoint a Committee consisting of Councillors Hadden, Sinnott, Moran, and the Mayor to examine the possibilities of the provision of a central dispensary site and to make such recommendations to the County Manager as they thought fit.

SYMPATHY

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Patrick McGuinness, who had been A.R.P. Officer for the Town for the past six months. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was supported by all members present, by the County Manager and by the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff. The motion was adopted in respectful silence.

With reference to minutes of last meeting of the General Purposes Committee when a suggestion was made that the Borough Surveyor should attend at least one meeting of the Corporation or General Purposes Committee each month the County Manager explained that he had considered this request very carefully and had come to the conclusion that no useful purpose could be served by the attendance of the Borough Surveyor. He had also considered the request of the General Purposes Committee that a book should be provided indicating complaints made from time to time regarding repairs to Artisans' Dwellings and other Corporate property; the book to show when directions were given by the County Manager to the Surveyor and the Surveyor to give an indication of when such directions were carried out. This book he thought would meet the wishes of the Corporation and as soon as this was provided he thought no necessity would arise for the attendance of the Borough Surveyor at meetings. The explanation of the County Manager was considered reasonable and no further order was made.

MANAGER'S ORDERS

The County Manager explained that recently he had attended a Conference of County Managers held at the headquarters of the Department of Local Government and Public Health in the Custom House when it was suggested that the Orders of the Manager should be made available to the Press immediately they were signed and he asked for the views of the Wexford Corporation on this matter explaining that shortly after coming into office he had asked the Wexford County Council and the Wexford Corporation to give a decision on this point when both Bodies had decided that the Orders of the Manager should first come before either the County Council or the Corporation as the case might warrant and then be made available for the members of the Press.

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In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that for some time this matter had been under discussion by the Corporation as a result of a motion by Councillor Flusk when it had been decided that after the Manager's Orders had been submitted to either a meeting of the Corporation or the General Purposes Committee the Town Clerk should make them available to the members of the Press. He (Town Clerk) further pointed out that since this decision the members of the Press had not asked him to make available these Orders, and the County Manager explained that the reason for this was that no orders of the Manager or members of the Council would be of any press value a week or fortnight after it was made. After some discussion it was decided that the order already made by the Corporation in this connection was sufficient, namely, that as soon as the orders had been signed by either the Corporation or the General Purposes Committee that the Town Clerk should make them available to the Press.

TOWN PLANNING

Councillor Hadden referred to the question of Town Planning, and it was again pointed out to him that this was entirely a matter for the Architect appointed by the Corporation to carry this matter out, and that as soon as a report was available it would be presented to the Corporation with the County Manager's recommendations.

EYE DISPENSARY

Alderman Byrne referred to complaints he had received regarding the delay in attending to persons at the eye dispensary every second Saturday and asked the County Manager if he could make arrangements to provide for a more expeditious treatment of eye patients. In this connection the County Manager explained that the Eye Specialist was paid a salary of £100 per annum for attending Wexford at least once every two weeks and in order to facilitate persons having to come to Wexford to see him by bus and train the former County Board of Health had agreed that rural patients should be seen first.

If, however, a sufficient number of complaints were received by him (Co. Manager) to warrant a revision of the conditions of appointment of the Eye Specialist he would be glad to do so. The matter was dropped.

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

- (1) The flowing of water over the footpath at the County Hall and at the premises of the Co-operative Society in Trinity Street.
- (2) The entrance to the John Street Reservoir.
- (3) The conditions of appointment of the Caretaker of Coolree Reservoir in connection with the application under the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936, and the Holidays Act, 1939.
- (4) The necessity for a light between Keyser's Lane and Allen Street at the entrance to the Railway Men's Hall at Patrick's Square.
- (5) The need for a light at the quay end of Monck Street.
- (6) The County Manager was also requested to have investigated the number of the following houses:-

Martin Comerford, Harbour View.
James Moore and Mrs. Layne, Mantoon Road.

PILFERING

Councillor Sinnott referred to the question of pilfering at dances held

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in the Town Hall, and it was decided that the Town Clerk should communicate with the persons who usually organised dances there and suggest to them that a caretaker for both the ladies and gents cloakrooms should be provided.

The following matters were also referred to the County Manager for consideration:-

- (1) Condition of the footpaths and road at Devereux Villas.
- (2) Condition of the footpath at Hill Street.
- (3) Condition of the surfacing of the Quays.
- (4) Condition of the house at Green Street occupied by a man named Robinson.
- (5) Condition of the footpaths at Croke Avenue.
- (6) The present position regarding the provision of allotments for unemployed persons.
- (7) The provision of boots for the Caretaker of Coolree Reservoir.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor
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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)

Councillors Miss Kelly, Dr. Hadden, James Sinnott, the Co. Manager and Town Clerk.

A long and general discussion on the housing problem in Wexford took place as a result of which the County Manager undertook to communicate with the Department of Local Government and Public Health and ask them to permit of the Corporation dealing with small houses which were congested by overcrowding and to allow the removal of large families from these small houses to slum clearance houses provided that a condition was embodied in such removal that the owners would not relet the houses vacated to persons with large families.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor
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15th February, 1943.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Byrne, Councillors Gaul, Moran, Crosbie, Corish, Hadden, Kelly, Sinnott and Roche.

CONFERENCE - NEW BRIDGE

A letter was read from the Secretary of Wexford County Council enclosing copy of a letter from one of the Assessors in connection with the proposed new bridge and asking for the observations and recommendations of the Corporation in the matter. In this connection the Mayor intimated that a similar letter had been before the Wexford Harbour Commissioners this day when they had decided to ask the County Council to make Mr. O'Dwyer, the Assessor, available to discuss the proposal with the Board, and it was now decided on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Alderman Byrne that if the County Council agreed to the suggestion of the Harbour Board that a few members of the Corporation should form a joint conference with the Harbour Commissioners to meet Mr. O'Dwyer, and Councillors Gaul, Hadden, Corish and the Mayor were appointed to represent the Corporation at the suggested Conference.

FOOTPATH - CO. HALL

With reference to a complaint that water was flowing over the footpath at the southern entrance to the County Hall a letter was read from the Acting County Surveyor addressed to the County Manager stating that as soon as the drawing away of turf from the County Hall had finished he would have some repairs carried out. In this connection it was decided to point out to the Manager that in the opinion of the Corporation the drawing of turf had nothing whatever to do with the water flowing over the footpath and that it should be trapped inside the gate as it was illegal to allow it to flow across the footpath uncontrolled.

POLLING STATIONS

A letter was read from the County Registrar enclosing a list of proposed Polling Stations to be used at the next General Election and requesting any suggestions the Corporation might have regarding them. The list of polling places appeared to be the same as those in use at the recent Municipal Elections, which gave entire satisfaction, with the exception of Wexford Urban No. 3, where it was proposed to use Georges St. Schools for two Polling Stations. Nobody appeared to be sure whether the County Registrar proposed to use the Christian Brothers Schools or the Convent of Mercy Schools. If he proposed to use the former they were considered satisfactory but the members did not consider that the Convent of Mercy Schools were at all suitable for a Polling Station. The Town Clerk was directed to place these views before the County Registrar.

COMPLAINT

Complaint was made regarding:-

- (1) Water flowing over the footpath at the Co-operative Society, Trinity St
- (2) Condition of the footpath at Davitt Road North, near Mr. O'Neill's residence, which it was stated was lower than the road.
- (3) Condition of the road surface at Batt Street Upper.

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(4) Condition of the junction of Batt Street and William Street.

(5) Condition of the surface of Cornmarket.

A question was also raised regarding the replacement of a mattress destroyed in the residence of Mr. T. Farrell, Hantoon Road, and the Town Clerk promised to take up the matter with the Sanitary Inspector.

HOUSE - WYGRAM PLACE

Alderman Byrne asked the Town Clerk to obtain a report as soon as possible on the house at Wygram Place occupied by a person named Nolan.

CENTRAL DISPENSARY

It was decided to hold a meeting of the Committee appointed at last meeting of the Corporation to consider the question of a Central Dispensary on Monday next the ~~21st~~^{23rd} prox., and to request the County Manager if he thought it advisable to make the services of Dr. Daly, County Medical Officer of Health, available to the Committee.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Curtis TD
Mayor
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1st March, 1943.

A Statutory and Estimates 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)

Alderman Thomas Byrne.

Councillors Robert Coffey, James Crosbie, James Gaul, James Sinnott, Miss Annie Kelly, Robert Moran and Kevin Roche.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on 1st ultimo; Housing Committee on 1st ultimo, and General Purposes Committee on 15th ultimo. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Acknowledgment of a vote of sympathy passed at last meeting was read from the widow and family of the late Patrick McGuinness, former A.R.P. Officer for the Borough.

ESTIMATES

The first business was to consider the County Manager's Estimate of Expenses and Determination of Rates in the Pound for the Financial Year ending on 31st day of March, 1944. A copy of the Estimates and Determination of Rates in the Pound together with an explanatory statement from the County Manager had been submitted to the members on the 16th ultimo, and is attached to these Minutes. The Mayor said that the Estimates as submitted that night were entirely different from those submitted to the members in other years prior to the advent of the County Management Act. In fact he might say they were such at the moment as to prevent anyone from discussing them in his own mind of an intelligent manner. He was not blaming any Official of the Government. Under the Public Bodies Order the Estimates were in the form prescribed by the Local Government Department, and it was absolutely impossible he suggested for members to keep in touch with the financial affairs of the Corporation through the medium of the Estimates as they were submitting them that night. He, therefore, proposed that they pass a resolution calling upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to amend the Public Bodies Order 1940, so as to permit of the Accounts being presented in the manner in which they used to be presented. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously adopted. The Estimates were then taken up, and during the course of a discussion the County Manager himself attended the meeting and in reference to the complaint of the Mayor regarding the form of the estimates said he would give them the same assurance as he gave the Co. Council that in future years they would get a report on the year's working with the figures of the new Estimate. Councillor Coffey said he was not exactly satisfied with the local financial position and asked for the return of their outstanding loans, together with the interest paid thereon and their overdraft. The Town Clerk in reply stated that the best time to give the particulars asked for by Councillor Coffey with any degree of accuracy was at the 31st March. He would give the Councillor these figures as soon as they were prepared at the close of the current financial year. The County Manager intimated to the meeting that the Town Clerk and himself had been considering the funding of the Corporation loans in the hope of reducing the rate of interest and they expected to be

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in a position to make a report on the matter inside of a month or so. The only item which gave rise to any discussion was an alteration in the system of estimated rents for Artisans' Dwellings. Previously they had been estimated inclusive of rates although this system had been objected to year after year by the Town Clerk and various Local Government Auditors. The County Manager now proposed to make an Order that basic rents be fixed for each Artisans Dwelling on the rent (inclusive of rates) paid during the financial year 1942/43 as the rates assessable on each dwelling for the financial year ending 31st March, 1943. This meant that as the Rate Estimate for the coming year was the same as in the current year there would be no alteration in the rents, but if the rates increased or decreased in future years the rents of Artizans Dwellings would be adjusted accordingly. Eventually, Table C showing the Determination of the Rates in the Pound for the Financial Year 1943/44 were taken up and the following four resolutions unanimously adopted:-

- (1) "On the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Gaul that a Borough Rate of Eleven Shillings in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Ten Shillings for General Sanitary Purposes) be agreed to."
- (2) "On the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Crosbie that a Special Rate in lieu of County Cess of Two Shillings in the Pound be agreed to."
- (3) "On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne that a Domestic Water Rate of One Shilling and Fourpence in the Pound and a Public Water Rate of One Shilling in the pound be agreed to."
- (4) "On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that a Poor Rate of Nine Shillings and Twopence in the Pound be agreed to."

After the adoption of these four resolutions the certificate required to Table C by the Public Bodies Order, 1940, was signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution from the Dundalk Urban District Council was adopted on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Coffey:-

"That, in the Cinema halls throughout the country foreign-made pictures that show scenes of: Crime, gangsterdom, Sex-indecencies, Divorce-court scandals, etc. are doing untold harm to Irish children.

We call on the Government to provide a Censorship and proper supervision over all Pictures and Picture-Houses to which children are admitted, until such time as we have a national film industry of our own.

We ask for the co-operation of the newly-elected Urban Councils of Saorstát Éireann in this vital and urgent matter of - Clean Pictures for Irish Children."

The following further resolution was also submitted from the Dundalk Urban District Council:-

"That the Dundalk Urban District Council request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to amend existing legislation concerning the housing of the Working Classes,

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particularly the provisions governing payment of the full 66.2/3rd% subsidy, so that many people at present debarred from this relief, though in dire need of it, may be brought within its scope; that the restrictions on letting of houses generally be relaxed so as to enable the public authority to let houses to any genuinely deserving cases; that the law be amended so that families unavoidably occupying rooms in Council houses of which they are not tenants may be eligible for subsidised houses; that in view of the urgent need of many of these people, such amending legislation be immediate; and that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Association of Municipal Authorities and all municipal authorities in Eire."

Objection was taken to the latter portion of this resolution, that is to say, the portion relating to tenants occupying Council houses, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the following portion of the resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That the Dundalk Urban District Council request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to amend existing legislation concerning the housing of the Working Classes, particularly the provisions governing payment of the full 66.2/3rd subsidy, so that many people at present debarred from this relief, though in dire need of it, may be brought within its scope; that the restrictions on letting of houses generally be relaxed so as to enable the public authority to let houses to any genuinely deserving cases."

In accordance with notice given Councillor Sinnott moved that for the period of the emergency and in the absence of Improvement Grants being given for trunk and main roads the Government be asked to permit of Employment Grants being used on trunk and main roads within the Borough. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

POLLING PLACES

A letter was read from the County Registrar intimating in response to a query from the General Purposes Committee that it was his intention to use the Christian Brothers Schools, George Street, Wexford, as polling places at the next General Election. This was considered satisfactory. In this connection Alderman Byrne moved that the Co. Registrar be requested to give preference to unemployed as Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks at the next General Election. Councillor Coffey seconded this motion which was adopted.

COATS

Reference was also made to the delay in supplying oilskin coats to the Corporation employees, and a resolution was adopted questioning the Co. Manager to expedite the provision of these coats. The meeting then terminated.

A Meeting of the Special Committee appointed to confer with the Co. Manager on the provision of a Central Dispensary for Wexford was held at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being:

The Mayor (in the Chair) with Councillors Moran, Sinnott, Hadden, County Manager, Dr. McDonald, Asst. Co. Medical Officer of Health, and Town Clerk.

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

TOWN HALL,
WEXFORD.

16th February, 1943.

A Chara,

I attach herewith my Estimate of Expenses and Determination of Rates in the Pound for the Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1944, in respect of the Borough of Wexford. Despite the abnormal times through which we are passing it has been found possible to recommend a ^{total} rate in the Pound at the same figure as for the current year, namely, Twenty-four Shillings and Sixpence.

Each item in the Estimates has been scrutinised very carefully with the object of seeing if any reduction could be made without impairing the Municipal Services, and the Estimates as now presented are such as will enable all the Services to be efficiently administered only with the wholehearted co-operation of all concerned.

The past few years have been very difficult ones for Public Bodies and the Rates struck have only just enabled the services to be administered by keeping expenditure at the minimum. I have no doubt that the coming year will also prove to be a very difficult one and the financial arrangements now proposed may not plan out as anticipated, and every proposal involving expenditure will have to be carefully examined.

The Total Estimated Revenue Expenditure for the coming year is £28,946, and the Receipts £12,525, leaving £16,421 to be raised by means of Town Rates for which a total rate of Fifteen Shillings and Fourpence is needed. The Total amount to be raised in respect of Poor Rates is £10,056, which will require a rate of Nine Shillings and Twopence, making the Total rate in the Pound recommended for the coming Financial Year Twenty-four Shillings and Sixpence.

I regret it is not possible to give you a comparative Table of the Rate in the Pound for the different services as was given to you in previous years by your Town Council. The reason for this is

that the Form of Estimate is not the same; the new form being prescribed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in the Public Bodies Order, 1942, under Section 23 of the County Management Act, 1940. I will, however, endeavour as far as it is possible to compare, for your fuller information, the Estimated Expenditure for the coming year with the Estimate for the current year.

The first item on the Estimate is the Maintenance and Improvement of Urban Roads. The rate for this Service last year amounted to Three Shillings in the Pound, but due to certain short term Loans being paid off and to a reduction in the contribution towards Relief Schemes it is now possible to reduce this rate by One Shilling in the Pound to Two Shillings. The same sum as last year, namely, £350 has been allowed for the maintenance of streets and having regard to the fact that most of the streets are now surfaced in concrete and to the decrease in heavy traffic due to petrol restrictions this sum should be ample for street maintenance.

Under the heading - Expenses under Public Health Acts is included the three items shown separately in your previous Estimate for Graveyards, Scavenging, and Public Health and Social Services.

The expenses under the heading graveyards in the coming year show a slight increase of Ten Pounds due to extra provision being made for the maintenance of old graveyards, while on the Receipts side receipts are estimated at £200 as against £150 during the current year; this shows a net decrease of £40 in the sum required for this service. The sum required for scavenging is the same as last year. You will have observed that the boat system of scavenging authorised by the Corporation a year or two ago has been put into operation, but it is too early at this stage to say if a reduction in the cost of scavenging will result. It is apparent, however, that the new system tends to achieve a more efficient cleansing of the streets. From correspondence which has taken place with the Manufacturers it would appear that the Electric Scavenging Lorry ordered by you nearly three years ago will be delivered soon, and if so, it may be possible to reduce next year the Estimate for the Scavenging Service.

The Estimated Expenditure under the heading of Public Health and Social Services in the current year was £2,731; for the coming year is £2,816. This is an increase of £85 and is due to an extra £50 being allocated for the cleansing and maintenance of sewers and to an increase of £50 in the amount allocated for the feeding of necessitous school children. Loan Charges are reduced by £15, leaving the net increase in the expenditure £85. On the Receipts side the Estimate is up by £25, due, of course to, 50% of the increased allowance for School Meals being recouped from Central Funds. Expenditure during the coming year on Housing of the Working Classes is estimated at £12,235, as against £13,510 in the current year. This shows a reduction but does not reflect the true position, for the reason that in the current year's Estimate a sum of £1,770 was shown under the heading "Town Rates" which if it had not been included would have reduced the estimated expenditure in the current year to £11,740. Consequently, the estimated expenditure for the coming year is £495 above that of last year. Loan charges are increased by £295 due to full provision having to be made for the repayment of loans in respect of the Green Street Schemes. In addition, the allowance for the maintenance and repairs to Artisans' Dwellings has been increased from £800 to £1,000. With this extra sum it is hoped to carry out some painting work during the coming year if materials can be obtained.

Receipts are estimated at £9,465 as against £12,090 in the current year. This is a reduction of £2,525 and is due to the fact that in accordance with the Provisions of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, I propose to fix basic rents for all Corporation houses and to adjust them in accordance with the upward or downward movement of rates each year. Consequently, the receipts from rents have been estimated exclusive of rates. The rates, however, will be collected from the tenants weekly in the ordinary way and the element of rates included in the rents will in due course be transferred to the various rate accounts. Subsidy under the Housing Act, 1932, shows a slight increase and is in respect of the Green Street Houses. In this connection I wish to say that

I propose to recommend the Corporation to borrow to cover the loss of subsidy deducted by the Government as a result of the Inquiry held a few years ago into the letting of certain of the Corporation houses.

The sum allowed for Tourist Development is the same as the Corporation have allowed in previous years, namely, £20.

The expenditure on Vocational Education is practically the same as last year although the demand from the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee shows an increase of £39, but in last year's Estimate a sum of £35 had to be provided in respect of a Marriage Gratuity.

Under the heading - Other Expenses - are four items formerly shown separately under the headings - Markets and Other Corporate Property, Fire Brigade, General Administration and Miscellaneous. There is no change in the Estimated Expenditure under the heading of Markets and Corporate Property, but the Receipts from the Town Hall have been placed at £50 as against £20 in the current year. The cost of maintaining the Fire Brigade is much the same as last year but a contribution of £50 will be made in the coming year by the Wexford County Council for the attendance of the Corporation Brigade at fires in the Wexford Rural District.

General Administration shows little change. The Total Estimated Expenditure in the current year was £2,206, and the Estimate this year is the same, but owing to the changed form of the Estimates a portion of Administration Expenses applicable to the rate in lieu of County Cess has been included in the Roads Estimate. The Receipts remain the same.

Miscellaneous Expenditure in the current year was estimated at £1,465 and the estimate for the coming year is £1,625 - an increase of £160, which is due to provision being made for the cost of living bonus to officials not already covered by the bonus previously granted by the Corporation. As well, increased provision had had to be made for expenditure under the Air Raid Precautions Act.

Under the heading - Machinery and Materials Expenses - is shown a sum of £300. This includes the rent of the new Store at Custom House Quay and the wages of a Bookkeeper. The Waterworks

Estimate at £3,166 shows an increase of £320, but this is entirely due to the increased Loan Charges necessary in respect of the money borrowed for the Improvement Scheme at present in progress, and necessitates a rate of Two Shillings and Fourpence in the Pound, which is an increase of Fourpence on the current year.

POOR RATE: The County Council Demand shows an increase over the current year of £263, and the total amount necessary to meet the County Council Demand; the contribution under the Unemployment Assistance Acts and Administration Expenses amount to £10,056, which will require a rate of Nine Shillings and Twopence, or a reduction of One Shilling and Twopence on the rate raised this year. In view of the increased amount required to be raised the reduction in the rate in the Pound requires explanation. Last year the Poor Rate on Artisans' Dwellings had to be raised in the Poor Rate owing to the fact that basic rents had not been fixed for the Corporation dwellings and the practice previously in operation of transferring from the Rent Account to the Poor Rate Account the equivalent of the Poor Rate on Artisans' Dwellings was objected to. Now that I propose to fix basic Rents which will be adjusted each year in accordance with the movement of rates, no objection can be raised to the transfer of the element of Poor Rate collected in the Rents of Artisans' Dwellings to the Poor Rate Account; the amount to be transferred during the year 1943/44 will be approximately, £1,230, which will reduce the amount to be raised from the other ratepayers to £8,826, as against £9,920 in the current year. This is how the reduction in the Rate in the Pound is caused.

In connection with the Poor Rate, I have given much consideration to the large amount of arrears due on foot of the County Council Demand. This is mainly due to the considerable sum of arrears accrued in past years. During the coming year I hope to be able to make proposals to the Corporation to liquidate this debt, but if not, I will be obliged when submitting the Estimates for 1944/45 to recommend that provision be made to raise in the Rates the amount necessary to bring the Demand of the County Council up to date.

The net result is that while the rate in the Pound of the different Rates varies from last year the Gross Total Estimate is the same.

The following is a comparative Table of the Rate in the Pound of the different Rates in respect of the current and ensuing Financial Years:-

RATE	POUNDAGE FOR 1942/43.	POUNDAGE FOR 1943/44
Borough Rate ...	9. 2d.	11. 0d.
Special Rate in lieu of County Cess ...	3. 0.	2. 0.
Water Rates ...	2. 0.	2. 4.
Poor Rate ...	10. 4.	9. 2.
TOTAL	<u>£ 1. 4. 6.</u>	<u>£ 1. 4. 6.</u>

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.

When submitting my Estimates next year I propose to give a report on the working of the various Services during 1943/44, together with the actual cost of each.

Yours, I am, Dear Sir,

TOMAS D. O'STOICID,

COUNTY MANAGER.

B O R O U G H O F W E X F O R D .

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND DETERMINATION OF RATES IN THE POUND FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1944.

T A B L E A .
EXPENDITURE.

HOW RAISED	NATURE OF EXPENDITURE.	AMOUNT ESTIMATED	
		ESTIMATED BY MANAGER 3	ADOPTED BY COUNCIL 4
1	2	3	4
SPECIAL RATE IN LIEU OF CO. CESS.	URBAN ROADS:	£	£
	REPAIR	945	945
	IMPROVEMENT	1175	1175
	TOTALS	2120	2120
BOROUGH RATE.	EXPENSES UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS	5638	5638
	HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES	12235	12235
	TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	20	20
	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	995	995
	OTHER EXPENSES	4472	4472
	MATERIALS & MACHINERY EXPENSES	300	300
	TOTALS	23660	23660
WATER RATES	WATERWORKS	3166	3166
	TOTALS	3166	3166
POOR RATE	MONEY TO BE SUPPLIED TO CO. COUNCIL	8476	8476
	CONTRIBUTION UNDER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ACTS	880	880
	OTHER EXPENSES	700	700
	TOTALS	10056	10056

TABLE B
RECEIPTS

APPLICABLE IN RELIEF OF 1	NATURE OF RECEIPT 2	AMOUNT ESTIMATED	
		ESTIMATED BY MANAGER 3 £	ADOPTED BY COUNCIL 4 £
BOROUGH RATE	GOVERNMENT GRANTS	4927	4927
	HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES	5300	5300
	PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS	250	250
	OTHER RECEIPTS	1163	1163
	TOTALS	11640	11640
WATER RATES	WATERWORKS	885	885
	TOTAL	885	885

T A B L E C.
CALCULATION OF RATES IN THE POUND.

R A T E S	ESTIMATED EXPENDIT- URE	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	NET ESTIM- ATED EXPE NDITURE	ESTIMATED DEBIT BAL- ANCE (IF ANY)	ESTIMATED CREDIT BALANCE (IF ANY)	AMOUNT LEVIABLE	VALUATION	RATE IN THE POUND.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	s. d
SPECIAL RATE IN LIEU OF COUNTY CESS	2120	Nil	2120	Nil	Nil	2120	21257	2 - 0
BOROUGH RATE	23660	11640	12020	Nil	Nil	12020	21907	11 - 0
WATER RATES	3166	885	2281	Nil	Nil	2281	DOMESTIC 18467 PUBLIC 21207	1 - 4 1 - 0
POOR RATE	10056	Nil	10056	Nil	Nil	10056	21907	9 - 2

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AT (AN ADJOURNMENT OF) THE ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD THIS *First* DAY OF *March* 1943, THE COUNCIL DID BY RESOLUTION ADOPT THE ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES SET FORTH IN TABLES A, B AND C AND DID ALSO BY RESOLUTION DETERMINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAID ESTIMATE THE RATES SET FORTH IN COLUMN 9 OF TABLE C TO BE THE RATES IN THE POUND TO BE LEVIED FOR THE SEVERAL PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THE SAID ESTIMATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1944.

DATED THIS *First* DAY OF *March* 1943

SIGNED... *Richard Conish. T. D.* ...MAYOR.

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COUNCIL CLERK. *[Signature]*

1st March, 1943.

Various sites were considered as suitable for the provision of a Central Dispensary, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to request Dr. McDonald to be so good as to submit a memorandum embodying his views as to what accommodation was needed for such a Dispensary.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Bond TD
mayor

15th March, 1943.

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

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Byrne

Councillors Coffey, Crosbie, Moran, Sinnott and Hadden.

A meeting of the Corporation acting as the Old Age Pensions Committee was first held and a record of the decisions of this committee will be found in the Old Age Pensions Register.

The Town Clerk intimated that in connection with steps which were at present under consideration to make a public issue of stock with the object of funding all the Corporation existing loans that it would be necessary to adopt Part V of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890. It would be necessary to give one month's notice of intention to adopt this Act and it should not come into operation until one month after adoption.

Thereupon the Mayor gave notice that he would move at the May Statutory Meeting that Part V of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, be adopted by the Corporation.

SANITARY INSPECTOR

Alderman Byrne referred to the position of the Sanitary Inspector, and intimated that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the County Manager be requested to increase the remuneration of this employee, although the Town Clerk pointed out that the Manager had already granted this man the Emergency Bonus and in his (Town Clerk's) opinion no further increase could be granted.

COMPLAINTS

The following complaints were made regarding the sewer at Old Pound which had been opened by the Contractors for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme and left open for a considerable time, but the Town Clerk pointed out that this matter had already been dealt with by the Manager, who had given an order to have temporary covering placed on the sewer until such time as the Contractors were in a position to completely close in the ground. In this connection the County Manager was requested to direct the Borough Surveyor to see that where trenches were opened in the streets that all surface drains were properly fixed before the streets were reinstated. Complaint was also made regarding the replacement of bedding in the house of a man named O'Farrell, at Hantoon Road, which had been destroyed in the case of an infectious disease, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had already given directions to the Sanitary Inspector to replace the bedding destroyed and he would have the matter expedited on the following morning. Complaint was also made regarding the condition of the walls of the Malt house at Gibson Street which was stated to be in a dangerous condition, and a similar complaint was made regarding the house at Gibson Street formerly occupied by Laurence Malone, and owned by Patrick Ennis, Grogan's Road. Further complaint was made regarding the delay in the clearance of Well Lane and the Town Clerk intimated that he would direct the attention of the County Manager to this matter.

Chairman.....

15th March, 1943.

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of St. Patrick's Churchyard, and the Town Clerk pointed out that the County Manager had already made an Order to have repairs carried out to the wall, and he would direct the Borough Surveyor to expedite these repairs.

HOUSE - TALBOT STREET

It was also stated that a house at Talbot Street which had been condemned some years ago as unfit for human habitation had again being re-let, and the Town Clerk stated he would take up the matter with the owners immediately.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Curtis TD
Mayor

S. Chairman.....

5th April, 1943.

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)

Alderman Thomas Byrne,

Councillors James Crosbie, Robert Coffey, Kevin Roche, Dr. Hadden, Raymond E. Corish, Michael Flusk, James Sinnott, Miss Annie Kelly, and Robert Moran.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Corporation on the 1st ultimo and General Purposes Committee on the 15th ultimo were submitted for ratification and signature, and on the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the minutes as submitted were taken as read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

MEETING

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, a Quarterly Meeting of the Council was fixed for Monday June 28th, 1943, at 7.30 p.m.

COMMITTEE

In accordance with notice given Councillor Hadden moved "that the Corporation appoint a Committee to consider whether a Benevolent Utility Company might assist in solving the problem of dealing with derelict sites in the Town; and how far the Corporation might encourage the formation of such a Company."

Councillor Coffey seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to, and the Committee consisting of Councillors Sinnott, Hadden, Moran, Coffey and the Mayor was appointed.

BUTTER

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the County Manager be requested to urge on the appropriate Department the necessity of having ample stocks of butter available for the people next winter. In moving this motion Alderman Byrne added to it that the appropriate Department be also asked to put a rationing scheme in operation in Wexford. Councillor Coffey seconded the motion which was agreed to.

SCAVENGING

Alderman Byrne moved that the County Manager be requested to make a statement on the new Scavenging System, and the Manager intimated that he would make such a statement available by next meeting.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S SALARY

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the County Manager be requested to increase the salary of the Sanitary Inspector by £1 per week. Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion which was agreed to.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES

On the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Alderman Byrne, Councillor

5th April, 1943.

Robert Moran was appointed to represent the Corporation at the Annual Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, the following documents were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation:-

- (1) Release of charge of £244 on the premises at No. 12, St. Ibar's Villas being acquired by Mr. Albert Whitney on the Tenant Purchase System.
- (2) Deeds of Conveyance and Mortgage of premises at St. Brendan's Road to Mr. Murtagh P. Meyler, and at Upper William Street to Mr. James B. Donohue.
- (3) Conveyance in fee simple of the premises at Trinity Street formerly used as a Stores Depot to the Loc Garmain Co-operative Society for the sum of £300.

FUEL SCHEME

The Town Clerk made a report on the operation of the Fuel Scheme from the week ended 31st October last to week ended 27th March last. During this period he stated 897 tons 7 cwt. of fuel had been distributed at a total cost of £2392. 18. 8., the administrative expenses amounted to £68. 2. 0., and the Receipts £766. 3. 0., leaving the net cost of the Scheme £1,694. 17. 8. Of this the Department of Local Government and Public Health had up to the present contributed £1,600.

This Scheme was due to end on the week ended 27th March, but had been continued by direction of the Department and the County Manager for a further two weeks. A new Scheme would operate during the period from week ended 17th April to week ended 30th October, 1943, and the same persons would be entitled to participate. The directions for the new scheme were that each person should be allowed a half cwt. of fuel per week and that the charge should be approximately 2/3rds of the cost. In the scheme prepared for Wexford Borough it was proposed to alternate the supply of turf and timber each week and on the basis of cost of 2/8d per fortnight the contribution of recipients had been fixed at 10d per week. On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Coffey it was unanimously decided to request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to continue the scheme during the summer months on the same basis as it had been operated during the winter.

EASTER COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

A request was submitted from the Easter Commemoration Committee asking the Corporation to attend the 11.0. Mass in Rowe Street Church on Easter Sunday and to attend the Procession to Crosstown Cemetery in the afternoon. It was decided as in former years to attend the Mass and to leave to the individual members if they wished to attend the Procession to Crosstown.

CO. MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Clerk referred to the paragraph in the County Manager's report dealing with the Estimates for the current financial year. He recalled to the members the Manager stated he hoped to be in a position to submit proposals to them for the liquidation of the debt due to the County Council during the present year. At the time the Manager had in his mind to recommend the Corporation to borrow a sum of money to cover the loss of housing subsidy over the past eight years which amounted to £3500. The Manager had made application to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for sanction to the raising of such a loan

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for a short term, but the Department had refused to agree and intimated that the loss of subsidy would have to be borne by revenue.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

There was submitted to the meeting the report of Mr. J. J. Flood, Local Government Auditor, on his audit of the Accounts of the Corporation for the two years ended 31st March, 1942, together with certified copies of the Abstracts. In reply to the Mayor the Town Clerk stated that he would be having the Report and Abstracts printed and circulated amongst the members, and it was decided to defer consideration of the Report and Abstracts until they were printed and available.

CENTRAL DISPENSARY

The Town Clerk submitted a report from Dr. Daly on the proposal to establish a Central Dispensary and Clinic in Wexford, but as this matter was being considered by a Special Committee it was decided to refer the report to the Committee for consideration, who should make any recommendations they considered necessary to the Corporation.

The following matters were raised for attention by the County Manager:-

- (1) Why the men engaged in cleaning the Stonebridge River were not being paid an extra 1d per hour as "dirty" money.
- (2) Condition of the sewerage at Maudlintown. In this connection the County Manager explained that he had already made an Order appointing a Consulting Engineer to make a preliminary report on the general condition of the Town Sewerage.
- (3) Condition of the wall adjoining the Loc Garmain Co-operative Society's premises at Parnell Street.
- (4) Supply of boots to Caretaker of Coolree Reservoir.
- (5) Payment of bonus to the Town Sergeant.
- (6) Provision of extra light at Patrick Square.
- (7) Resurfacing of Davitt Road North.
- (8) Wages of the Caretaker of Coolree Reservoir.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Curran T.D.
Mayor.

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19th April, 1943.

A Meeting of the General Purposes 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)

Alderman Thomas Byrne

Councillors James Gaul, Annie Kelly, Robert Coffey, Michael Flusk, Robert Moran, James Crosbie.

The Corporation acting as the Old Age Pensions Committee met first and the proceedings of this Committee will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions for this day.

REPORT

A report was submitted on the conference held at the County Council Offices on the 12th instant in connection with the proposed new bridge. The contents of the report were noted.

SUBSCRIPTION

A letter was read from the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities requesting payment of subscription of £5. 5. 0. to the Association, and it was unanimously decided that the Corporation should continue membership.

PLOT OF GROUND - WILLIAM ST.

It was explained that the County Manager had agreed some time ago to lease on a yearly tenancy a small piece of waste ground at William Street to Mr. Lee. McCrudden as a garden. This ground adjoined Mr. McCrudden's residence which he occupied from the Corporation on a weekly tenancy basis. Mr. McCrudden now intimated he was prepared to purchase this house on the Tenant Purchase System if this piece of ground was included therein, and as the sale of lands was a reserved function under the County Management Act, 1940, the County Manager referred the entire matter to the Corporation. A map was submitted showing the proposed ground but as the development of the area in question was still unfinished the present meeting thought it advisable not to dispose of the land.

The following matters were raised by members -

(1) Councillor Hadden asked that the question of right of way at the back of the house on the east side of William Street be examined to see if it was a public right of way. Dr. Hadden also complained of a dangerous wall at Maudlintown at the corner of Rocks Lane.

Complaint was made regarding the grass growing on certain streets and on the cleansing of footpaths by the scavengers sweeping the streets.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the surface of John's Gate Street and School Street which had recently been broken up in connection with the Waterworks Improvement Scheme.

A lengthy discussion took place on the resurfacing of the Main Street from Gibson Street to Stonebridge River and to the construction of the new bridge over the river there. Members thought that the construction of the new bridge would interfere with the cleansing of this river which carried a large amount of sewage.

The condition of the junction of Gibson Street, Harpur's Lane and Main Street was also complained, and it was unanimously agreed that the County Manager be requested to submit a report on the whole question of the resurfacing of this portion of the Main St. with particular reference to the bridge and what is intended to be done to surface the junction at Harpur's Lane and Gibson Street.

The meeting then terminated.

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Chairman
Richard Corish TD
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3rd May, 1943.

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)

Alderman Thomas Byrne

Councillors James Gaul, Annie Kelly, Robert Moran, James Sinnott, Kevin Roche, George Hadden and James Crosbie.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature: Minutes of Corporation on the 5th ultimo; General Purposes Committee on the 19th instant. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Kelly, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

CONGRATULATION

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, a resolution of congratulation was unanimously adopted with the Reverend P. Doyle, R.C.A., on reaching the Silver Jubilee of his Ordination to the priesthood.

RATES

The first business was to formally make Town and Poor Rates for the year ended 31st March, 1944, as agreed on 1st March last, and the following four Resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

- (1) On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie,

"That a Borough Rate of Eleven Shillings in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Ten Shillings for General Sanitary Purposes) be made on the net assessable value of property within the 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 the said Borough to be carried out in the year ending 31st March, 1944, as considered and adopted on 1st March, 1943."

- (2) On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott,

"That an assessment of Two Shillings in the Pound be made in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1944, 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 1st March, 1943."

- (3) On the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Sinnott,

"That an assessment of Two Shillings and fourpence in the Pound (A Domestic Water Rate of One Shilling and fourpence and a Public Water Rate of One Shilling) on the rateable value of property within the Borough of Wexford be laid on in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1944, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Dalkey, etc.) Confirmation Act, 1876;

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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 1st March, 1943."

(4) On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne,

"That a Poor Rate of Nine Shillings and Twopence in the Pound for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1944, be made on the net assessible valuation of property within the Borough of Wexford as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 1st March, 1943."

The Rate Book containing the foregoing Four Rates together with arrears carried forward from previous years was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

RATE COLLECTION

The Town Clerk reported as follows on the Rate Collection for the year ending 31st March, 1943.

POOR RATE:

Total amount of Warrant (including arrears of			
	£2222. 12. 2 ¹) -----	£12928. 15. 1.	
Collected -----	£9907. 5. 7.		
Discount-----	130. 15. 8. -----	10038. 1. 3.	
leaving Arrears of -----		£ 2890. 13. 10.	

The Collection was 78% as against 74.4% in 1941/42.

TOWN RATES:

Total amount of Warrant (including arrears of			
	£2513. 15. 1) -----	£17,058. 18. 0.	
Collected-----	£13546. 2. 6.		
Discount-----	167. 2. 5. -----	1,371. 4. 11.	
leaving Arrears at 31st March last of-----		£ 3,345. 13. 1.	

The Collection was 80% as against 79% in the year ended 1941/42.

This report was considered satisfactory.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of the report of J. J. Flood, Esq., Local Government Auditor, on his Audit of the Accounts of the Corporation for the two years ended 31st March, 1942, together with the Abstracts of the Accounts for these two years. Copies of the report and Abstracts were furnished to each member with the Agenda for the meeting. Councillor Moran however asked that the report be adjourned to the June Meeting to enable the members to study it as it was quite a voluminous document. This suggestion was agreed to on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

SUBSCRIPTION

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed in accordance with the Provisions of Section 88 of the Local Government Act, 1941, to pay an annual contribution of £5. 5. 0. to the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities.

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RESOLUTION

The next business was to consider a motion by His Worship the Mayor that Part V of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, be adopted by the Council. Notice of intention of the Mayor to move this resolution was given to each member of the Council on the 19th March, 1943, and the following resolution was now adopted:-

"It was proposed by His Worship, the Mayor, seconded by Alderman T. Byrne and resolved unanimously that Part V of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890 be and the same is hereby adopted by the Council for the District of the Council and that this resolution of adoption shall come into operation on the 17th day of June, 1943.

AND That the Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to publish and serve notices of this Resolution in the manner and upon the persons required by the Act.

TELEPHONE KIOSK

In accordance with notice given Councillor Roche moved that the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs be requested to provide a telephone kiosk at the junction of Talbot Street and Green Street for the convenience of residents there. In moving the motion Councillor Roche referred to the large number of residents in this area and to the distance which they resided from both the local Dispensary Doctors. He pointed out that if a doctor was required urgently there was no phone within a considerable distance of this locality and the provision of a public telephone kiosk would be of great benefit. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was agreed to.

PRICE OF POTATOES

In accordance with notice given the Mayor moved that the Council protest against the recent Order made by the Minister for Supplies fixing the price of potatoes which resulted in an unwarranted increase in the charge to Wexford citizens. Alderman Byrne who had a similar motion on the Agenda seconded the Mayor's motion.

In moving the motion the Mayor pointed out that prior to the fixing of a price by the Minister for Supplies potatoes were being retailed in Wexford from 1/- to 1/2d per stone, but that since the price had been fixed by the Minister the retail price to consumers had increased to 1/6d per stone. He saw no justification for this increase and thought that steps should have been taken by the Department of Supplies to ascertain the prices ruling in various districts before making this Order. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the Minister for Industry and Commerce be requested to urge on shipping merchants to give more consideration to the ports of Wexford and Rosslare Harbour. Councillor Roche seconded this motion which was agreed to.

BONUS - RELIEF GRANT WORKERS

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the County Manager be requested to grant Relief Grant Workers a bonus equivalent to that paid to permanent employees of the Council. In this connection, in reply to a query by the Mayor, the Town Clerk intimated that a similar resolution had been adopted on the motion of the Mayor at the February Meeting of the Corporation and he had since discussed this matter with the County Manager, who had intimated his intention when next forwarding proposals for Relief Grant Works to the Department to include therein a higher rate of wages for the workers.

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Whilst this explanation was considered satisfactory in so far as future workers were concerned the members considered that the men on Relief Grant Works since the February meeting should be paid a bonus, and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne to request the County Manager to grant a bonus to Relief Grant Workers with retrospective effect as from 1st February last. It was also decided to request the County Manager to state his proposals in connection with the suggested Public Park with special regard to the wages to be paid on the work at the next meeting of the Corporation.

PUBLIC SCAVENGING

A motion by Alderman Byrne that the County Manager be requested to make a statement on the re-organisation of the Scavenging System in the Borough was adjourned for the attendance of the County Manager.

BUTTER

In accordance with notice given Councillor Sinnott moved that we again draw the attention of the Minister for Agriculture to the scarcity of butter in Wexford which results in people who are in receipt of Food Vouchers being left without their weekly supplies. In this connection it was explained, however, that since the motion had been given a considerable improvement had taken place in the quantity of butter coming into the Town, but it was unanimously agreed to request the Minister to introduce a rationing scheme before next winter.

LETTER RE FIRE BRIGADE

The Town Clerk stated that the County Manager had asked him to read a letter which had been received from Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, regarding the attendance of the Fire Brigade at his residence on the 10th ultimo. The following is a copy of the letter which was already published in the local press:-

Dear Mr. Sinnott,

I telephoned to you on Saturday morning but you were not available at the time. I wanted to tell you that on that morning at 5.10 a.m. we discovered an outbreak of fire in our garage at Westlands. The whole place seemed to be a mass of flames and I telephoned to the Fire Brigade which arrived on the scene within 10 minutes of getting the call. I think it only right that I should tell you how much we appreciated the efficiency of the Fire Brigade when they arrived and the promptness with which they answered the call. But for their prompt arrival a large quantity of hay and the valuable stable buildings would have been completely destroyed. As the result of the work done by the Brigade the fire was confined to the garage and no damage whatever was done to the rick of hay which was only 15' away from it. The stables are also about 15' away from the garage on the other side.

I would like to take this opportunity of paying the highest possible tribute to the Captain of the Fire Brigade, Mr. Crosbie, and his gallant band of men. The manner in which they carried out their work displayed coolness and quiet efficiency and I think that they should be congratulated in the highest possible terms for what they did and the excellent manner in which they performed their work.

It is only on occasions like this when we have the opportunity of appreciating how really valuable such an asset to the town may be. May I thank them through you for their wonderful work.

Chairman.....
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I would also like to express to you as County Manager our appreciation of the kindness of many of our neighbours who hearing the disturbance or seeing the flames got out of bed at that unearthly hour and came to see if they could help. That is to my mind a splendid example of civic spirit and neighbourly co-operation which should not be allowed to pass unnoticed.

Yours truly,

Fintan M. O'Connor.

MARKET TRAIN

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was unanimously agreed to request the Great Southern Railways Company to arrange for a market train between Waterford and Wexford on at least three days per week.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was also unanimously agreed to request the Great Southern Railways Company to run an afternoon train from Dublin to Wexford and to also call the attention of the Company to the fact that in the present train service between Wexford and Dublin non corridor carriages were being used which were a great inconvenience to the travelling public.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

The following matters were raised by members.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was unanimously decided to request the County Manager to have the public lighting at Devereux Villas examined with a view to providing a second light there and to request the Electricity Supply Board to grant domestic lighting service to the occupants.

HOUSE - DEVEREUX VILLAS

A complaint was submitted from the occupant of No. 23, Devereux Villas, regarding the condition of the house. Arising out of this it was decided to request the County Manager to submit a report on the condition of all the houses at Devereux Villas.

It was also decided to request the County Manager to have the following matters dealt with:-

- (a) Condition of the range in the house of Mrs. Wade, Wolfe Tone Villas ✓
- (b) To have the swan replaced at the Faythe.
- (c) To have the condition of the roofs of the houses at Roche's Terrace examined.
- (d) To have the right of way at the back of the houses at the east side of William Street examined to see if the right of way was being obstructed in any way.
- (e) To ask the Town Planning Adviser to submit his preliminary report without further delay.
- (f) It was decided that at future meetings of the Council the headings of the Minutes should be read by the Town Clerk and where necessary a full minute on any particular matter should be read for the information of members.

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- (g) That the County Manager be requested to see that in future the inspection of houses owned by the Council where repairs are reported to be necessary should be made by the Borough Surveyor.
- (h) That the County Manager be requested to instruct the Borough Surveyor to carry out repairs to the door of the house at Harbour View occupied by a man named Comerford.
- (i) That the County Manager be requested to make arrangements for the provision of a proper Book for the recording of Minutes of Meetings of the Child Welfare Committee.
- (j) That the County Manager request the Borough Surveyor to examine and report on the condition of the house at Whiterock View occupied by a man named McMahon.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Conn TD
Mayor
4. 6. 43

18th May, 1943.

A meeting of the General Purposes 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:-

Alderman Byrne, Councillors Gaul, Sinnott, Kelly, Corish, Roche, Moran, and Crosbie.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul, Councillor Sinnott was moved to the Chair.

The following matters were raised by members:-

- (1) The condition of the surface of School Street.
- (2) The condition of the Gibson Street, Harpur's Lane and Main Street corner.
- (3) The question of a bonus for Relief Grant workers which the Town Clerk intimated was at present before the Department of Local Government and Public Health, for approval.
- (4) The condition of the paths leading to houses at Dolphin Road.
- (5) That the roof lights in Corporation houses were leaking.
- (6) The road drainage at Redmond Road in front of Auburn Terrace houses.
- (7) That the scavenger be instructed to sweep the front of Roche's Terrace whenever he visits that area.

LETTER - G. S. RLYS.

A letter was read from the General Manager of the Great Southern Railways, intimating that owing to the present emergency he could not run a market train from the south of the County to Wexford on one day a week, nor could he provide an afternoon train service between Wexford and Dublin and Dublin and Wexford.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Quinn T.D.
Mayor
4-6-43

7th June, 1943.

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)

Alderman Thomas Byrne

Councillors James Gaul, Annie Kelly, Robert Coffey, George Hadden, Kevin Roche, Robert Moran and James Crosbie.

The Wexford County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 3rd ultimo and General Purposes Committee on 18th ultimo. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

An acknowledgment on foot of congratulations passed with him on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee was read from the Reverend P. Doyle, R.C.A.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Referring to Minutes of last meeting when the report of J. J. Flood, Esq., Local Government Auditor, on his Audit of the Accounts of the Corporation for the two years ended 31st March, 1942, was submitted and had been adjourned to the present meeting, the report now came up for consideration. Councillor Coffey raised a number of queries regarding matters referred to in the Auditor's Report, and was informed that all these matters mentioned by the Auditor were being attended to. As regards the Rate Collection, the Town Clerk intimated that at the 31st March last the County Manager had created a Dispense Account into which items of rate which were at present uncollectible, but which would at a future date be collected, were transferred, and as a result of this the actual amounts of rate carried forward as arrears was - Poor Rate 7.40%, and Town Rate 6.37%.

MARKET TRAIN

Alderman Byrne raised a question regarding the provision of a market train from the south of the County to Wexford on one day per week, and the County Manager stated that he was at present in communication with the Department of Industry & Commerce and the Railway Company on this matter, so it was adjourned to see what reply the Manager would receive.

RESOLUTION

A resolution from the Dungarvan Urban District Council protesting against the butter ration of $\frac{1}{2}$ lb per person was marked read.

JUNE FAIR

It was reported that the date of the June Fair would fall on a Church Holiday and it was agreed to recommend the County Manager to fix the Fair for Wednesday June 30th.

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GAELIC LEAGUE INVITATION

A letter was read from the Gaelic League requesting the Corporation to attend celebrations in Dublin on the 1st August in connection with the 50th Anniversary of the Establishment of the League, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul, Councillor Kevin Roche was unanimously appointed to represent the Corporation.

EXPENDITURE

The Town Clerk submitted a report of the expenditure of the Corporation up to the last day of May, which showed that the expenditure amounted, in the aggregate, to £14,354. 13. 9.

The following matters were raised by members.

The condition of the streets arising out of the Waterworks Improvement Scheme which the County Manager intimated he would take up immediately with the Consulting Engineers. It was stated by members that when reports were received regarding repairs required to Artisans Dwellings that inspections were not carried out by the Borough Surveyor personally and the Manager undertook that if such was the case that he would make an order that the Borough Surveyor carry out inspections personally for the future.

Arising out of a report from the Borough Surveyor for re-surfacing of the Main Street the County Manager was requested by the Council to see that for the future when footpaths were being relaid that the present method of ridging them would not be continued.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Connors TD
S. M. 43

28th June, 1943.

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

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Byrne

Councillors Crosbie, Gaul, Kelly, Sinnott, Corish, Hadden, Roche, Moran, and Flusk. The Co. Manager, Mr. Kavanagh, Solicitor, Of M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solrs. to the Corporation and the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The minutes of meetings of the Corporation held on the 7th instant were submitted for ratification and signature. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Sinnott it was unanimously agreed that the minutes as submitted be taken as having been read, and signed by the Mayor.

Before the business of the meeting commenced Councillor Corish complained that the senior member of the Ratepayers' Party was absent and inquired if it was not necessary to give three days notice of the meeting. The Mayor stated that personally he did not know but he knew that the procedure that had been carried out was the procedure since he came to the Corporation in 1913. The Town Clerk said that the present meeting was fixed by the Corporation themselves at a Quarterly Meeting held on the 5th April last when there was a full attendance of members. The meeting had been called in pursuance of the Provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1927, and he was not aware that it was under the Act to give three clear days notice of the meeting. As far as he was aware that only applied in the case of a Special Meeting of the Council and the procedure followed by him in convening the meeting was the same as had been carried out since he first came to the Corporation in 1927 and had been carried by his immediate predecessors. Mr. Kavanagh, Solicitor, intimated that he thought the Town Clerk was right and it was only for a Special Meeting that they were entitled to three days notice. The particular day and particular hour of the meeting was fixed by the Corporation themselves.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The meeting then proceeded with the election of a Mayor who would hold office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held between the 23rd June and 1st July, 1944, and until his successor had been appointed and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Councillor Sinnott proposed that Alderman Richard Corish be elected Mayor for the 24th year in succession. Councillor Gaul seconded.

Councillor Hadden proposed that Councillor Coffey be elected Mayor and Councillor Miss Kelly seconded.

Councillor Flusk proposed that Councillor Robert Moran be elected Mayor. For a short while there appeared to be no seconder for Councillor Flusk's proposition and Councillor Moran then intimated that he would second the proposition himself.

The legal adviser was doubtful about the legality of Councillor Moran seconding himself, but the three names were put forward and on a poll being taken there voted for:

Alderman Corish - Councillors Gaul, Roche, Sinnott, Crosbie, Alderman Byrne, and the Mayor himself. (6).

For Councillor Coffey - Councillors Hadden, Corish, and Miss Kelly (3)

For Councillor Moran - Councillors Flusk and Moran (2).

Chairman.....

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Alderman Corish having a clear majority of the members present declared himself elected as Mayor to hold office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1944, and until his successor had been appointed and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Alderman Corish then made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was witnessed by Councillors Gaul and Flusk. Alderman Corish returned thanks for his election.

MEETINGS

The next business was to fix the days and hours for three Quarterly Meetings of the Council to be held prior to the 23rd June, 1944, and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, to fix the three meetings for Monday 4th October, 1943, at 7.30.p.m., Monday 4th January, 1944, at 7.30.p.m., and Monday 3rd April, 1944, at 7.30.p.m.

The appointment of Standing Committees and an Old Age Pensions Committee was the next item on the Agenda, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the existing two committees namely, The General Purposes Committee and the Old Age Pensions Committee be comprised of the entire Council.

BONUS

Alderman Byrne and Councillor Sinnott referred to a proposal made some time ago to grant a bonus to men engaged on Relief Grant Work and it was explained to them that the County Manager was favourably disposed to granting such a bonus, and had asked the Department if they would sanction it, and although the Department had been given information as to the financial position likely to be created by the granting of such a bonus no decision had been yet received as to whether or not they would be prepared to sanction it.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor
5. 7. 43

5th July, 1943.

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)

Alderman Byrne

Councillors Gaul, Crosbie, Coffey, Hadden Flusk, Roche, Kelly, and Moran.

MINUTES

The minutes of Quarterly Meeting held on the 28th ultimo were submitted for ratification and signature, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

At the outset Councillor Miss Kelly referred to a question raised by Councillor Corish at the last meeting and stated that when she was leaving the meeting the Town Clerk passed a remark "I do not know why ex-law clerks come here to raise questions and delay us." She thought that Councillor Corish was quite entitled to raise a question and it was time for the Ratepayers' Association to send representatives to the Corporation. She asked the County Manager if Councillor Corish had a right to ask a question. The County Manager replied that he thought that was accepted by everyone. The Town Clerk said that the remark was passed after the meeting in joke and he was perfectly satisfied that Miss Kelly took it as a joke at the time. The Town Clerk continued that in his 17 years as an official of the Corporation no member could say that he had ever intentionally or otherwise insulted anybody, and if Miss Kelly considered that the remark was an insult he apologised for it, but it was far from his thoughts to offer an insult to any member of the Corporation and the remark was passed merely as a joke.

With the exception of the members of the Ratepayers' Association who were present the members of the other parties in the Council intimated that they had never had anything except courtesy from the Town Clerk, and the matter ended.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of the Preliminary Report on Town Planning made by Mr. R. Donnelly, Town Planning Adviser to the Council.

The Town Clerk stated that he proposed having the report copied and sent to each member, so it was unanimously decided to adjourn consideration of the report until next meeting to enable the members to be supplied with a copy.

FAIRS ON STREETS

Arising out of the report of the Town Planning Adviser the Town Clerk stated there was one matter in the report about the effect of holding fairs on the streets. The County Manager had discussed this matter with him on various occasions during the past few months and he would like an expression of opinion from the Corporation as to the advisability of providing a proper Fair or a Market Ground and to remove the fair from the streets.

It was decided to discuss the matter further at next meeting.

BONUS - RELIEF GRANT WORKERS

Councillor Gaul asked if there was any word about a bonus for the Relief Grant Workers.

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The Town Clerk stated that after the County Manager approved of the Corporation resolution he had asked him (Town Clerk) to seek sanction from the Department. The Department then asked what financial position would be created by the payment of the bonus and he (T. Clerk) replied that it would cost approximately £100 to pay it, but that the Relief Grant had been exhausted. The Mayor intimated that he had visited the Department last week and was told that they could not provide the money for the bonus and that it was now a matter for the Corporation and the County Manager.

The County Manager pointed out that the decision referred to by the Mayor had not yet been communicated to him or the Town Clerk.

Alderman Byrne gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Corporation that the money be made available to pay the bonus to Relief Grant Workers.

POTATOES

A letter was read from the Minister for Supplies in reference to a resolution passed by the Corporation in June regarding the controlled retail price of potatoes. The Minister stated that in fixing the price for potatoes he had to have regard to prices obtaining throughout the country generally and it would be appreciated that it was not feasible to fix the prices specially for each individual area.

Members argued that the price should be fixed by zones, and it was decided to again take this matter up with the Minister and suggest to him that when fixing future prices for potatoes that the prices ruling in various zones in the country should be taken into consideration.

TELEPHONE KIOSK

A letter was also read from the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs stating that he had under consideration the resolution of the Corporation requesting the installation of a telephone kiosk at the junction of Talbot Street and Green Street, but consequent on emergency conditions affecting the supply there was an acute shortage of engineering stores as a result of which it had been necessary to suspend the erection of telephone kiosks, and it was regretted that the Wexford application must remain in abeyance for the present, but that it had been noted for consideration as soon as circumstances permitted.

LIGHTING OF DEVEREUX VILLAS

A letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board intimating that consequent on the shortage of materials the Board regretted they were unable to provide extra lights at Devereux Villas, and the Town Clerk was directed to take this matter up again with the Board.

MARKET TRAIN

The County Manager stated that the Minister for Industry & Commerce had notified him that the question of a market train from the south of the county to Wexford had been discussed with the Railway Company and it was impossible to provide it. After some discussion it was decided on the suggestion of Councillor Gaul that the Town Clerk should invite the five T.D.'s of the County to visit the Minister for Industry & Commerce and urge on him the necessity for a market train from the south of the county to Wexford on at least one day per week.

Arising out of reports from the Borough Surveyor it was decided to ask him

- (1) For a more detailed report and an estimate of the cost of providing proper drainage at Redmond Road.

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- (2) To submit an estimate of the cost of providing concrete footpaths to the Corporation houses at Dolphin Road.
- (3) To ask him to submit a report on the possibility of spraying Davitt Road North with gravel.

RESOLUTION

A resolution from the Kerry County Council calling on the Government to release all untried political prisoners was adopted on the motion of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

PRICE OF TIMBER - FUEL SCHEME

Alderman Byrne raised a question regarding the price of timber supplied to recipients under the Fuel Scheme and asked the Town Clerk to investigate a complaint that recipients were being asked to pay an extra 2d to one merchant in the Town.

A complaint was also made by Alderman Byrne regarding the attendance of Dr. Tomkins, Eye Specialist at the County Hospital, and the County Manager intimated that he was having records kept of the numbers of people who visited the Eye Specialist every two weeks with a view to ascertaining if there was any serious delay in dealing with the patients.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Dr. D. McDonald, Assistant County Medical Officer of Health, on the death of his brother. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and the Town Clerk. The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Reverend Father Charles, O.F.M. on the death of his father. This motion was seconded by Councillor Gaul, supported by the members present, the County Manager and Town Clerk, and both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Cairns. TD
Mayor of Wexford
26. 7. 43

19th July, 1943.

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

The members present being:-

Alderman Byrne, Councillors Robert Coffey, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, James Gaul, Robert Moran, Dr. Hadden and Miss Kelly.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was agreed that Councillor Sinnott should preside in the absence of the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Under date of the 6th instant by letter No. MS.8390, the Minister for Industry & Commerce acknowledged receipt of the Corporation's resolution regarding traffic into the ports of Wexford and Rosslare Harbour, and intimated that the resolution had been noted for consideration.

BONUS - RELIEF GRANT WORKERS

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that so far he had not received any further information from the Department regarding the payment of a bonus to Relief Grant Workers, and he was asked to again communicate with the Department on the matter.

MEETING

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was agreed to hold a meeting of the Corporation on Monday next the 26th instant instead of the usual Monthly meeting due to be held on the first Monday in August which would be a Bank Holiday.

REPORT - TOWN PLANNING

The preliminary report of the Town Planning Adviser was adjourned until the meeting on Monday next as was also the meeting of the Medical Centre Committee which was due to have been held this night.

The following matters were raised by members:-

1. Condition of the gable end of "helan's house at St. Magdalen's Terrace.
2. Condition of the surface of Maudlintown between the road and the footpath.
3. A loose flag over a sewer at Trinity Place.
4. Grass growing in School Street, Gibson Street, etc.
5. The cutting of the grass in St. Michael's graveyard.

The meeting then terminated.

26th July, 1943.

A 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)

Alderman Thomas Byrne

Councillors James Gaul, Robert Coffey, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, George Hadden, Annie Kelly, Robert Moran, Kevin Roche and Raymond Corish.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 5th instant and General Purposes Committee on the 19th instant. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

The following motion moved by Councillor Moran and seconded by Councillor Hadden was unanimously adopted:-

"That we the representatives of the people of this ancient Borough of Wexford tender our sincere sympathy and also the sympathy of every citizen of the Borough to Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, Father of the Catholic World, in this his hour of great sorrow caused by the destruction of the Basilica of St. Lorenzo, and that we join other public bodies in an appeal that Rome be declared an open city and be spared further destruction."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Under date of the 6th instant by letter No. MS. 8390 the Minister for Industry & Commerce acknowledged receipt of resolution from the Corporation urging the claims of the ports of Wexford and Rosslare Harbour, and stated that the resolution had been noted for consideration.

Arising out of this matter the Mayor also read a letter which he had received from the Irish Traffic Manager of the Great Southern Railways referring to his call on him in connection with a rumour that it was proposed to resume the Rosslare-Fishguard Service in the Autumn. The Irish Manager stated that he had no knowledge of any resumption or proposed resumption of the service, and having regard to prevailing traffic conditions generally he was afraid there was no truth in the rumour.

Reference was also made to the need for a market train between Waterford and Wexford, and the County Manager intimated that he had been speaking to the Traffic Superintendent of the Great Southern Railways and laid the case before him. He had received a sympathetic hearing and expected word from the Superintendent in the course of the next week or so, and if this was not satisfactory he would take the matter up with the Traffic Manager himself.

Reference was also made to the need for a Sunday train service between Wexford and Rosslare Strand. It was pointed out that Sunday train service had been granted between Dublin and Bray, Waterford and Tramore, and Cork and Youghal, and it was unanimously decided to ask the Great Southern Railways to provide a Sunday train service to Rosslare Strand during the remainder of the summer.

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A letter was read from the Reverend Father Charles, O.F.M. acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's resolution of sympathy with him on the death of his father.

HARBOUR BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

On the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Alderman Byrne, Councillor Robert Moran was appointed to represent the Corporation on the Wexford Harbour Commissioners for the ensuing 12 months.

TOWN PLANNING REPORT

The next business was to consider the preliminary report of the Town Planning Adviser, and in this connection the following motion appeared in the name of Dr. Hadden on the Agenda - "That we appoint a Sub Committee to consult with Mr. Donnelly on the application of his principals to the actual planning of our Town. That to this end we invite Mr. Donnelly to attend some days in conference with our Sub Committee on the spot." The motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott and unanimously agreed to. The Sub Committee was composed of the following:- The Mayor, with Councillors Hadden, Sinnott, Moran and Corish. It was decided that a meeting of this committee be held on Monday 9th August after the usual meeting of the General Purposes Committee to be held on that day.

RELEASE OF MORTGAGE

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, the release of a Mortgage from J. J. Cosgrove of St. Ita's Terrace, Wexford, to the Corporation was executed; Mr. Cosgrove having agreed to pay the outstanding balance of the Purchase Price of this house (£295) which he was acquiring on the Tenant Purchase System.

RESOLUTIONS

The following motion was moved by Alderman Byrne:- "That the Government be requested to amend Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act so as to permit payment to non-contributory claimants on death of husband." In moving this motion the Alderman pointed out that a non-contributory claimant was not entitled to receive the Widows Pension until she had reached the age of 55 years, and if her bread winner died before she reached that age she was left destitute. Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

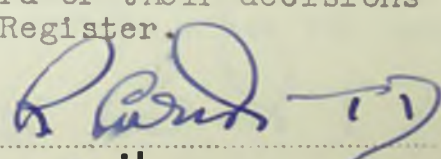
Alderman Byrne also moved - "That this Corporation are of opinion that Old Age Pensions should be increased to a standard which would permit recipients to live in frugal comfort." Councillor Sinnott also seconded this motion and it was unanimously agreed to.

A letter from the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities asking if the Corporation had any motions or papers for the Annual Conference was referred to the General Purposes Committee.

Complaint was made that no dustbin service was provided at Devereux Villas, and the Town Clerk promised to investigate the matter in the morning, and if it was a fact to have the dustbin men instructed to call there.

The meeting then terminated.

A meeting of the Corporation acting as an Old Age Pensions Committee met at the close of the above meeting, and a record of their decisions and claims will be found in the Old Age Pensions Register.

Chairman 

9th August, 1943.

A meeting of the General Purposes 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)

Alderman Thomas Byrne

Councillors Crosbie, Sinnott, Roche, Moran and Hadden.

SUNDAY TRAIN SERVICE

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a resolution was unanimously adopted asking the Great Southern Railways Co. to provide a Sunday train service between Wexford and Rosslare, a letter was read from this Company which stated that under the Emergency Powers (Great Southern Railways) Directions, 1941, the Company was precluded from adding to its present rail services without the consent of the Minister for Industry & Commerce, so it was unanimously decided that similar representations should be made to the appropriate Minister.

A reply was also received from Irish Shipping Ltd. who had been requested by the Corporation to endeavour to bring more of their ships to the ports of Wexford and Rosslare stating that the Corporation's request would be put before their Board in due course.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES - ANNUAL CONFERENCE

With regard to papers or motions for the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland which is due to be held in Wexford on the 14th, 15th and 16th September next, a motion was read in the name of Alderman Byrne regarding (1) the Managerial Act, and (2) Old Age Pensions, when the Clerk was directed to send a copy of these motions to each member of the Council.

COMPLAINT

Complaint was made by Councillor Crosbie regarding the condition of the Rocks Road, and it was decided to request the Borough Surveyor to make a report on the matter.

Complaint was also made by Councillor Sinnott regarding the replacement of the Swan in the Faythe, and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to report thereon. *on the motion of Ald. Corish seconded by Councillor Hadden it was decided to ask the County Manager to have the Borough Surveyor present at all meetings in the future.* The meeting then terminated. *as Mr. Sinnott is available in Co. Council.*

The Corporation acting as an Old Age Pensions Committee met and considered the adjourned case of Thomas Mernagh, Abbey Street, Wexford, whose pension of 9/- per week was being reduced to 5/- per week at the request of the Pension Officer. It was thought that the Fanning Fund being a charitable donation should not be taken into account in calculating means of the pensioner, but it was pointed out by the Clerk that there was no legal grounds for such an assumption, so it was seen that the Committee had no alternative to agree to the decision of the Pension Officer to only allow a pension of 5/- per week even though it was the unanimous opinion that this should not be so, and many members again protested against the means test in calculating Old Age Pensions.

Chairman *R. Corish T.D.*

9th August, 1943.

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

The Mayor (in the Chair) with Councillors Hadden, Moran and Sinnott.

A long discussion took place on the Town Planning Adviser's preliminary report, the outcome of which was that the Mayor was requested to place before Mr. Donnelly for his observations some of the more salient points in his report when he would be in Dublin this week.

Councillor Hadden suggested that Mr. Donnelly be asked for a large scale map of the Keyser Lane, High Street, Allen Street, and Rowe Street area for the perusal of the Committee prior to Mr. Donnelly's actual coming to confer with the Committee.

The Clerk was directed to have this done.

R. Curran TD

A meeting of the Dispensary Committee took place at the close of the above meeting with the same members in attendance, when Dr. McDonald's report was read.

It was seen that this was a very comprehensive report, and on account of its detailed nature it was decided to send a copy of it to each member of the Committee for his perusal.

After a very long discussion on the various aspects of the report it was decided on the motion of Councillor Hadden, seconded by the Mayor, that the Committee accept Dr. McDonald's outline of the proposed Central Dispensary and Health Clinic, with the addition of an eye, ear and nose department.

It was decided to hold the next meeting after the arrival of a large scale map which Mr. Donnelly had been requested to make for the Committee, and to request that the County Manager be present thereat.

The meeting then terminated.

R. Curran TD

23rd August, 1943.

A meeting of the General Purposes 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)

Alderman Thomas Byrne

Councillors Gaul, Kelly, Coffey, Corish, Hadden, Moran, Sinnott and Crosbie.

The Town Clerk reported that there appeared to be an error in the names of the tenants occupying two houses at John Street, and it was unanimously decided that the notice required by Section 60 of the Local Government Act, 1941, should be served on the various persons interested in this intimating that the Corporation proposed to amend the Rate Book to make it comply with the actual conditions pertaining.

MOTIONS

The next business was to consider motions which it was suggested should be forwarded for consideration by the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities. The first motion was: "That the Managerial Act is ambiguous and a negation of democratic principles which should be repealed to the extent of restoring full measures of Local Government to the elected representatives." This motion had been handed in by Alderman Byrne who now moved its adoption, and Councillor Crosbie seconded. Councillor Coffey, however, moved the rejection of the motion and Councillor Moran seconded.

A very lengthy discussion ensued on its proposal and when a vote had been taken five members voted for the motion and five against. The Mayor thereupon gave his casting vote in favour of the motion, and declared it adopted.

The second motion was: "That Congress is of opinion that the amount paid in Old Age Pensions is totally inadequate in view of the alarming high cost of living and should be increased to a standard which would permit pensioners to live in proper comfort in their old age, and that the first Pound per week of income should not be taken into consideration when assessing the means of applicants." This motion was unanimously agreed to.

RESOLUTION

The following motion submitted by Councillor Hadden was adjourned to enable more information to be obtained regarding the method of house construction suggested in the Resolution:- "That we urge the Government to send to America a small Committee consisting perhaps, of an Administrator and two Consulting Engineers, to study the possibilities of pre-fabrication and other modern methods of construction as applied to the solution of the housing problem."

RELEASE OF MORTGAGE

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Coffey, a Release of a Mortgage from Mr. Thomas Madden to the Wexford Corporation was sealed and signed; Mr. Madden having discharged the payments required on foot of this Mortgage.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a request was made to the County Manager to have the Borough Surveyor present at all meetings of the Corporation the Town Clerk explained that the Manager had spoken to him about this matter and directed him to inform the Committee that he was prepared to bring the Borough Surveyor to any committee meeting of

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the Corporation provided he received due notice of the matters proposed to be discussed with the Surveyor.

Councillor Gaul gave notice that he would move at the next Statutory Meeting that the salary of the Mayor in respect of the current Financial Year be increased by the sum of £25.

COMPLAINT

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the graves at Cross town Cemetery, and the cutting of the grass there, as well as the manner in which the streets were being reinstated by Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll, Contractors for the Wexford Waterworks Improvement Scheme.

R. Curran TD

A meeting of the Special Committee appointed to consider what recommendations should be made to the County Manager regarding the provision of a Central Dispensary for Wexford met at the close of the above meeting, when the members present were :

His Worship the Mayor (in the Chair) with Councillors Hadden, Sinnott and Moran.

As the County Manager, however, could not attend the meeting it was decided to adjourn consideration of it until after the Statutory Meeting due to be held on Monday, September 6th, 1943.

R. Curran TD

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30th August, 1943.

A Special Meeting of the General Purposes 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)

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Coffey, Gaul, Crosbie, Roche and Miss Kelly.

The meeting was specially convened to consider a proposal by the Wexford County Manager regarding the expenditure of portion of a Grant on William Street. The Manager stated that a Grant of £3,300 had been made available to the County Council subject to a local contribution by that Body of £475 for the purpose of resurfacing portion of the main road from Trinity Street to the Borough Boundary at Maudlintown. He proposed to expend this money by the construction of two concrete roads of approximately 20' each with an island of 8/10' in the centre, and as this was a departure from the usual method of constructing roads in Wexford he would like the views of the Corporation on the proposal. The members were favourably impressed with the idea of two roads and an island in this very wide street, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Coffey, the proposal of the County Manager was unanimously agreed to.

HOUSE - DEVEREUX VILLAS

Complaint was made by Alderman Byrne regarding the condition of Layne's house at Devereux Villas. Complaint was also made regarding the condition of the house of Mr. McEvoy, at Temperance Row, and a request was made that a further report be obtained on this dwelling. Complaint was made regarding the condition of the Horse River, and a suggestion was made that it should be cleaned.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor of Wexford

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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)

Alderman Thomas Byrne,

Councillors James Gaul, Annie Kelly, Robert Moran, George Hadden, Kevin Roche, James Crosbie, and James Sinnott.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 26th July, 1943,; Meetings of General Purposes Committee on 9th, 23rd and 30th ultimo. Meeting of the Special Dispensary Committee on 9th and 23rd ultimo. After the headings of the various items in the Minutes had been read by the Town Clerk, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that the minutes as submitted be taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The following acknowledgments were read from Most Rev. Dr. Staunton, Bishop of Ferns, acknowledging the Corporation's resolution expressing sympathy with the Holy Father on the recent bombing of the City of Rome. Letter was read from Dr. MacDonald, Bettyville, acknowledging receipt of the vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his brother.

LETTER - G. S. RLYS.

Letters were read from the Great Southern Railways and the Department of Industry & Commerce intimating that owing to the fuel position they were unable to grant a Sunday train service to Rosslare.

LIGHTING - DEVEREUX VILLAS

Letters were also read from the Electricity Supply Board regretting that they were unable to provide public lighting at Devereux Villas under present circumstances, and in this connection it was decided to request the Board to provide at least one light in this area, which was at present in complete darkness.

A letter was read from Irish Shipping Ltd. stating that the question of ports of discharge is not one over which the Company had complete control and regretting they could hold out no prospect of their ships calling at Wexford or Rosslare for the purpose of discharging cargoes. The Town Clerk intimated that a previous letter from the Minister for Industry & Commerce intimated that they could not interfere, and it was decided to send copies of the Shipping Company's letter to the Department of Industry & Commerce and a copy of Industry & Commerce's letter to Irish Shipping.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Mayor moved that the Corporation on behalf of the citizens congratulate Mr. John Murphy, Faythe, who was an outstanding figure in the shooting Competitions at the Curragh on Sunday week. He was the best individual

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marksman in Eire and got First Prize. The Wexford team were second in another competition, i.e. The Iveagh Cup; they won that cup last year and they only lost it this year by one point. Councillor Moran seconded the motion, which was supported by the County Manager, Alderman Byrne, and other members.

AMENDMENTS - RATE BOOK

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was unanimously agreed to amend the Rate Book by substituting the name of Inspector Holland for that of Andrew Kehoe in respect of the hereditament at John Street on which there was a Poor Law Valuation of £9, and by substituting the name of Andrew Kehoe for that of Inspector Holland in respect of the hereditament at John Street on which there was a Poor Law Valuation of £8. 10. 0.

The Town Clerk intimated that the necessary notice required by Section 60 of the Local Government Act, 1940, had been served on all parties interested, but that no objections had been received.

MAYOR'S SALARY

In accordance with notice given Councillor Gaul moved that the salary of the Mayor for the Quarter ended 30th September, be temporarily increased by £50 to enable him to meet abnormal expenses. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

MAUDLINTOWN FOOTPATHS

Councillor Crosbie moved that an estimate be prepared of the cost of laying concrete footpaths from the gateways to houses on the Maudlintown Housing Estate. The Town Clerk intimated that he had already obtained an estimate from the Borough Surveyor for this work, and he estimated that each footpath would cost £2. 15. 0. The Mayor pointed out that he was afraid they could not do this work out of Revenue, and it was decided to suggest to the County Manager that the work be included in a Relief Grant.

HOUSES - BARRACK ST.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Sinnott moved that steps be taken to acquire sites of two condemned houses at Barrack Street for the purpose of street widening, and the Town Clerk pointed out that preliminary steps had already been taken in this matter and he had asked the owners to give him particulars of title. It was decided to request the Town Clerk to expedite the negotiations.

LAND - SPAWELL RD./REDMOND RD.

In accordance with notice given the Mayor moved that steps be taken to acquire certain land between Spawell Road and Redmond Road for the purpose of making a link road between the two areas. This gave rise to a discussion on derelict sites in the Town, and it was unanimously decided that steps be taken to compile a plan of all the derelict sites in the Borough the object of them being acquired under the Derelict Sites Act. As regards the Mayor's proposal, which was seconded by Councillor Hadden, it was decided that inquiries should be made to ascertain the ownership of the land and the possibilities of acquiring it.

SWIMMING BATHS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Sinnott moved that an examination be made of the possibilities of having proper salt water

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swimming baths provided, and suggested the Crescent Quay. Dr. Hadden seconded this motion.

Whilst the idea of proper swimming baths was supported by all the members it was thought that other places could be examined, and it was decided to request the County Manager to have an examination made of the possibility of providing swimming baths for the Town.

INCREASED WAGES - LABOURERS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Gaul moved that as labourers at the Gas Works and Corporation labourers were always considered to be of the one status and as the Gas Works labourers are now in receipt of 62/6d per week, the Council hereby recommends the County Manager to grant an increase to Corporation labourers to bring them up to this level. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion. The County Manager stated that before they passed it it was only right that they realise the implementing of it. The increase would amount to approximately 7/6d in the Pound, or about £400, and that £400 would have to be provided for in the Corporation's next Estimate. A Penny in the Pound realised about £90 and it would mean roughly 5d in the Pound, or for 1½d, approximately, 7½ in the Pound. He was only making a rough calculation he stated but thought it was fairly accurate. Councillor Gaul's motion was unanimously agreed to.

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Byrne moved "that the Corporation are of opinion that representations should be made to the responsible authority of the National Health Insurance Society with a view to increasing the amount paid in sickness benefit to contributors so as their dependants could live in comfort during the period of illness of contributors." Councillor Crosbie seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to after discussion.

LIGHTING - KING ST. AVE.

The Town Clerk was asked to make representations to the Electricity Supply Board with a view to having the residents at King Street Avenue supplied with electric light for private purposes.

CASUAL WORKER'S BONUS

Councillor Gaul asked the Town Clerk if there was any word back about a bonus for casual workers. The Town Clerk stated that this proposal had been put before the Department, who replied stating that it was a matter, in the first instance, for the County Manager, and the Manager explained /if that/he had passed the bonus and had got the Corporation's consent to raise the sum necessary in next year's rate the Department would consider the proposal. Alderman Byrne moved that the bonus be granted and the amount raised in the Rate Estimate for 1944/45. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was agreed to.

PUBLIC PARK

Councillor Sinnott raised a question on the proposal to provide a Public Park and it was pointed out that the difficulty was in ascertaining the title of County Council to the Fever Hospital Site, and it was eventually agreed to ask the County Manager to make a report on the matter at the next meeting.

AIR BASE IN WEXFORD

Councillor Gaul referred to the question of the establishment of an aerodrome or seaplane base in Wexford. On the suggestion of Dr. Hadden it was decided to refer it to the Town Planning Committee.

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Councillor Hadden raised a question of a motion he had previously submitted - that the Government be requested to send a deputation to America to consider the pre-fabrication method of house construction there - and asked if it would be possible to have it discussed at the Congress. The Mayor undertook to see if it would be possible to have the matter raised at the Congress, and if not, it could be sent to the Executive Committee in time for the next meeting.

BONUS - CARETAKER, COOLREE.

Alderman Byrne said that some time ago he referred to the question of a bonus to the Caretaker at Coolree Reservoir, and the Town Clerk stated the position was that the conditions of employment of McMahon were being examined in the light of the extra duties he would have to perform in connection with the filtration plant. The Manager was not prepared to give a decision on the matter until he knew exactly what extra duties McMahon would have in connection with the new plant which was expected any day. Councillor Roche, however, proposed that the Manager be requested to give a bonus and Alderman Byrne seconded. The Manager pointed out that he could not legally grant an increase at present, and as soon as filters were installed they would have a case for an increase of wages. The matter was allowed to drop.

GRAVEDIGGER - CROSSTOWN

A question was raised regarding the wages of the gravedigger at Crosstown Cemetery, and the Town Clerk pointed out that his probationary period had only expired, and he would place the matter before the Manager as soon as possible.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the gates and house at the Cemetery, and the Town Clerk promised to obtain a report on same and submit it to the Manager.

HOUSE - MAGDALEN'S TCE.

A question was also raised regarding the condition of Whelan's house at St. Magdalen's Terrace, and the Town Clerk intimated that he would obtain a report from the Borough Surveyor and submit it to the County Manager.

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of Browne's Hill from Green Street to Bishopswater and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked for a report.

Complaint was also made regarding the surface of Davitt Road North, and a suggestion was made that it should be sprayed with gravel and tar.

Complaint was also made regarding the surface of portion of the road at Maudlintown, and the Town Clerk intimated that he would obtain a report from the Borough Surveyor on it.

The question of the cutting of the grass at Crosstown Cemetery was also raised, and the Town Clerk intimated that he would take the matter up with the County Manager.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Carmichael TD
Mayor of Wexford

6th September, 1943.

A meeting of the Special Dispensary Advisory Committee was held at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being:-

The Mayor (in the Chair) with Councillors Hadden, Moran, Sinnott, the County Manager and the Town Clerk.

Councillor Hadden intimated that since the last meeting he had been in touch with the Department of Public Health at Edinburgh University, who was obtaining for him particulars of modern tenancies, new classes of buildings, etc. in which the Committee was interested, and after a general discussion it was decided to adjourn the meeting until Dr. Hadden had obtained the information he would require when he could inform the Town Clerk and convene a further meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

*Richard Carol TD
Mayor of Wexford*

20th September, 1943.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, athalf-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Thomas Byrne

Councillors Gaul, Kelly, Coffey, Corish, Roche, Sinnott, Crosbie and Moran.

DERELICT SITES

A report was submitted from the County Manager intimating that in connection with the suggestion of the Corporation that derelict sites should be acquired it would be necessary at a later stage to borrow money to acquire these sites, and before proceeding with their acquisition he wanted the approval of the Corporation to such borrowing. On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation borrow to cover the expenses of acquiring derelict sites.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the Town Clerk was authorised to apply for overdraft accommodation in the sum of £5,500 up to the 30th October.

PUBLIC PARK

The Town Clerk submitted a verbal report on the proposed Public Park and the Mayor intimated that he would see Officials of the Department of Local Government & Public Health during the coming week with a view to expediting it.

CORPORATE PROPERTY

At the request of Councillor Crosbie a resolution was passed asking the County Manager to instruct the Borough to examine all the old Corporation house property and to submit a report on its condition.

STREETS

Lengthy discussion took place regarding the condition of the streets, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was unanimously resolved:

"That we ask the County Manager to direct the Borough Surveyor to make an examination of all repairs carried out on the streets by the Contractors for the Water-works Improvement Scheme; and that a copy of his report be supplied to the Corporation.

And we further desire to inform the County Manager that we are not satisfied that the supervision of such repairs should be left to the Clerk of Works; and in our opinion the Borough Surveyor should take more interest in this work."

The meeting then terminated.

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Chairman *R. Corish* TD
Mayor *J. Moran*

4th October, 1943.

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)

Alderman Thomas Byrne,

Councillors Gaul, Coffey, Flusk, Roche, Sinnott, Crosbie, Corish, and Moran.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 6th ultimo; Special Dispensary Advisory Committee on the 6th ultimo; General Purposes Committee on the 20th ult. On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Coffey, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

Councillor Coffey raised a question about the financial position of the Corporation and asked to have a report submitted showing the position up to 30th September to next meeting.

He also suggested that audits of the Corporation Accounts should be held yearly.

STOCK ISSUE

At the request of Alderman Byrne, the County Manager made a statement in committee regarding the present position of the negotiations for the flotation of a stock issue by the Corporation.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board regarding the request of the Corporation that a supply of electricity should be made available for the residents of King Street Avenue stating that owing to stocks of servicing material being exhausted they regretted that they could do nothing in the matter for the present.

A further letter was read from the Board on the subject of public lighting at Devereux Villas stating that they were instructing their District Engineer to confer with the Town Clerk on the matter.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the National Health Insurance Society in reply to the Corporation's request that the National Health Insurance Benefits should be increased, in the course of which he pointed out that the benefits were fixed by statute and could only be altered by the legislature. He also pointed out that if an increase in benefits were made it would be necessary to increase the contributions as the funds of the Society would not be able to pay increased benefits on the present rate of contribution. On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Sinnott it was decided to forward the resolution to the Minister for Finance requesting the Government to give favourable consideration to increasing these benefits.

PUBLIC PARK

The following motion appeared on the Agenda in the name of Councillor Sinnott "That unless the necessary certificate or permission from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health is forthcoming to enable

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work on Public Park to commence this year that steps be taken to have other sites examined as to their suitability." On the suggestion of the Mayor, Councillor Sinnott withdrew this motion in favour of a resolution proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Alderman Byrne that a Committee of four be set up to confer with the Town Clerk and the County Manager on this matter. This motion was unanimously agreed to, and the following Committee were appointed, namely, Alderman Byrne, Councillors Flusk, Sinnott, and the Mayor.

STREETS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Crosbie moved that a report be submitted at the next meeting of the Corporation as to the condition of streets in which there were excavations made by Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll, Contractors, for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme. The Town Clerk intimated that an Order had already been made by the Manager asking the Borough Surveyor to make such a report and that it would be submitted to the Corporation as soon as it was available.

FAMILY ALLOWANCES

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the Government be asked to introduce a system of family allowances. Councillor Coffey seconded this motion which was agreed to.

Alderman Byrne also moved that the Corporation request the County Manager to put into operation some of the proposed works for relief of unemployment in view of the plight of the unemployed. The County Manager intimated that as soon as he had received intimation from the Department as to the amount of money available for Grant work during the winter months no time would be lost in putting the schemes into operation.

MONUMENT

A resolution was submitted from the Dublin City Council calling on the Government to have the monument to the late Queen Victoria removed from its site in front of the Parliament House and to have a fitting memorial to Lord Edward Fitzgerald erected in its stead in front of his family home. Alderman Byrne moved the adoption of this resolution which was seconded by Councillor Roche. Councillor Flusk, however, suggested that whilst he agreed with the removal of the statue to the late Queen Victoria he would not agreed to public monies being expended on the erection of a statue in its stead, and suggested that the money should be expended on the provision of houses for old I.R.A. men in Dublin, who had made the Irish Government possible.

Councillor Coffey moved that the resolution be marked read, and Councillor Corish seconded. Eventually, Alderman Byrne agreed to amend his resolution calling on the Government to remove this statue but not to replace it as suggested in the Dublin resolution, but by the erection of houses as suggested by Councillor Flusk. There were then two proposals before the meeting and Councillor Coffey's that the resolution be marked read was first submitted to the meeting when only two members voted for it. The resolution proposed by Alderman Byrne and seconded by Councillor Sinnott as amended was then declared carried.

RESOLUTION

A resolution was submitted from the Skibbereen Urban Council calling on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to amend the County Management Act, but it was decided that as the Corporation had already passed a similar resolution some time ago to take no action on the resolution from Skibbereen.

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Complaint was made regarding the difficulty of securing timber for fuel supplies and the Town Clerk was requested to write to the Minister for Supplies on this matter.

CONFERENCE

A letter was read from the Secretary, County Council, intimating that it was proposed to hold a Conference of the representatives of the County Council, Corporation, and Harbour Board, to consider the advisability of providing transport of a temporary nature such as by floating ferry between Wexford Quay and Ferry Bank while the new Wexford bridge would be in course of erection and asked if the Corporation would appoint 3 delegates to attend the Conference. It was unanimously decided that the Mayor with Councillors Crosbie and Flusk should attend as representatives of the Corporation.

AGREEMENT

An agreement between the Wexford County Council and the Corporation for the use of the Corporation Fire Brigade in the Wexford rural area was submitted for sealing on the part of the Corporation, and on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the agreement was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

Richard Cornish TD

A meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the question of the Public Park was held at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being: The Mayor, Councillors Flusk, Gaul, with the County Manager and Town Clerk.

After some discussion on the position it was decided to submit a statement of the facts to the five T.D.'s for the County Wexford and that the Mayor arrange for an interview with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the matter.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Cornish TD

18th October, 1943.

A meeting of the General Purposes 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)

Alderman Byrne

Councillors Kelly, Sinnott, Crosbie, Roche and Hadden.

The first business was to deal with Old Age Pensions Claims, and a record of these will be found in the Register of Old Age Pensions Claims and Questions.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The following acknowledgments were read from the Minister for Supplies on the subject of firewood stating that ~~xx~~ firewood is not subject to control and is a matter for attention by local merchants. From the Department of An Taoiseach acknowledging the resolution of the Corporation on the subject of family allowances, and from the Department of Finance acknowledging the resolution regarding National Health Insurance and stating that it had been transmitted to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, which was the Department primarily concerned in the matter.

As Monday, 1st November, would be a Catholic Holiday, it was unanimously decided to hold the November Statutory Meeting on Tuesday, 2nd November, at 7.30.p.m.

BONUS

Councillor Sinnott gave notice that he would move at the next Statutory Meeting that the Rate Collectors be paid a bonus on their collections for 1942/43.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that he had not yet received sanction to the proposal of the County Manager to pay the Relief Workers a bonus as from February last.

Alderman Byrne gave notice that he would move at the next Statutory Meeting that the County Manager be requested to increase the wages of the grave-digger at Crosstown Cemetery.

COMPLAINT

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the entrance to the old John Street Reservoir, and the Town Clerk was requested to get a report from the Borough Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector on this matter.

The Town Clerk was also asked to have the Sanitary Inspector report on the house at the Folly Lane occupied by a man named Fenlon.

The Town Clerk was also asked to have the Sanitary Inspector make a report on the sanitary condition of 4 houses at Temperance Row.

TRAIN SERVICE

The Mayor proposed that the G. S. Railways be asked to leave the evening trains from Dublin to Wexford and Wexford to Dublin in service during the winter months as they were a great boon to travellers and would be sorely missed. Councillor Crosbie seconded the motion which was agreed to.

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CLOSING OF SHOPS

Complaint was also made regarding the hardship to make small shops close at 8.p.m. during the winter months, and it was decided to request the Minister for Industry & Commerce to revoke the Order compelling shops to close at 8.p.m. during the winter months.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Curran - T.D.

2nd November, 1943.

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)

Alderman Byrne

Councillors Gaul, Corish, Coffey, Hadden, Flusk, Roche, Sinnott, Moran, Kelly and Crosbie.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:-
Minutes of Corporation on the 4th October and General Purposes Committee on the 18th October, 1943.

After the headings of the minutes had been read, Councillor Gaul moved that the minutes be taken as read, approved and signed by the Mayor.
Councillor Crosbie seconded this motion which was agreed to.

BONUS

A question was asked regarding the payment of a bonus to Relief Grant Workers, and the Town Clerk explained that the County Manager had made an Order for the payment of a bonus to these men at the rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ d per hour with effect as from February last but that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had intimated that he would only be prepared to sanction a bonus of $1\frac{1}{4}$ d. A further Order had since been made by the Co. Manager ordering payment of a bonus of $1\frac{1}{4}$ d and as soon as sanction was received to this order the bonus would be paid.

EXPENDITURE

Arising out of a query by Councillor Coffey at last meeting the Town Clerk submitted a statement showing the expenditure of the Corporation under the various heads and the estimate for the half year ended 30th September last. He also informed Councillor Coffey of the amount of loans outstanding at the 31st March last and the amount of interest paid thereon in respect of the year 1942/43. He (T. Clerk) also reported on the state of the Rate Collection to date as compared with the previous year. This showed an improvement as did also the state of the Rent Collection as against the corresponding period of last year and the year before.

PUBLIC PARK

The Mayor reported that as a result of a discussion by the Special Committee appointed at last meeting to consider the question of a Public Park he accompanied by the other T.D.'s for the County Wexford had waited on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, who had promised to go into the matter in detail and see them again during the coming week.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution was submitted from the Longford Urban District Council "that we strongly protest against the recent action of the Electricity Supply Board imposing an increased charge of 10% on consumers of electric current." This resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Alderman Byrne, and it was also decided to point out to the Board that whatever justification there might be for increasing the charge for current there was no justification whatever for increasing the valuation charge.

GRAVEDIGGER

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was

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unanimously decided to request the County Manager to review the wages paid to the gravedigger at Crosstown Cemetery.

BONUS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Sinnott moved that the Rate Collectors be paid a bonus in respect of their collection for the year ended 31st March, 1943. Alderman Byrne seconded. In this connection it was pointed out that on a couple of occasions the County Manager had requested the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction payment of such a bonus, but he had refused to do so, but he had sanctioned the payment of a bonus in respect of the warrants for 1943/44. It was decided however, that the Town Clerk should communicate with the Minister pointing out that it was the unanimous wish of the Corporation that this bonus should be paid to the Rate Collectors.

WAGES

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was unanimously agreed to request the County Manager to increase the wages of the Corporation labourers from £2. 15. 3. to £3. 0. 0. per week and that the wages of carters should also be levelled up and an increase granted to them.

LETTING OF HOUSES

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the County Manager be requested to circularise each member of the Wexford Corporation as to the letting of houses in the Urban area, and the names of successful applicants, their places of abode, etc. Councillor Roche seconded this motion, but a number of members considered that no useful purpose could be served by sending this information to the members after houses were let, and it could always be seen in the County Manager's Orders, copies of which were laid on the table at each meeting. On a show of hands being taken two voted for the motion, 5 against. It was unanimously declared lost.

The following matters were raised by members:

- (1) Condition of the footpath outside the Co-Operative Society at Trinity St.
- (2) Condition of the footpath at Thomas Street.
- (3) Condition of the footpath at the Friary.
- (4) Condition of Trimmers Lane East.
- (5) The absence of a cover on a hydrant at Trinity Place.

DERELICT SITES

The Town Clerk read for the meeting the proposals of the County Manager regarding the acquisition of Derelict Sites in the Town, and intimated that he proposed to erect a ball alley at one derelict site at Fisher's Row when it was acquired. The members considered the erection of a ball alley a very good suggestion and approved of the sites proposed to be acquired by the County Manager.

AGREEMENT

A letting agreement between the Corporation and Mr. Laurence McCrudden of a small piece of ground at William Street was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.
The meeting then terminated.

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

His Worship the Mayor (in the Chair)

Dr. Hadden, the County Manager and the Town Clerk.

Dr. Hadden gave a verbal report on the number of clinics he had seen in various parts of the country, particularly in Monaghan, and intimated that he hoped to inspect the plans of these in the Local Government Department in the near future, and after discussing routine matters in connection with the proposed Dispensary the meeting adjourned until Dr. Hadden would have more information regarding the layout of this building.

Richard Arncliffe TD
Mayor of Wexford

15th November, 1943.

A meeting of the General Purposes 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)

Alderman T. Byrne

Councillors Crosbie, Gaul, Flusk, Coffey, Roche, Sinnott, Moran, Kelly, and Hadden.

A letter from the Wexford Branch of the Irish Labour Party on the subject of fuel supplies and the administration of the Shops Act was adjourned to the next Statutory Meeting.

The following matters were raised by members:

The lack of sanitary accommodation for houses at Temperance Row. The condition of house at Bride Street occupied by a person named Davis. The possibility of inducing the Electricity Supply Board to extend their mains to Wolfe Tone Villas and Whiterock View.

It was also suggested that the County Manager should acquire under the Derelict Sites Act a piece of ground at the junction of Abbey Street and Temperance Row for the purpose of widening the corner there.

It was decided to request the County Manager to submit a list of persons granted allotments to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

Complaint was also made regarding the slippery condition of the steps at Roche's Terrace and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to inspect same.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk be authorised to request the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to obtaining overdraft accommodation on the Ordinary Account of the Corporation in the sum of £7,500 up to the 31st December, 1943." The meeting then terminated.

R. Corish TD
Mayor

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

The Mayor, Dr. Hadden, Councillors Flusk, Sinnott, Moran, the County Manager and Mr. R. Donnelly, Town Planning Adviser to the Council, and the Town Clerk.

The meeting examined in detail Mr. Donnelly's draft plan and made a number of suggestions to him for consideration with a view to embodying them in the final plan.

The meeting then separated.

R. Corish TD
Mayor

29th November, 1943.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee 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)

Alderman Thomas Byrne

Councillors Miss Annie Kelly, James Gaul, Kevin Roche, Robert Moran, James Crosbie, Michael Flusk, and George Hadden.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

The Corporation as an Old Age Pensions Committee met at the beginning of the meeting and a number of claims and questions were disposed of, the records and decisions of which will be found in the Old Age Pensions Register of Claims and Questions.

WATER SUPPLY

Complaint was made regarding the lack of water supply to a house occupied by a man named Sills at Paul Quay, and the Town Clerk intimated that this matter had already been brought to the attention of the Medical Officer of Health for the District, but so far no report had been received.

At the request of Councillor Kelly it was decided to place the use of the Corporation meeting room at the disposal of the Child Welfare Committee for their usual meetings.

Alderman Byrne asked that the County Manager should be requested to try and make arrangements to have at least one of the Dispensary Doctors on duty in the Town on Thursday afternoons.

Alderman Byrne also gave notice of his intention to move at the next Statutory Meeting that the County Manager be requested to state his reasons for deferring the application of the gravedigger at Crosstown Cemetery for an increase in wages.

MOTION

Alderman Byrne also gave notice that he would move at the next Statutory Meeting of the Corporation that the County Manager be requested to produce all documents leading up to the dismissal of four members of the Fire Brigade.

The meeting then terminated.

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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:-

Alderman Richard Gorish, Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman Thomas Byrne,

Councillors James Gaul, Annie Kelly, Robert Moran, Robert Coffey, Michael Flusk, George Hadden, Kevin Roche, James Sinnott and James Crosbie.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 2nd ultimo; Minutes of Dispensary Sub Committee on 2nd ultimo, Minutes of the General Purposes Committee on 15th and 29th ultimo and Minutes of Town Planning Committee on the 15th ultimo.

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

WATER SUPPLY

Arising out of the minutes Alderman Byrne raised a question of supply of water to a house at Paul Quay, and the Town Clerk was requested to phone the Medical Officer of Health asking him to expedite the report.

RESOLUTION

A resolution from the Conmel Corporation protesting against the recent action of the Electricity Supply Board in increasing the charges for electricity was marked read, as a similar resolution had been adopted at the last meeting from the Longford Urban Council.

SEEDS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Roche moved that the County Manager be requested to see that all seeds given to plotholders for the 1944 Season be examined by the Plots Inspector. Councillor Crosbie seconded the motion.

In this connection it was explained that potato seed supplied for Allotments were supplied in seed bags certified by the Department of Agriculture and this practice would be adopted during the 1944 Season.. It was further explained that in the case of small seeds that during the coming season it might be possible to substitute potato seed in lieu thereof, and if this was the case the same procedure would be followed. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion and it was passed.

GRAVEDIGGER

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the County Manager be requested to give an explanation as to why consideration of increasing the wages of the gravedigger at St. Ibar's Cemetery was deferred. A lengthy discussion followed on this matter at the conclusion of which the Town Clerk stated that the man was appointed on a probationary period of six months and the last order the Manager was to defer consideration of his wages until he was at least 12 months in the employment of the Corporation. His temporary appointment was made some time in January last and the 12 months would expire during next month. Councillor Roche seconded the motion. On a poll being taken there voted for -

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Councillors Crosbie, Sinnott, Roche, Gaul, Alderman Byrne and the Mayor(6)
Against - Councillors Hadden, Flusk, Coffey, Moran and Kelly.(5).
The motion was declared carried.

DISMISSAL OF FIRE BRIGADE MEMBERS

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the County Manager be requested to produce all documents relating to the dismissal of four members of the Fire Brigade. Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion on condition that an inquiry be held into their dismissal. A lengthy discussion followed the moving of this motion during which the County Manager said he did not object to making a statement on the matter, but pointed out that the members were probably aware of the provisions of the County Management Act under which all officers and servants of the Corporation were under the sole control of the County Manager. The Manager was responsible for them and anything he was saying now was out of ~~his~~ courtesy to the Corporation as he was not bound to make any statement in regard to their servants who were specifically under his control.

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With regard to the Fire Brigade every member knew that they were specially selected, ~~in~~/an agreement which any member could inspect if they so desired. They were selected for the primary reason that they would always be available if a fire broke out in the Town. Four men were mentioned as having been dismissed, namely, Power, Bolger, Harpur and Breen. Power was a hackney driver and he was certainly never sure of in the Town if required for a fire. Bolger was at the moment an unemployed plasterer. Some short time ago he was for a considerable time in New Ross. Harpur was a lorry driver employed by Messrs. Stafford and he had to be in any part of the county to which he was sent with his lorry. At the moment Breen was employed out of Town and had been for four or five weeks. With a voluntary Fire Brigade it was absolutely essential to have days on and off. They could not expect one, two or three men to be available at home all the time and four men at liberty to be away from the Town and not in a position to be got if a fire broke out. Because of that, he decided that men whose work was in Town, and who would be at all times available if a fire broke out, should be got. The ideal would be that those men should be employed by the Corporation, but the Corporation staff were not suitable for membership of the fire brigade. He told those men when they came to see him his reasons for making the change, and that they would be changed as houses became vacant with comparable rents and comparable conditions for them. It was also suggested that the County Manager should adjourn consideration of this matter for a few minutes, but the Manager stated he was not prepared to adjourn the matter further. The matter then dropped.

MOTION - BUTTER

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the Council protest against the action of the Minister for Agriculture in increasing the price of butter by 4d per lb. Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

WAGES OF CASUAL LABOURERS

In accordance with notice given the Mayor moved that the Manager be requested to increase the wages of casual labourers employed by the Corporation to the rate recently fixed by the Wages Tribunal for builders' labourers in Wexford, namely, 50/- per week with a bonus of 1½d per hour. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

LETTER - I.L.P.

A letter was read from the Irish Labour Party on the subject of (a) scarcity of timber, (b) quality of turf being supplied in Wexford, and (c) the

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operation of the Shops Act. As regards the timber, it was pointed out by the County Manager that despite repeated requests to the Department of Supplies they were not prepared to open the timber dumps unless an absolute emergency occurred. It was pointed out, however, that considerable quantities of this timber was rotting and if left in the dumps much longer would be absolutely useless as firewood, and it was unanimously decided to request the Department of Supplies to release at least some of the timber which was showing signs of deterioration. As regards the question of turf, it appeared to be the general opinion of the meeting that the quality had improved considerably during the past couple of weeks and no action was taken on this matter.

As regards the operation of the Shops Act, it was pointed that the Corporation had only control over Part V of the Act, which dealt with sanitary conditions, lighting, heating, etc. and regular inspections of the various shops in Town were being made by the Sanitary Inspector to see that the provisions of this part of the Act were being observed.

TOWN SEWERAGE

The Town Clerk reported that the preliminary report of the Consulting Engineer in reference to the Town Sewerage had been received. The preliminary estimate stated that to bring the sewerage into conformity with modern needs and conditions would require a scheme costing approximately £55,000. The preliminary report had been submitted to the Department with a request to be informed as to what Grant would be expected if the work was undertaken.

On the suggestion of the Mayor it was decided to refer the report to the General Purposes Committee for discussion.

INCREASE OF WAGES

The Town Clerk also reported that the County Manager had acceded to the request of the Corporation to increase the wages of the 10 labourers employed by them by way of an emergency bonus of 4/9d per week to £3, and that this had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. The Town Clerk further intimated that the wages of carters Breen and Lacey had been increased to £4 per week with the Emergency bonus at present being paid to them, and this had also been sanctioned by the Minister. These matters were considered satisfactory.

PLANS

The Town Clerk stated that plans had been submitted for Housing Schemes for a number of houses at Whitemill and Distillery Road and in respect of the area known as Corry's Terrace and Paradise Row.

SYMPATHY

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the sympathy of the Corporation was extended to Councillor Crosbie on the death of his nephew, and to Mr. T. Crosbie, Captain of the Fire Brigade, on the death of his brother. The resolution was adopted in silence.

TRIBUTES

Alderman Byrne asked for permission to place on record his appreciation of the action of the County Manager in making available the service of a Doctor from the County Hospital for a dying child during the past couple of weeks. He also desired to place on record his appreciation of the services rendered by Dr. G. O'Brien on the occasion.

The meeting then terminated.

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A meeting of the Corporation acting as an Old Age Pensions Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, at which the Investigation Officer was in attendance to deal with the claims of Mr. Richard Nolan, John Street, and William Johnson, of William Street. After some discussion the two claims were referred back to the Pension Officer for further investigation.

R. Bernh. TD
Mayor of Wexford

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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)

Alderman Thomas Byrne,

Councillors Miss Kelly, Robert Coffey, George Hadden, Michael Flusk, Kevin Roche, James Sinnott, and James Crosbie.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of the Corporation on the 6th ultimo were submitted for ratification and signature, and after the headings had been intimated to the Council the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor, on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Sinnott.

DEED OF EXCHANGE

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Byrne, a Deed of Exchange of two pieces of land at St. John's Road was executed on the part of the Corporation between the Corporation and the Reverend Mother of the Convent of Mercy Schools. The exchange of land was to enable the Nuns to square off the frontage of their new Schools at St. John's Road and the compensating piece of land was to enable the Corporation to provide proper gardens for two houses on the Road in respect of which they were the ground landlords.

RESOLUTIONS

The following two resolutions from the Dundalk Urban Council were adopted on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne:-

- "(1) That we, the members of the Wexford Urban District Council call on the Government to take the necessary steps to increase immediately, by at least 50%, the existing rates of Old Age Pensions, Widows and Orphans Pensions, Blind Pensions, National Health Insurance Benefits, Unemployment Benefits, Unemployment Allowances.
- (2) That we, the members of the Wexford Urban District Council call for the immediate abolition of the Means Test, as at present applicable to applicants for Old Age Pensions, Widows and Orphans Pensions and Blind Pensions."

Arising out of the Dundalk resolution a separate motion dealing with an increase in the existing rate of pay for Army dependants was adopted as follows on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche: "that we the members of the Wexford Corporation call on the Government to take steps to increase immediately by at least 50% the allowances made to Army dependants."

The following resolution from the Tralee Urban District Council was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Crosbie:

"That before the Vocational Education (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 1943, finally passes the Oireachtas, provision be made in it to change the existing law whereby under Section 26 of the Voc. Ed. Act, 1939, local authorities are

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responsible for 50% of the gratuities and allowances payable to officers of Vocational Education Committees. These charges are and will be a very heavy burden especially on the smaller Paying Bodies as set out in the First Schedule of the 1930 Act and we are strongly of opinion that they should be met out of the same fund as their salaries."

SALARIES

In accordance with notice given the Mayor moved that the County Manager be requested to increase the salaries of all Officials of the Corporation in the same proportion as the wages of the employees had been increased. In moving the motion the Mayor pointed out that a bonus of 7/- a week had been granted to married civil servants, guards and National Teachers and 5/- to women. As far as he knew married men under Local Authorities had only been given 5/- and single men and women 3/6d, and he thought that they should be treated the same way at least as Civil Servants. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted. Councillor Coffey stated he had been told to inquire in regard to the staffs. He thought the outdoor staff was rather big and ^{that was not outdoor} and he referred to temporary employment on the Waterworks Improvement Scheme of a Clerk of Works. In reply the Town Clerk stated that the matter had been engaging the attention of the County Manager and himself for some time, and the position was that the Waterworks Scheme was to all intents and purposes finished with the exception of the installation of the filtration plant. When the filtration plant arrived at the North Wall it was discovered to be packed in straw that was not disinfected, and as the Department of Agriculture were very very careful and rightly so, they would not allow the consignment to be removed. The position was that the Department wanted the straw destroyed at the North Wall and that would mean that all the plant which contained a number of small delicate parts would have to be repacked in Dublin, or sent on without packing, with the consequent danger of damage, and the danger as well that it would be impossible to replace damaged parts for a considerable time. Representations had been made by the Manufacturers to the Department to allow the plant to be sent to Wexford and have the straw burned in Wexford under very strict conditions. He had not got any final word about the matter yet but he (T. Clerk) understood that the Department would agree to that. They thought the plant would arrive in Wexford in the course of a week or so, and that the Waterworks Scheme would be finished, but in the interim period the Clerk of Works was engaged making out quantities for the final certificate of the Contractor. The County Manager said that for two months they had been examining what the Clerk of Works was doing. He returned a diary of work every day. There had been occurrences at Edenvale which did not lead them to believe that everything was all right out there. He had been assured that the filtration plant would be sent on this week or early next week and that they would be allowed to have the straw burned under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector.

RELIEF WORK

Alderman Byrne asked when it was proposed to put into operation some scheme of Relief Work, and the County Manager stated that the scheme for general work was with the Department for some time, and they had assured him that day by phone that they would send it down immediately.

PILFERING

A question was raised regarding pilfering at dances, and the Town Clerk was asked to submit his views on the matter to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

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A meeting of the General Purposes 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)

Alderman Thomas Byrne

Councillors Raymond Corish, Robert Coffey, George Hadden, Kevin Roche, James Sinnott, Robert Moran and James Crosbie.

The following documents were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation:-

- (1) A Preliminary Order under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, for the acquisition of a derelict site at the junction of Temperance Row and Abbey Street.
- (2) Release of a Mortgage from Doris Whelan of St. Ita's Terrace, Hill Street, to the Corporation.
- (3) A Requisition to tax the Corporation Solicitor's Bill of Costs.

ESTIMATES 1944/5

The Town Clerk stated that the County Manager had asked him to inform the Corporation that he was prepared to have a preliminary discussion in committee of the Estimates for 1944/45 with the Corporation before they came formally before them for adoption, and he (Town Clerk) asked the Committee if they would fix a date for such a meeting. It was unanimously decided that the Estimates be discussed at the mid-February meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACT

It was decided that the following should represent the Corporation on an Advisory Committee which the County Manager proposed to set up under the National Monuments Act:- The Mayor, with Councillors Hadden, Byrne, and Sinnott.

PILFERING

A lengthy discussion took place regarding pilfering in the Town Hall at dances and the setting up of ladies and gents cloakrooms. This matter was adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to obtain the views of some of the people running dances as to whether or not they would be prepared to appoint cloakroom attendants.

REPORT - TOWN SEWERAGE

The report of Mr. Thos. J. O'Connor, Consulting Engineer, on the Town Sewerage was submitted for consideration, but it was decided to adjourn this so as to enable the Town Clerk to have it copied and supplied to each member.

COMPLAINT

Complaint was made regarding the attitude of Mr. Henry F. Doyle, of the Town Clerk's Office, towards recipients of vouchers under the free Fuel Scheme. It was stated by members that Mr. Doyle had on various occasions

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refused people who were unable to attend at the fixed time for distribution of these vouchers, and the Town Clerk was asked to instruct Mr. Doyle that people who had a reasonable excuse for not attending at the fixed time should get their vouchers without any trouble.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the water channel at Wellington Place; condition of the eave shoots and roofs at Roche's Terrace, and the Town Clerk intimated that he would obtain reports from the Borough Surveyor on these matters.

Complaint was also made regarding the delay in supplying boots for workmen, and the Town Clerk reported that up to the present he had been unable to obtain tenders and was in communication with the Department of Supplies on the matter.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corbett
Mayor of Wexford

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7th February, 1944.

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)

Alderman T. Byrne,

Councillors Gaul, Kelly, Flusk, Moran, Sinnott, Roche, Hadden and Corish.

At the outset of the meeting the Mayor referred to the death during the week of Mrs. Sinnott, mother of the Wexford County Manager, and moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Sinnott and the other members of the family in his bereavement, and that the present meeting stand adjourned as a mark of respect to her memory.

Councillor Moran seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff, and adopted in respectful silence.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor of Wexford

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An adjourned 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)

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Gaul, Kelly, Hadden, Flusk, Sinnott and Crosbie.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 3rd ultimo and 7th instant; General Purposes Committee on the 17th ultimo. After the headings of the minutes had been read, Councillor Gaul moved that they be taken as having been entirely read, approved and signed by the Mayor. Councillor Crosbie seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to, and the minutes as submitted were approved and signed by the Mayor.

ROCHES TCE.

Councillor Gaul referred to the condition of both entrances to Roches Tce., and it was decided to request the Borough Surveyor to make a report on them as soon as possible.

REPORT

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of the report of J. J. Flood, Esq., Local Government Auditor, on his audit of the Accounts of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the three years ended 31st March, 1943. The report was considered satisfactory.

CIVISM

The Secretary of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities forwarded for discussion copy of the paper read at the Annual Conference held in Wexford in September last on civism by the Chairman of the Tralee Urban District Council. It was decided to have the paper copied and sent to each member so that it could be discussed at the next meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution from the Letterkenny Urban District Council was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Sinnott:

"That, we, the Wexford Corporation, view with alarm the introduction of any legislation which may, in the Post-war period, have the effect of restricting the use of privately-owned commercial motor vehicles, private motor-cars or hackney vehicles, and that we demand an assurance from the Government that no such interference with the fundamental rights of the Individual is contemplated."

A further resolution from the Letterkenny Urban District Council calling on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to permit the re-letting during the emergency of houses the subject of Demolition, Closing Orders, etc. was marked read, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

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RESOLUTION

The following resolution was submitted from the Wexford Branch of the Catholic Young Men's Society which had been adopted by their Study Circle:

"That the members of this Study Circle are of opinion that the present situation in regard to children and the cinema is far from satisfactory and that it is a matter of urgent necessity that steps should be taken to provide special suitable cinema programmes for children, or at least that films should be classified so that children be excluded from unsuitable ones."

The Council of the Society was further of the opinion that in the granting of licences by the Corporation for the exhibition of pictures in the Town there should be an age limit on children attending pictures passed for exhibition to adults. In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that the Corporation had no legal authority to impose restrictions in the granting of licences such as suggested by the Society and that the censorship of films was entirely a matter for the censorship authorities in Dublin.

It was decided, however, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, to ask the Minister for Justice to seek legislative authority to enable him to carry out the sentiments expressed in the letter from the Catholic Young Men's Society.

MOTION

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the Government be requested to increase Old Age Pensions by 50%. Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion which was agreed to.

The following matters were raised by members.

The Mayor complained of the condition of the house at Devereux Villas due to fixed weather boards being fitted, and asked that a report be obtained from the Borough Surveyor on the matter.

Alderman Byrne raised a question of the wages of the gravedigger at Crosstown Cemetery, and the Town Clerk intimated that an Order had been made that morning granting him an Emergency Bonus of 5/- per week with effect as from the 17th instant.

TOWN PLANNING

It was decided to hold a meeting of the Town Planning Committee on Saturday evening next at 3.30. to consider what should be done with the derelict sites in the town which were at present being cleared.

The County Manager was asked to investigate the reason why a carter named Carroll was dismissed by Ganger Lacey on Relief Grant Work.

COUNTY MANAGEMENT ACT

A lengthy circular letter under date of the 27th ultimo was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the operation of the County Management Act, 1940, and it was decided on the suggestion of the Mayor that consideration of it be adjourned to next meeting to enable a copy of the circular to be sent to each member.

PROPOSED NEW ROAD

The Mayor raised a question regarding the proposed road from Spawell Road to Redmond Road, and the Town Clerk intimated that up to the present he had not heard from the owners of the land if they were prepared to dispose

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of the land necessary to provide this road.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A letter was read from the County Manager acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's resolution of sympathy with him on the death of his mother.

ISSUE OF STOCK

The Mayor stated that some time ago the County Manager had intimated to the Corporation that he proposed to recommend an issue of stock to fund the existing Corporation loans and asked what was the present position. The Manager stated that as intimated by the Mayor he had such an intention some time ago and that the Town Clerk had examined the outstanding loans due by the Corporation. They had ascertained that it would require £230,000 to redeem the greater portion of the loans outstanding, and he had approached the Treasurers of the Corporation with a view to them negotiating an issue of £230,000 of $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ stock at 99 redeemable in 20/40 years. The annual charges for sinking fund and interest on such an issue would amount to £10,770 and the redemption of existing short-term loans which he did not propose to redeem would amount to £1265. The administration expenses were estimated at £150 per annum, and allowing £815 for income tax and fluctuation in investment rates, etc. the total annual charges on the proposed issue of stock would amount to £13,000. The estimated loan charges of the Corporation for the current financial year amounted to £16350, so that if a loan could have been floated on the terms suggested the ratepayers of Wexford would benefit to the extent of over £3,000, or approximately 3/- in the Pound. His proposal to the Bank had not been very favourably received and it was only after a lengthy time that they had agreed to consider the proposition at all. The Bank then suggested that they would be prepared to underwrite an issue if the Corporation undertook to repay them 29% of the £230,000 by annual instalments over a period of 12 years. This meant that the Bank would take up £66,700 worth of the stock, leaving £16300 to be issued to the general public. The interest and sinking fund on £163000 would amount to £7648 per annum, and the interest and repayment on £66,700 over 12 years would amount to £7893 per annum. The repayment of existing short term loans and the administration expenses would be the same at £1265 and £150 respectively per annum, and the allowances for income tax, fluctuation and investment rates, etc. £580, which would make the Total annual charges on the method suggested by the Bank £17536 per annum for at least 12 years, so that instead of reducing their present loan charges the Corporation would be undertaking an additional liability of approximately £1200 for a period of 12 years, at the end of which time the loan charges would be considerably reduced. He felt, however, that he could not recommend the Corporation to under take this liability, and in the circumstances, it was not possible to make the issue. The meeting then terminated.

Richard Smith TD
Mayor

Chairman.....

28th February, 1944.

A Meeting of the General Purposes 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)

Alderman Thomas Byrne,

Councillors Miss Kelly, Corish, Coffey, Sinnott, Moran, Crosbie, Roche and Hadden.

The Wexford County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The meeting was convened to consider the County Manager's Estimate of the sums required to be provided by means of Town Rate in the year ending 31st March, 1945. The Estimate was accompanied by a report from the Manager showing the estimated expenditure for the current year, together with the actual expenditure for the nine months ended 31st December last. In addition, the report gave a comparative statement of the estimated expenditure for the current and ensuing Financial Years together with an explanatory statement of any alterations in these figures. The Committee carefully scrutinised the Estimate, which provided for the same rate as the current year, namely, 15/4d in the Pound, and could not see that any alterations could be made therein, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to adopt the Estimate at the Estimates Meeting due to be held on the 6th prox.

It was explained to the meeting that the County Council Demand had not yet been received and it was not possible to say what rate in the pound would be required for the Poor Rate.

COMPLAINT

Alderman Byrne raised a question on repairs to Urban Roads in the Town and complained of the condition of Upper Batt Street. Complaint was also made regarding repairs to the house at St. Magdalen's Terrace occupied by a man named Whelan, and the County Manager undertook to go into these matters as soon as possible.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor

Chairman.....

6th March, 1944.

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)

Alderman Thomas Byrne,

Councillors Robert Coffey, George Hadden, Michael Flusk, James Gaul, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, James Sinnott, Raymond Corish, and Kevin Roche.

The Wexford County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature: Minutes of Corporation on the 14th ultimo and General Purposes Committee on the 28th ultimo. After the headings of the Minutes had been read, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that the minutes as submitted be taken as read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to Mr. Robt. Hanton, John Street, and other relatives on the death of their mother the late Mrs. M. Hanton, who was the widow of a former Mayor of Wexford. Councillor Coffey seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present.

The Mayor also proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. John Cardiff, a representative of the Press, on the death of his mother. Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion which was also supported by the members present.

Alderman Byrne proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Henry F. Doyle, of the Town Clerk's Office, on the death of his child. Councillor Coffey seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members present. The three resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

CIVISM

Referring to minutes of last meeting when a paper on civism was submitted and when it had been decided to circulate a copy of the paper amongst the members, Councillor Sinnott and other members referred to this matter and particularly to the question of the provision of a Public Park. On the motion of Councillor Hadden, seconded by Councillor Coffey, it was decided to refer the matter to the Town Planning Committee for consideration and report, and it was further decided that the Committee should meet on Monday next the 13th instant.

ESTIMATES

The first business on the Agenda was to consider the Estimate of the Town Rate for the year ending 31st March, 1945, and to agree on the rate in the pound in respect of Borough Rate, Rate in lieu of County Cess and Water Rates. It was explained to the meeting that the Poor Rate Demand had not yet been received from the County Council, and consequently, it was not possible to submit a Poor Rate Estimate.

Chairman.....

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6th March, 1944.

The Estimates and the report of the County Manager which had been circulated to the members had been considered by the General Purposes Committee on the 28th ultimo, and the members could not see that any reduction could be made.

All the members considered it very satisfactory that the Town Rate Estimate would not be higher than last year, particularly, having regard to the increased cost of materials and various increases in wages and salaries. Councillor Coffey referred to the large sum outstanding on foot of loans, but it was pointed out to him that these were fixed charges over a certain period of years and the greater portion of them was in respect of housing, and no alteration could be made in these charges unless it was possible at a later date to fund them by an issue of stock, which matter was still being examined by the County Manager and the Town Clerk. The present meeting also agreed that no alteration could be made in the Estimates as submitted, and on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Alderman Byrne, the rates in the pound set out in Table C of the Estimate namely, a Borough Rate of Eleven Shillings in the Pound; (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Ten Shillings for General Sanitary Purposes) a Special Rate in lieu of County Cess of Two Shillings in the pound; a Domestic Water Rate of One Shilling and Fourpence and a Public Water Rate of One Shilling in the Pound were unanimously agreed to as the Rates in the Pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimate in respect of the Financial Year ending on the 31st March, 1945.

A copy of Table C was thereupon signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Town Clerk.

MARKET RECEIPTS

At the request of Councillor Corish it was agreed that a return of the receipts from the Market be submitted to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

ANNUAL MEETING - IRISH PUBLIC BODIES

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne Councillor Robert Moran was appointed as the representative of the Corporation at the Annual Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

REPORT - TOWN SEWERAGE

There was again submitted to the meeting the report of Mr. T. J. O'Connor, Consulting Engineer for the Wexford Main Drainage System, a copy of which had been circulated amongst the members, but it was decided to refer this report back to the General Purposes Committee for consideration.

PLOTS - ST. JOHN'S RD.

It was explained to the meeting that in accordance with the decision of the Corporation an exchange of plots of ground had taken place at St. John's Road between the Corporation and the Sisters of the Convent of Mercy, and as a result of this exchange the Corporation were now the owners of a plot of ground at the rear of the property leased by Mr. Jas. Quirke and Mrs. Ellen Ffrench. It had always been the intention of the Corporation that if at any time they could acquire this ground that it should be let into the plots of these two people as they had never received the full quantity of ground to which they were entitled for building plots.

The question was now raised as to what rent should be charged for the additional land and it was pointed out that some rent would have to be charged for the unexpired period of their original leases, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was

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6th March, 1944.

unanimously agreed that the plot of ground at the rear of their premises should be demised to Mr. Quirke and Mrs. Ffrench at a rent of One Shilling per annum for the unexpired period of their original leases.

WATER SUPPLY - PARNELL ST.

Councillor Sinnott complained regarding lack of water to some houses at Parnell Street, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had investigated this matter and ascertained that a report had been sent by the Sanitary Inspector to the Medical Officer of Health as far back as the end of December last, but so far the Medical Officer had not reported.

DERELICT SITE

Councillor Sinnott referred to a derelict site at South Main Street, and the County Manager intimated that he would have it examined with a view to acquiring it under the Derelict Sites Act.

FILMS FOR CHILDREN

Referring to minutes of last meeting when a letter was read from the Catholic Young Men's Society regarding the exhibition of films for children a letter was read from the Minister for Justice on the matter intimating that in view of the provisions contained in existing legislation he did not see any reason to introduce legislation on the lines suggested by the Corporation. It was decided to send a copy of the letter to the C.Y.M.S.

LIGHT - ST. BRENDAN'S RD.

Alderman Byrne complained about lack of light at St. Brendan's Road, and it was decided to try and remedy this before next winter.

OLD GRAVEYARDS

A letter was read from the Old Wexford Society intimating that the following resolution had been passed by them:

"That this Society respectfully request the Wexford Corporation to consider cleaning up and putting in repair the old graveyards and churchyards etc. of the Town."

In this connection Councillor Hadden moved that the County Manager be requested to examine this position. The motion was seconded by Councillor Coffey, and unanimously agreed to.

The Manager intimated that no one was more anxious than he to clean up old graveyards in the Town, but it was a question of cost, and he had gone so far as to obtain the permission of the Church Authorities in Rome to take over one graveyard in the Town and he would now examine the position of a small graveyard and if it was at all possible he would carry out the necessary work with the finances at his disposal.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Smith T.D.
Mayor

Chairman.....

*Appendix to Minutes of 6th
March, 1944
Cye*

B O R O U G H O F W E X F O R D

Town Hall,

WEXFORD.

23rd February, 1944.

A Chara,

I attach, herewith, my Estimate of Expenses and Determination of the Rate in the Pound in respect of Wexford Corporation for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1945, which will be considered at the Estimates Meeting to be held on the 6th prox.

While the form of Estimate is the same as for the current year - the form prescribed by the Public Bodies Order, 1942 - I propose to give you in this report comparative details of how the Estimates are arrived at.

At the outset, however, I give you, as promised last year some idea of how the actual expenditure for the nine months of the current year to 31st December last, compares with the Estimate for 1943/44.

ESTIMATE FOR 1943/44.	Estimated Expenditure.	Actual Expenditure to 31st December last.
Repair of Roads	945	657
Improvement of Roads	1175	704
	2120	1361
Public Health Acts Expenses	5638	4630
Housing of the Working Classes	12235	11451
Tourist & Development	20	20
Vocational Education	995	799
Other Expenses	4472	3917
Materials & Expenses	500	858
	23660	21655
Waterworks	3166	2816
Poor Rate	10056	5881

The amount estimated for the repair of roads appears to have been substantially correct and will carry us over the period to 31st March next. Under the heading of Roads Improvement the estimated sum will also be expended as the Corporation contribution towards Employment Schemes has yet to be charged.

The expenses under the Public Health Acts may be slightly higher than the estimate due to extra expenditure on sewerage and to the cost of lighting the Quays. Every possible effort is being made, however, to keep the total actual expenditure to 31st March next within the Estimate. If not I shall ask you to approve of whatever sum is needed over that sanctioned.

The actual expenditure under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts appears to be in accordance with the Estimate.

If the final Instalment of the Demand of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee were added to the actual expenditure it would approximate very closely to the Estimate.

The actual Expenditure under "Other Expenses" will be within the Estimate at the close of the year.

While the expenditure under "Materials Expenses, Etc." is higher than the Estimate (which only provides for the rent of the store and storekeeper's wages) the figure shown does not reflect the true position as this actually represents materials in stock and will be charged against the various services as they are consumed.

It is expected to have a small credit balance on the Waterworks at 31st March which is being taken into account in the Estimate for next year.

The Poor Rate expenditure needs no explanation as the Corporation are really only collectors for the County Council, and a further sum of £2095 has been paid since 31st December last.

I am of opinion that while it may be necessary to seek your approval to increased expenditure under one head of the current year's Estimate, sufficient funds will be available to meet such and that a small credit balance will be on hands to carry into next year's Estimate.

ESTIMATES FOR 1944/45

The following comparative table shows how the Estimated Expenditure for the current and ensuing Financial Years is arrived at.

SERVICE	<u>Year 1943/44.</u>		<u>Year 1944/45.</u>	
	Amounts	Totals	Amounts	Totals
	£			
Repair of Urban Roads	945		945	
Improvement of Urban Roads	<u>1175</u>	2120	<u>1175</u>	2120
Expenses under Public Health Acts:				
Burial Grounds	357		370	
Scavenging	2465		2295	
Public Health & Social Services	<u>2816</u>	5638	<u>2829</u>	5494
Housing of the Working Classes Acts		12235		12525
Tourist Development		20		20
Vocational Education		995		1019
Other Expenses:-				
Markets & Corporate property	610		633	
Fire Brigade	296		396	
General Administration	1841		2133	
Miscellaneous	<u>1625</u>	4472	<u>1420</u>	4582
Materials, Machinery & Stores		300		350
Waterworks		3166		3240
T O T A L S		28946		29350

The Gross Estimated expenditure is £404 in excess of the current year's figure.

With the exception of an estimated increase of £50 from St. Ibar's Cemetery the Receipts for the coming year are estimated at the same figure as for the current.

The following is an explanatory statement of the above Table:-

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The first item is the Maintenance and Improvement of Urban Roads and as previously pointed out the expenditure appears to be planning out in accordance with the Estimate. In this connection, however, there is one item to which I must call attention, namely, The Folly Road Widening Scheme, which was undertaken by the Corporation a couple of years ago. The work was carried out by means of a Grant from the Relief Schemes Vote, but the actual cost of acquiring the land has to be met by the Corporation. Up to the present accounts amounting to £136 have been presented and all are not yet to hand, but I estimate that there will be an additional £100, making the total approximately, £236. It may be possible to meet this expenditure out of Revenue and if so, I shall do so. If not, I will be obliged to ask you to make provision for it in the 1945/46 Estimates.

The second item is Expenses under the Public Health Acts. This comprises graveyards, domestic & public scavenging, and Public Health and Social Services.

The expenditure on graveyards shows a slight increase due to the payment of a cost of living bonus to the staffs, but receipts are estimated at £50 more than last year.

As you will observe the estimate for scavenging is reduced by £170. The beat system of scavenging which you authorised a few years ago and which was put into operation some eighteen months back has, I believe, proved itself much more efficient than the old system. The increase in wages granted to the men on this work alone amounts to £140 a year. There is no possibility of procuring delivery of the new scavenging lorry until after the emergency.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

You will observe, despite the fact that I anticipate over-expenditure under this head in the current year, that the estimate only shows an increase of £13 due to cost of living bonus, and the reason for this will be apparent at a later stage in this report.

Housing of the Working Classes shows an increase of £290 due to provision having to be made for the supplementary loan borrowed in connection with the 34 and 5-house schemes at Green Street, as well as to increased provision for Collectors' Commission. I am including a similar sum (£1,000) for the maintenance of houses as for the current year and hope to carry out some more painting if materials can be obtained. I may say that great difficulty was experienced last year in obtaining suitable materials for this work. As well, due to increased cost of labour and materials, £1000 will not carry out as much work as previously. The estimated receipts show no change but it is gratifying to record that the arrears of rent continue to show a progressive decrease.

The sum allowed for Tourist Development is the same at £20 as you have granted for some years past.

The Estimated Expenditure on Vocational Education is higher by £24 due to an increase in the Demand of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

Other Expenses show an increase of £110. Markets & other Corporate Property are up by £23 due to cost of living bonus and increased provision for Collectors' Commission. There is no change in the Estimate for the Fire Brigade. General Administration shows an increase of £292 and is due to cost of living bonuses, increased provision for Rate Collector's Commission and to a general rise in administrative expenses. Miscellaneous Expenditure is down by £205 and is mainly due to the segregation under other headings of portion of the sum included for cost-of-living bonuses.

The increase of £50 under the heading of Materials & Machinery Expenses is due to bonus and to provision for electric light in the store.

The increase of £74 in the Waterworks Estimate is due to provision for bonuses and increased Loan Charges.

The Poor Rate Estimate cannot yet be presented as the County Council Demand has not been received.

The result is that the estimated expenditure to be met out of Town Rates is up by £404 and the Receipts by £50, leaving the net increase £354 (Borough Rate £280 and Water Rates £74) which is equivalent to a poundage rate of Fourpence (3d & 1d). To meet this increased expenditure a credit balance of £350 at the 31st March is estimated so that the net poundage rates for the ensuing year, if you approve of this estimate, will be the same as for the current year: namely, Borough Rate 11/-; Special Rate in lieu of County Cess 2/-; and Water Rates 2/4d; making the total 15/4d.

I need hardly say that each item in the Estimates has been the subject of very careful examination with the object of ascertaining if any reductions could be made without impairing the Municipal Services, but having regard to the increasing cost of material, labour and other services the estimates as now presented are such as will allow the services mentioned to be efficiently administered only by careful supervision and with the wholehearted co-operation of all concerned.

During the current year the difficulties experienced by Public Bodies have not diminished, and I can hold out no hope but that the coming year will intensify the various unprecedented problems which have confronted us since 1939. Therefore, the financial arrangements ~~now~~ proposed may not plan out as anticipated and every proposal involving expenditure (whether estimated for or not) will have to be carefully examined with a view to ascertaining if it is not possible of postponement.

During the current year, as you are aware, I examined the question of the outstanding Capital Debt of the Corporation with the object of funding same by means of an issue of £230,000 Redeemable Stock carrying interest at 3½% and secured upon all the rates, revenues and property of the Borough. This conversion would have meant a saving in Loan Charges of over £3000 per annum and would have allowed a substantial rate reduction in the current year as well as leaving an ample margin for urgent and post war Capital Works. However, as explained to you at your meeting on the 14th instant the Banks were not prepared to underwrite the issue except on terms which I could not recommend you to accept as instead of reducing the burden of Loan Charges their terms would have substantially increased it for the next 12 years. Notwithstanding this, however, I am still convinced that an issue by the Corporation as originally suggested would receive the unqualified support not only of the local ratepayers but of outside investors, and I only await a favourable opportunity of again re-opening this matter.

During the current year work was commenced on the clearance of Derelict Sites with the aid of a Grant from the Relief Schemes Vote, but the cost of acquiring the sites will have to be met by the Corporation. If such cost is very high I will recommend that it be met by borrowing.

During the coming year it will be necessary to take steps to implement the report of the Consulting Engineer on the Town Sewerage. A copy of this Report has already been furnished to each member, and I have asked the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to indicate what Grant will be available to carry out the work. On receipt of this information I will be in a position to give you particulars of the cost to the local ratepayers.

Another matter to which I propose to give attention during the ensuing year is the establishment of a Public Auditor, which I consider to be an urgent necessity.

There is just one more point to which I should like to refer. That is the indebtedness of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners to the Corporation. In the year 1936 the Corporation undertook the maintenance, lighting and cleansing of the streets leading from the Quays under an agreement by which the Commissioners were to pay the sum of £52. 10. 0. per annum for the maintenance etc. of these streets in addition to the actual cost of lighting. In 1942, with your approval, I undertook for the Commissioners the lighting of the Quays on condition that the actual cost of this service was repaid as and when funds were available. At the 31st December last the Harbour Commissioners were indebted to the Corporation in respect of these services in the sum of £359, and as I understand that their dredger is now on hire to the state I consider it only equitable that they should make a substantial payment to the Corporation early in the coming year. As a large proportion of this expenditure has been met out of our Public Health Account (for Public Lighting) a similar proportion of any payment will revert back to this account and it is for this reason that I have refrained from recommending an increase under this head in the estimate.

Finally, I should like to acknowledge the co-operation I have received from the Corporation, individually and collectively, during the current year in the administration of the affairs of the Borough, and have no hesitation in saying that with a continuation of such co-operation during the ensuing year we will find ourselves in, at least, as good a position twelve months hence as we are in now.

Mine, le meas,

TOMAS D. O'SIONOID,

Wexford County Manager.

B O R O U G H O F W E X F O R D

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND DETERMINATION OF RATES IN THE POUND FOR
THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE
31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1945.

T A B L E A .

EXPENDITURE.

HOW RAISED	NATURE OF EXPENDITURE.	AMOUNT ESTIMATED	
		Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council.
1	2	3	4
SPECIAL RATE IN LIEU OF CO. CESS.	URBAN ROADS:	£	£
	REPAIR	945	
	IMPROVEMENT	1175	
	T O T A L S	2120	
BOROUGH RATE.	EXPENSES UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS	5494	
	HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES	12525	
	TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	20	
	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	1019	
	OTHER EXPENSES	4582	
	MATERIALS AND MACHINERY EXPENSES	350	
	T O T A L S	23990	
WATER RATES	WATERWORKS	3240	
	T O T A L S	3240	

T A B L E B
R E C E I P T S

APPLICABLE IN RELIEF OF 1	NATURE OF RECEIPT 2	AMOUNT ESTIMATED	
		ESTIMATED BY MANAGER 3 £	ADOPTED BY COUNCIL. 4 £
BOROUGH RATE	GOVERNMENT GRANTS	4992	
	HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES	5300	
	PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS	300	
	OTHER RECEIPTS	1098	
	T O T A L S	11690	
WATER RATES	WATERWORKS	885	
	T O T A L	885	

T A B L E C.
CALCULATION OF RATES IN THE POUND.

R A T E S	ESTIMATED EXPEND- ITURE.	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	NET ESTIM- ATED EXPEND- ITURE.	ESTIMATED DEBIT BALANCE (IF ANY)	ESTIMATED CREDIT BALANCE (IF ANY)	AMOUNT LEVIABLE	VALUATION	RATE IN THE POUND.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	s. d.
SPECIAL RATE IN LIEU OF COUNTY CESS	2120	Nil	2120	Nil	Nil	2120	21257	2. 0.
BOROUGH RATE	23990	11690	12300	Nil	250	12050	21907	11. 0.
WATER RATES	3240	885	2355	Nil	100	2255	DOMESTIC 18467 PUBLIC 21207	1. 4. 1. 0.

£ BOROUGH RATE:- 1/- for General Town Purposes and 10/- for General Sanitary Purposes.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AT (~~AN ADJOURNMENT OF~~) THE ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD THIS SIXTH DAY OF MARCH, 1944, THE COUNCIL DID BY RESOLUTION ADOPT THE ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES SET FORTH IN TABLES A, B AND C, AND DID ALSO BY RESOLUTION DETERMINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAID ESTIMATE THE RATES SET FORTH IN COLUMN 9 OF TABLE C TO BE THE RATES IN THE POUND TO BE LEVIED FOR THE SEVERAL PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THE SAID ESTIMATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1945.

DATED THIS SIXTH DAY OF MARCH, 1944.

SIGNED.....*Richard Corish*.....MAYOR

COUNTERSIGNED.....*[Signature]*.....TOWN CLERK.

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13th March, 1944.

A Meeting of the Town Planning and Dispensary 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)

Councillors James Sinnott and Dr. George Hadden.

After lengthy discussions on matters concerning Town Planning, the clearance of Derelict Sites and the proposed new Dispensary at Patrick Square the following decisions were arrived at:

- (1) that the County Manager be requested to instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare before next meeting of the Committee a large scale map showing the derelict sites in the Faythe area together with information as to the depth and width of each such site.
- (2) That the County Manager be requested to have an examination made of the possibility of erecting flats in the Cornmarket area.
- (3) That the County Manager be requested to open negotiations with Miss Elizabeth Kinsella, Upper John Street, with the object of acquiring such portion of her property adjoining the derelict site there as would enable houses to be erected thereon.
- (4) That the County Manager be requested to take steps to have a plan prepared for the construction of a road from Davitt Road South to the junction of Waterloo Road and Paradise Row.
- (5) That the County Manager be requested to take steps to acquire the land necessary to enable a new road to be constructed from Spawell Road to Redmond Road.
- (6) That the County Manager be requested to examine the possibility of acquiring, under the Derelict Sites Act, the two houses at Richmond Terrace, Spawell Road, owned by Colonel Jordan, which had not been let for occupation for a number of years.
- (7) That the County Manager take steps to acquire portion of the land at William Street occupied by Messrs. Springs Ltd. with a view to continuing the erection of good class houses at William Street.
- (8) That the County Manager be requested to take steps to acquire the interest of the various people owning property in Batt St. with a view to its development as a Housing Site.
- (9) That the Co. Manager be requested to plant trees at the junction of the Faythe and William St. and at Swan View.
- (10) That the Co. Manager be requested to take steps to provide an entrance to St. Patrick's Churchyard from Peter Street.

Regarding the proposed Central Dispensary Dr. Hadden submitted rough plans giving his ideas of what this dispensary should contain having regard to his inspection of such dispensaries in various parts of the country, and after they had been examined by the Committee it was decided to submit them to the Co. Manager with a request that he obtain the observations of the Co. Medical Officer of Health on the plans submitted by Dr. Hadden, and report such observations to Councillor Dr. Hadden as soon as possible.

The meeting then terminated.

28th March, 1944.

A Special 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:-

Alderman Thomas Byrne,

Councillors James Gaul, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Miss Annie Kelly, and Kevin Roche.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, Councillor Sinnott was selected to occupy the chair owing to the absence of His Worship the Mayor.

POOR RATE ESTIMATE

The meeting had been convened to consider the Estimate of Expenses and Determination of Rate in the Pound of the Poor Rate for the Financial Year ending on 31st day of March, 1945. A Copy of the Estimate and Determination of Rate in the Pound had been furnished to each member within the statutory period, and a further copy is attached to these minutes.

It was seen that the amount required to be raised by means of Poor Rate was £10,585, which would require a rate of 9/8d in the Pound, and as the members could not suggest how the Estimate could be reduced it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that the Estimate set forth in Tables A, B and C. be adopted and that a Poor Rate of 9/8d in the Pound be agreed to for the Financial Year ending on 31st day of March, 1945.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Cross TD
Mayor

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Appendix B Minutes
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ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND DETERMINATION OF RATE IN THE POUND (POOR RATE)
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1945.

TABLE A -- EXPENDITURE.

HOW RAISED 1	NATURE OF EXPENDITURE 2	AMOUNT	ESTIMATED
		ESTIMATED BY MANAGER 3 £	ADOPTED BY COUNCIL 4 £
POOR RATE	MONEY TO BE SUPPLIED TO COUNTY COUNCIL	8954	8954
	CONTRIBUTION UNDER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ACTS	850	850
	OTHER EXPENSES	781	781
	TOTAL	10585	10585

TABLE B -- RECEIPTS.
NIL.

TABLE C. - CALCULATION OF RATES IN THE POUND.

R A T E 1	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE 2	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 3	NET ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE. 4	ESTIMATED DEBIT BALANCE (IF ANY) 5	ESTIMATED CREDIT BALANCE (IF ANY) 6
POOR RATE	£10585	NIL	£10585	NIL	NIL
AMOUNT LEVIABLE 7	VALUATION 8		RATE IN THE POUND. 9		
£10585	£21907		S. D 9 - 8.		

CERTIFICATE.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AT (AN ADJOURNMENT OF) THE ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD THIS 28TH DAY OF MARCH, 1944, THE COUNCIL DID BY RESOLUTION ADOPT THE ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES SET FORTH IN TABLES A, B AND C, AND DID ALSO BY RESOLUTION DETERMINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAID ESTIMATE THE RATE SET FORTH IN COLUMN 9 OF TABLE C TO BE THE RATE IN THE POUND OF THE POOR RATE TO BE LEVIED FOR THE SEVERAL PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THE SAID ESTIMATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1945.

DATED TH IS 28TH DAY OF MARCH, 1944.

SIGNED

James Smith Chairman

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COUNTERSIGNED

TOWN CLERK.

3rd April, 1944.

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)

Alderman Thomas Byrne,

Councillors James Gaul, Robert Coffey, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Annie Kelly, and Kevin Roche.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 6th and 28th ultimo; Town Planning and Dispensary Committee on the 13th ultimo. After the headings of the minutes had been announced it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Coffey, that the minutes as submitted be taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at last meeting were read from Mr. John Cardiff and Mr. Robt. E. Hanton.

QUARTERLY MEETING

The first business was to fix the day and hour for a Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held between the 23rd June and 1st July next, and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that the Quarterly Meeting be fixed for Monday 26th June, 1944, at 7.30.p.m.

RESOLUTION

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved "that due to the unity that exists in the country to-day between all parties that An Taoiseach be asked to release all national internees." This motion was seconded by Councillor Roche, who suggested the addition of the following words - "and all persons convicted of political offences." The motion was unanimously agreed to.

INVITATION

An invitation was received from the Easter Commemoration Committee requesting the Mayor, Corporation, County Manager and other Officials to attend the 11 o'clock Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Easter Sunday, which would be offered for the repose of the souls of all those who died for Irish freedom. It was unanimously decided to accept the invitation.

PARTITION PLEBISCITE

A letter was read from Ailtiri na hAiséirge requesting the support of the Corporation to a nation-wide partition plebiscite which it was proposed to hold during the Autumn. On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was unanimously agreed to support the plebiscite.

At the request of the Mayor, it was decided to defer the May Monthly Meeting of the Council to Monday May 8th from May 1st.

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The following matters were raised by members:

The condition of the steps at Roche's Terrace.

Alderman Byrne asked what were the circumstances by which Mr. Ml. O'Leary was not employed this year to write portion of the Rate Books, etc., and the Town Clerk informed the Alderman that O'Leary had been offered the work as in previous years but had refused it on the grounds that the amount of money offered was not sufficient and that ^{he} could not complete the work against the middle of May. In reply to a further query by Alderman Byrne the Town Clerk intimated that the rate of remuneration for this work had been increased by 25% a few years ago by the Corporation and that the appointment of these Rate Clerks was always left in his hands.

WARNING NOTICES

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that he was having warning notices against trespass printed for erection on the various allotments fields in the Town, and the Mayor requested the Town Clerk to instruct the Rent Collectors to speak to the parents of the children at Columba Villas and request them to keep their children from trespassing on these allotments.

WAGES - CARETAKER RESEVOIR

The question of the wages of the Caretaker at Coolree Reservoir was again raised, and the Town Clerk intimated that there was no change in the position since he reported on it before. This was that it would be purely a waste of time to request the Local Government Department to sanction any increase in wages unless it could be shown that extra work was involved. The consideration of McMahon's wages had been deferred by the County Manager until the filtration plant was installed at Coolree when it could be decided what extra duties, if any, would devolve on McMahon. When such a decision was arrived at the whole question of his wages would be reviewed. Some of the members were not satisfied that this matter should be deferred and asked the Town Clerk to again place it before the County Manager for consideration. Complaint was also made regarding the wages of the caretaker of the pumping plant at Edenvale but consideration of this was adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to obtain details of his hours of work and duties etc.

MEETING

It was decided to hold a meeting of the Town Planning Committee on Wednesday the 12th inst. at 7.30.p.m. and the County Manager was to be requested to attend and to have the Borough Surveyor in attendance at this meeting to consider plans for post war housing.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Conry T.D.
Mayor
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12th April, 1944.

A meeting of the Town Planning 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)

Councillors Hadden, Moran, and Sinnott.

The Wexford County Manager, Borough Surveyor, and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

A general discussion took place on the provision of houses immediately after the present emergency, and it was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that the Corporation should be asked to recommend the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that subsidy at the full rate should be paid on houses erected for the following categories of persons:

(1) Slum dwellers,

(2) Young married couples, a number of whom were starting life under wretched conditions.

The plans and lay out for two Housing Schemes at Slippery Green and Waterloo Road were examined, and it was decided to request the County Manager to take steps to acquire the sites with as little delay as possible. A suggestion was also made that the County Manager should acquire the Batt Street area with a view to its post war development, and he was also asked to examine the possibility of erecting a few houses on the derelict site at Reilly's Lane and John Street. The Manager was also asked to request the County Medical Officer of Health to expedite the Housing Survey so that definite information would be available with as little delay as possible, of the number of houses needed in the Town.

The Manager was also asked to examine the possibility of the erection of houses on the various derelict sites at the Faythe.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor
8. 5. 44

17th April, 1944.

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

The members being:

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor in the Chair

Alderman Thomas Byrne,

Councillors Miss Kelly, Robert Coffey, James Gaul, Raymond Corish, Robert Moran, James Crosbie, Kevin Roche, James Sinnott, and Dr. George Hadden.

WALL - ROCK'S LANE

Complaint was made by Councillor Miss Kelly that the wall surrounding the Corporation stone depot at Rock's Lane was broken down. She asked that the Borough Surveyor should take steps to have it repaired.

DEPUTATION - HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

The Mayor stated that he had been asked by the Wexford Harbour Commissioners to request the Corporation to receive a deputation at their next meeting with a view to considering the present financial position of the Harbour Board, and to consider what steps should be taken to carry out essential maintenance in view of the promise given by the Minister for Industry & Commerce to contribute 50% of the cost of essential maintenance provided the other 50 was provided by the local Rating Authority. The Mayor also gave details of the Harbour Board's Estimate of yearly expenditure, and it was unanimously decided to inform the Board that the Corporation would receive the deputation at their meeting on the 8th May, 1944, at 8.p.m.

Councillor Corish raised a question of the condition of John's Gate Street and asked when it was proposed to have repairs carried out to the surface. This gave rise to a general discussion on the present condition of the streets in the town, which was described by the members as anything less than disgraceful, and they instructed the Town Clerk to request the County Manager to have the Borough Surveyor present at their next meeting so that the question of the present condition and the future maintenance of the streets could be fully discussed.

WALL - PARNELL ST.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the wall at the top of Parnell Street where the street had been widened, and the Town Clerk was directed to ascertain if the wall in question had been acquired by the Corporation under the recent Derelict Sites Order.

Complaint was also made that Mr. McEvoy of Whiterock View was suffering considerable annoyance by the trespass of a donkey from his neighbours garden on to his.

Complaint was made re dumping at the corner of Seaview Avenue and Trinity Street, and the Sanitary Inspector was also to be asked to submit a report on the sanitary condition of the house at Barrack Street occupied by Keegans.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor
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8th May, 1944.

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)

Alderman Thomas Byrne,

Councillors James Crosbie, James Sinnott, George Hadden, James Gaul,
Kevin Roche, Robert Coffey, Robert Moran and Annie Kelly.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:-
Minutes of Corporation on 3rd ultimo; Town Planning Committee on 12th ultimo and General Purposes Committee on the 17th ultimo.
After the headings of the Minutes had been read it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Moran, that the minutes as submitted be taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

An acknowledgment of a resolution adopted at last meeting regarding political prisoners and internees was read from the Department of An Taoiseach.

RATES

The first business was to formally make a Borough Rate, Rate in lieu of County Cess, Water Rates and Poor Rate for the year ending 31st March, 1945, and the following four resolutions were unanimously adopted:

(1) On the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Coffey:

"That a Borough Rate of Eleven Shillings in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Ten Shillings for General Sanitary Purposes) be made on the net assessable value of property within the 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 the said Borough to be carried out in the year ending 31st March, 1945, as considered and adopted on 6th March, 1944."

(2) On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Moran:

"That an assessment of Two Shillings in the Pound be made in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1945, 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 6th March, 1944."

(3) On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Gaul,

"That an assessment of Two Shillings and fourpence in the Pound (a Domestic Water Rate of One Shilling and fourpence and a Public Water Rate of One Shilling) on the rateable value of property within the Borough of Wexford be laid on in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1945, 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

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considered and adopted on the 6th March, 1944."

(4) On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Coffey:

"That a Poor Rate of Nine Shillings and eightpence in the Pound for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1945, be made on the net assessable valuation of property within the Borough of Wexford as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 28th March, 1944."

The Rate Book containing the foregoing four Rates together with arrears carried forward from previous years was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolution submitted by the Offaly County Council was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Moran:

"That the Wexford Corporation considers that the practice in this country of working on Church Holydays is contrary to Christian principles and we call on our Catholic Government to abrogate all Bank Holidays and declare all Church Holydays National Holidays."

The following resolution moved by Alderman Byrne and seconded by Councillor Roche was agreed to:

"That the Minister for Industry & Commerce be requested to make representations to the Great Southern Railway Co. to resume the Market Train from Waterford to Wexford on Saturdays in view of the hardships that its discontinuance has imposed on the people of South Wexford."

LICENCES

The first business was to consider applications for the renewal of licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the Capitol and Palane Cinemas.

In this connection the Town Clerk reminded the members that some time ago they had requested the County Manager to submit these applications to them when the Licences came up for renewal, and the only change in the application was that the proprietors requested permission to hold matinees on Sunday afternoons. This request gave rise to a lengthy discussion at the end of which Councillor Gaul moved that the Corporation agree that ~~that~~ the County Manager should grant permission to have matinees on Sunday afternoons. Councillor Sinnott seconded. On a show of hands four voted for the resolution and five against. It was accordingly declared lost.

Councillor Sinnott thereupon proposed that representations be made to the Minister for Justice that only suitable type of films should be allowed to be shown at childrens' matinees and that an age limit should be imposed on children attending night performances intended for adults. Councillor Coffey seconded this motion which was also agreed to.

DEPUTATION - WEXFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

A deputation attended from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners to discuss the question of state assistance for the Harbour during the present emergency. The deputation consisted of Mr. W. V. Stafford and Mr. J. J. Scanlon. It was explained to the meeting that during the present emergency the Harbour was rapidly deteriorating due to lack of funds to keep it properly maintained.

Chairman

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A deputation of Harbour Authorities had recently discussed the matter with the Minister for Industry and Commerce who had intimated that he was prepared to recommend the Government to grant financial assistance to certain harbours to enable them to carry out essential works of maintenance during the emergency provided local rating authorities would also contribute an equal amount.

The deputation estimated that the expenses of maintaining the Harbour would amount to £2173 per annum and that their revenue would amount to £466, leaving a deficit of £1707 to be met by the State and Local Rating Authorities.

In this connection it was suggested after some discussion that the County Council should be asked to contribute a rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d in the pound and the Corporation the balance to make up half the deficit.

The members of the Corporation unanimously agreed to this suggestion on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, and the Mayor intimated that he would bring the matter forward at the next meeting of the County Council.

Mr. Stafford returned thanks on behalf of the Harbour Commissioners to the Corporation for receiving the deputation and the members of it then withdrew.

POST WAR HOUSING

The next business was to discuss plans for Post War Housing. This matter had been before the Town Planning Committee of the Corporation at their last meeting when it was pointed out that plans had been prepared for the erection of houses at Slippery Green and Corry's Terrace, and that the necessary preliminary steps had been taken for the acquisition of the lands in each case. As well, preliminary steps had been taken regarding the acquisition of the area known as Batt Street where it was also proposed to erect houses. Arising out of the discussion the Mayor suggested that certain houses should be allocated for young people getting married. He was perfectly satisfied that 99% of them went to live in rooms which was a bad beginning for any young married couple and they had to stay there for years before they could get a house. The Mayor also suggested that some of the houses at present being condemned as unfit for human habitation could be made suitable for a middle-aged or old couple and he thought the County Manager should be given discretion to do such a thing by the Government, but as the law stood at present once a house was condemned they had to see to it that it was demolished.

The following matters were raised by members:-

- (1) Dumping at derelict site at the junction of Trinity Street and Seaview Avenue.
- (2) Condition of the gable end of Corporation houses at William Street since the derelict site adjoining had been cleared.
- (3) Condition of a wall at the corner of Parnell Street where a derelict site had also been cleared.
- (4) The general condition of the streets of the Town.
- (5) The facilities for seeing patients at the Eye Dispensary held at the County Hospital.

RATE CLERK

A question was again raised regarding the employment of Patrick Rossiter as Rate Clerk, and once again the Town Clerk explained to the Corporation

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that he had offered this work to Mr. Ml. O'Leary who had refused it, but Alderman Byrne now raised the matter and contended that when O'Leary refused it it should have been advertised although the Town Clerk pointed out that it had never been the practice to advertise this post and it was always left to his discretion to employ two persons to write and applot the Rate Books. Councillor Sinnott, however, pointed out that there was a lot of criticism about the Town and talk to the effect that the A.R.P. Officer was doing this book and not Mr. Rossiter.

The Town Clerk intimated that he was well aware of this criticism, but it was entirely unjustified, and the facts were that Mr. May had kindly offered to help Mr. Rossiter out recently when his mother had died and had done some of the work at night, but for this he received no remuneration whatsoever.

It was decided to request the County Manager and Town Clerk to examine the question of the remuneration paid for this work and see if it was adequate having regard to the present conditions prevailing.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed : "That the Town Clerk be authorised to request the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to obtaining overdraft accommodation on the Ordinary Account of the Corporation in the sum of £8,500 up to the 30th September, 1944."

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor of Wexford
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Chairman.....

5th June, 1944.

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) Alderman Byrne,
Councillors Sinnott, Hadden, Crosbie, Kelly, Coffey and Roche.

MINUTES

The minutes for the 8th ultimo were submitted for ratification and the headings having been read it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that the minutes as submitted be taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

RAILWAYS

Arising out of the minutes Alderman Byrne asked if any reply had yet been received by the Town Clerk to the resolution of the Corporation regarding the Railway services to the Town, and he was informed that no reply had been received, whereupon it was decided to again request that this matter should be attended to.

CONVEYANCE

The first business was the execution of a Conveyance of the house at No. 9, St. Brendan's Road to Mr. M. O'Leary on the Tenant Purchase System, and on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was unanimously decided to execute this conveyance by sealing and signing the necessary conveyance and memorial.

OTHER MATTERS

Complaints were made by the members that a ceiling at Devereux Villas had fallen down when it was decided to repair this immediately. The question of the discontinuance of dumping of refuse at two houses at Devereux Villas was raised when the Acting Clerk informed the meeting that as soon as the needs of the allotments were seen to the refuse would be dumped there.

Councillor Sinnott raised the question of cleaning of ^{Convent} Trinity Place, and stated this was not done regularly when it was decided to investigate and remedy the grievance as soon as possible.

Councillor Hadden raised the question of the road to Rosslare across the banks and asked if there was any possibility of finishing this road or even constructing a cycle path there. The Mayor and County Manager explained that this was a matter for the County Council, and promised to do anything they could to fall in with the wishes of the Councillor and the Council generally.

RELIEF GRANT

The County Manager explained to the meeting that a grant of approximately £4600 was available for Relief Works and that the intention was to utilise this grant to make a road from Whiterock View to Summerhill Road. The members unanimously approved of the suggestion of the Manager.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman *R Corish*

19th June, 1944.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee and Old Age Pensions 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:-

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Moran, Sinnott, Gaul, Crosbie, Corish, Hadden and Kelly.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul, Councillor Sinnott was moved to the Chair in the absence of the Mayor.

The following matters were raised by members:-

- (1) The condition of the steps at Roche's Terrace which were stated to be in a very slippery condition.
- (2) The condition of the streets of the town generally.
- (3) It was decided to request the Consulting Engineers for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme if the period for the maintenance of the streets by the Contractor had yet expired.
- (4) It was decided to ask the County Manager to have the Borough Surveyor at the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee to consider the condition of the streets of the town generally.
- (5) A question on the cleansing of the cattle troughs in the town was raised, and it was decided that they should be cleansed regularly by the Scavenging Staff.
- (6) The following Committee were appointed to consult with the County Manager on the maintenance of the graveyards in the town, the committee to meet the Manager on a date to suit his convenience, namely, Councillors Sinnott, Hadden, and Gaul.
- (7) Complaint was made that there was a dead dog in the King Street river.
- (8) Complaint was made regarding the supply of water to Whiterock View and Wolfe Tone Villas.
- (9) Supply of water to Parnell Street.
- (10) Condition of houses at Whiterock View rented to a man named Berry.
- (11) Complaint was made that stagnant water was lying at the Distillery Road outside the two end houses there.
- (12) Complaint was made regarding overcrowding at the theatres and cinemas and the Town Sergeant was to be asked for a report.

The meeting then terminated.

Chairman.....

26th June, 1944.

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

The members present being:-

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

Alderman Thomas Byrne,

Councillors Coffey, Corish, Crosbie, Flusk, Gaul, Hadden, Kelly, Moran, Roche and Sinnott.

The Wexford County Manager, Corporation Solicitor, and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business was to elect a Mayor who would hold office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held between the 23rd June and 1st July, 1945, and until his successor had been appointed and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor James Sinnott proposed the re-election of Alderman R. Corish for the twenty-fifth year in succession. Councillor Gaul seconded. Councillor Flusk proposed that Councillor Robert Moran be elected Mayor for the coming year. Councillor Moran seconded. Councillor Coffey proposed that Councillor Dr. Hadden be appointed Mayor for the ensuing year and Councillor R. Corish seconded. On a poll being taken there voted:-

For Alderman R. Corish:

Councillors Crosbie, Gaul, Roche, Sinnott and Alderman Corish (5)

For Councillor Dr. Hadden:

Councillors Coffey, Corish, Kelly and Hadden. (4)

For Councillor Robert Moran:

Councillors Flusk and Moran. (2)

Declined to vote Alderman Thomas Byrne.

Councillor Moran was then eliminated, and the poll was taken as between Alderman Corish and Councillor Dr. Hadden when there voted for Alderman Corish:-

Councillors Gaul, Crosbie, Roche, Sinnott, and Alderman Corish (5)

For Councillor Dr. Hadden:

Councillors Coffey, Corish, Hadden and Kelly. (4)

Declined to vote Alderman Byrne, Councillors Flusk and Moran. (3)

As Alderman Corish had a clear majority of the members voting he was declared elected amidst acclamation.

Alderman Corish having signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, returned thanks to the Corporation for the honour they had bestowed on him in electing him Mayor of his native town for the twenty-fifth year in succession.

Chairman

R. Corish.

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS

On the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was unanimously agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Coffey that three Quarterly Meetings of the Corporation be held on Monday, October 2nd, 1944, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.; Monday January, 8th, 1945, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.; Monday April 2nd, 1945, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.;

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed to re-appoint the existing Committees of the Corporation.

The meeting then terminated.

R. Conly T.D.
Mayor.

Chairman.....

3rd July, 1944.

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)

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Sinnott, Crosbie, Coffey, Gaul, Hadden, Moran and Roche.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of the late Robert Roberts, who for a number of years was a public servant in the Wexford Fever Hospital. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of the Corporation on the 5th ultimo; General Purposes Committee on the 19th ultimo and a Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation on the 26th ultimo. On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution from the Galway Urban District Council was marked read on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by the Mayor:-

"In view of the great interest in, and government preparations for post war town planning, and taking into consideration the colossal cost of carrying out even the most modest of the town planning schemes, it is an opportune time to ask the Government to set up a Commission to enquire into not only Galway's town loan indebtedness but the general incidence of town loans on the whole with a view to easing the ratepayers very heavy burden. I would therefore propose that this resolution be submitted to the Association of Municipal Authorities for consideration."

In accordance with notice given Councillor Sinnott moved that the County Manager be requested to provide seats at suitable places in the Town. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Dr. Hadden moved that the County Manager be requested to make arrangements for the maintenance of the cattle drinking troughs in the Town. The motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott, supported by the Mayor and unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by the Mayor, the attention of the County Manager was directed to the condition of the footpath at the west side of Trinity Place.

Chairman.....

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WATER - WHITEMILL

Arising out of a letter from the Irish Labour Party a discussion arose regarding the shortage of water to the Whitemill area, and it was decided to request the Consulting Engineers to the Waterworks Improvement Scheme to submit a full report on the operation of the Booster Plant for the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

RESOLUTION

A resolution from the Irish Labour Party requesting the Corporation to protest against the retention of the Valuation charge for electricity considering that consumption was reduced to 1/5th was moved by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott and unanimously agreed to.

The following matters were raised by members:-

Complaint was made that no qualified plumber had been employed to replace John Molloy during his absence on holidays.

Councillor Gaul raised a complaint that owing to the recent Order made by the Minister for Supplies it was not possible for a resident of the Town to purchase timber fuel, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Kelly it was decided to protest against the restriction on the purchase of timber by residents of the Urban Area.

Complaint was made by Alderman Byrne regarding the damp condition of the house at Roche's Terrace occupied by a man named Carr.
Complaint was also made regarding the condition of the Stonebridge River.

RATE - WEXFORD HARBOUR

His Worship the Mayor gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Corporation that they agree subject to the necessary authorising legislation to provide a rate not exceeding fourpence in the Pound towards the cost of maintaining Wexford Harbour during the emergency.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Cerris TD
Mayor of Wexford

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17th July, 1944.

A Meeting of the General Purposes 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)

Alderman Byrne,

Councillor Miss Kelly, Dr. Hadden, Roche, Moran and Crosbie.

The Borough Surveyor and Wexford County Manager were also in attendance.

AGENDA - ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities intimating that at the meeting of the Executive due to be held on the 28th instant arrangements would be made for drafting the Agenda for the Annual Conference and requesting to be informed if any member or official of the Local Authority would read a paper on some subject of local interest, or make recommendations for the improvement of Local Government generally. The Mayor intimated that he would read a paper at the Conference on Housing, and a suggestion was adopted that any motions by members should be sent to the Town Clerk in time for him to forward them to the Association before the Executive Meeting to be held on the 28th instant.

STREETS GENERALLY

A general discussion arose on the condition of the streets of the Town particularly in reference to the excavations carried out by the Contractors for the Wexford Waterworks Improvement Scheme, as well as on the progress of the Waterworks Scheme. In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that the Manager, the Borough Surveyor, the Consulting Engineer and himself had a lengthy conference that day on this matter and the Town Clerk and the Manager gave a resume of the matters discussed to the meeting, which was considered satisfactory.

COMMITTEE

Arising out of the discussion on the condition of the streets the following committee were appointed to inspect them on Friday next the 21st instant accompanied by the County Manager and Borough Surveyor, namely, Councillors Roche, Dr. Hadden, Crosbie and the Mayor.

The following complaints were raised by members:

The delay in completing the junction of Abbey Street/Temperance Row, which it was stated was due to the shortage of cement.

The condition of the steps at Roche's Terrace.

The condition of the Horse River.

The condition of the house at No. 12, Roche's Terrace, occupied by Thomas J. O'Carroll.

The fact that Peter Lacey, carter, who was now married, was only being paid the bonus applicable to single men, and the Town Clerk explained that if Mr. Lacey formally applied and intimated that he was married he would be paid the bonus applicable to married men.

Councillor Dr. Hadden raised a question regarding the maintenance of the old Town Wall at Georges Street where it was proposed to erect a new cinema, and the County Manager and Town Clerk explained that one of the conditions attached to the terms to erect this cinema was that the old Town Wall should be preserved.

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Arising out of this matter it was agreed that the plans for the proposed new Cinema should be submitted to the Corporation for approval before being finally sanctioned.

NOTICE - MEETINGS

Councillor Dr. Hadden complained of the shortage of the notice given for meetings of the Corporation and General Purposes Committee, and the Town Clerk intimated that some years ago the members complained that when notices of meetings were sent out too early they overlooked the date of them, but if the members so desired he would be able to serve the notices at any time they wished, so it was unanimously decided that notice of meetings should be given at least three days before hand.

Councillor Moran complained that a number of employees in the Town who had been granted Emergency Bonuses were now in receipt of remuneration in excess of the maximum earnings allowed to permit them to participate in the National Health and Widows' & Orphans' Insurance Schemes, and suggested that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to amend the Regulations so as to permit of bonuses not being taken into account in assessing the remuneration of insured persons.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Smith + D
Mayor of Wexford

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31st July, 1944.

A Meeting of the General Purposes 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)

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Gaul, Crosbie, Coffey, Kelly, Moran, Hadden and Sinnott.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT FUND

A letter was read from Mr. G. Bernard Shaw offering the rent of a property at Wexford as a first contribution to a Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund if the Council would establish such a fund to be administered by a Committee of the Council (ex-officio).

It was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to establish such a Fund as suggested by Mr. Shaw and to accept Mr. Shaw's gift as a first contribution thereto. The Town Clerk was also to convey the thanks of the Corporation to Mr. Shaw for the gift.

WATER - WHITEMILL & W. T. VILLAS

Complaint was made regarding the lack of water at Whitemill and Wolfe Tone Villas, and arising out of the complaint a general discussion took place on the Waterworks Improvement Scheme generally when the following Committee was appointed to consider the entire Scheme and to draft a series of questions to be submitted to the Consulting Engineer who was to be asked to attend the August Statutory Meeting for the purpose of answering these questions and to discuss the Waterworks Scheme generally. The Committee appointed was: The Mayor, Councillors Hadden and Crosbie together with the County Manager. It was further decided that the Committee should meet on Tuesday, August 1st at 7.0.p.m.

It was decided that the Committee appointed at last meeting to inspect the streets should meet on Thursday August 3rd at 4.0.p.m.

STATUTORY MEETING

As the date of the August Statutory Meeting would be a Bank Holiday it was agreed that the meeting should be held on Monday August 14th.

The following matters were raised by members and referred to the County Manager for attention:-

- (1) The provision of streets in the Town.
- (2) The failure of the owners of houses at Parnell Street to provide a water supply.
- (3) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to reinstate the surface of the yard at Parnell Street recently disturbed by Corporation employees.
- (4) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an Estimate of the cost of the houses proposed to be erected at Distillery Road and Waterloo Road.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

14th August, 1944.

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)

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Kelly, Gaul, Crosbie, Hadden, Sinnott and Coffey.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 3rd ultimo; General Purposes Committee on the 17th and 31st ultimo. On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

RESOLUTIONS

A resolution from the General Purposes Committee to agree on the striking of a rate of fourpence in the pound in aid of the maintenance of Wexford Harbour during the emergency was passed unanimously on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

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

"That in the opinion of the Council, Local Authorities will be unable to provide houses for the working classes at reasonable rents within the capacity of the tenants, and without placing an impossible burden on the rates, unless:

- (1) The limit of £350 provided for in the Housing (Loan Charges Contribution) Regulations, 1938, up to which subsidies are paid, is increased in proportion to present building costs.
- (2) The subsidy of 66 2/3rds provided for by Section 6 of the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932, is made available in respect of houses to be occupied by persons living in rooms and whose family income is not more than £3.
- (3) The rate of interest for housing loans is reduced to 3 or 3½ per cent.

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health is requested to give this resolution the sympathetic consideration the Council consider it should be given, if housing progress is to be made possible and to be continued.

"That copies of the resolution be sent to the County representatives in the Dail."

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT FUND

The next business was a recommendation from the General Purposes Committee that a Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund be opened to which Mr. George B. Shaw had offered in perpetuity the rent from a premises at Selskar Street, Wexford, and on the motion of Councillor Hadden, seconded by Councillor Coffey, this was unanimously agreed to. It was also decided to appoint a Committee to administer these funds at the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

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Arising out of this motion Councillor Sinnott raised a question of a Public Park and bathing facilities in this town, and was of opinion that if these amenities were available they should prove a great counter-action to the spread of T.B. The members unanimously agreed with the Councillor's observations on the matter.

RAILWAYS

Alderman Byrne raised a question on excessive fares charged by the Railways to Rosslare and pointed out that it was 1/10d return to Rosslare, a distance of approximately six miles, whereas it was only 1/- return Waterford to Tramore. It was unanimously agreed to make a protest against these excessive fares charged by the Railways to Rosslare.

DERELICT SITES

The County Manager informed the meeting that the Value of Interest and Purchase Money to be paid in respect of the acquisition of derelict sites was approximately £130.

SPECIAL MEETING

The County Manager also read a letter which he had written to Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers to the Wexford Waterworks Improvement Scheme, regarding the waterworks enclosing draft queries, and the members expressed themselves as satisfied with the letter as written. After a short discussion it was decided to request Mr. J. K. Maconchy of Messrs. Delap & Waller to be present at a Special Meeting of the Corporation to be held on Thursday the 17th instant at 8 o'clock p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Combs TD
Mayor of Wexford
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17th August, 1944.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wexford, at eight o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

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

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Coffey, Moran, Crosbie, Hadden; Councillor Sinnott attended at 8.30.p.m.

Mr. J. K. Maconchy and the County Manager were also in attendance.

The Mayor briefly outlined the position of the Waterworks Scheme up to date and the reasons for the convening of this Special Meeting and the attendance of Mr. Maconchy, and on behalf of the members queried this gentleman on the various aspects of the working of the scheme generally and the apparent failure of the Booster.

From Mr. Maconchy it would appear that the shortage of water was due to two main reasons:- (1) Variation of demand, and (2) the encrusted state of the main from Coolree to Town. He informed the meeting he was unable to get the Contractors to reline and scrape the main but that a plain scraped job should last from seven to ten years, and the time for doing the work should take seven to nine weeks. He further definitely assured the meeting that with the main scraped and ~~the~~ booster, the water supply would be all right. On being questioned regarding the constant stoppages of the Booster Mr. Maconchy said this was due to lack of volume and pressure, but that it was not fully accepted from the manufacturers and that he would not release the Contractors unless and until he is satisfied everything is perfect.

A long discussion took place on the scheme generally and finally it was unanimously decided on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the County Manager be requested to immediately have the necessary machinery put in order to have the main from Coolree to Town scraped.

The meeting then terminated.

*Richard Corish TD
Mayor of Wexford*

28th August, 1944.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee 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)

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Gaul, Kelly, Coffey, Sinnott, Moran, Crosbie, and Hadden.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT FUND

Referring to minutes of Corporation on the 7th instant when a recommendation was adopted that a Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund should be established and that the gift of a rent of £5. 6. 9. a year from Mr. G. Bernard Shaw be accepted a further letter was read from Mr. Shaw acknowledging the acceptance of the Corporation of his gift and giving the name of his Land Agent and Irish Solicitors so that the matter could be dealt with as soon as possible.

As regards the appointment of a Committee to administer the Fund it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation be recommended to appoint the members of the General Purposes Committee to act as a Committee of the Council (ex officio) to administer the Trust.

Arising out of this matter Councillor Dr. Hadden suggested eleven names together with the Mayor to act as a suggested Civic Improvement Advisory Committee but there was some doubt as to the exact functions of such a Committee, which matter was left in abeyance until the Corporation had adopted the recommendation that the General Purposes Committee be appointed to administer the Fund, and until this Committee had met in their capacity as a Civic Improvement Committee to discuss the question of the need or otherwise of a further Advisory Committee.

The following matters were raised by members:

- (1) The Acting Borough Surveyor was to be asked to submit immediately his report on the condition of the various streets which he had inspected with the Streets Committee on a recent occasion.
- (2) Councillor Sinnott asked to be supplied with a report as to what steps had been taken by the County Manager to provide seats at suitable places in the Town.
- (3) Complaint was made regarding the condition of a chimney at the premises of the London & Newcastle Tea Company.
- (4) Complaint was made regarding the condition of the name plates on the streets throughout the town that it was impossible to read the names thereon, and it was suggested that they should be painted.
- (5) Complaint was made by Councillor Miss Kelly regarding the duplication of numbers at School Street, and it was decided to request the County Manager to have the street re-numbered.
- (6) Complaint was also made that stagnant water was lying near one of the Corporation houses at Distillery Road, and a request was made that the matter be attended to.
- (7) Complaint was made that a certain times the sewerage from the Loreto Convent flowed over the field between the Convent and Redmond Road,

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- (7) and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked for a report on the condition of this sewerage and where it discharged to.
- (8) Complaint was also made regarding the condition of the outfall sewer at Maudlintown which it was stated was broken before it entered the sea.

It was decided to hold a meeting of the Town Planning Committee after the Monthly Meeting of the Corporation to be held on the 4th prox.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish TD
Mayor of Wexford
4. 8. 44

4th September, 1944.

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)

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Gaul, Kelly, Corish, Hadden, Sinnott, Coffey, Moran, and Roche.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature (Minutes of Corporation on 14th and 17th ultimo; General Purposes Committee on the 28th ultimo) and after the headings had been read the Minutes as submitted were approved and signed by the Mayor, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgements of resolutions passed at previous meetings were read from the Great Southern Railways Company stating that the matter of excessive fares to Rosslare was receiving attention.

A letter was also read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, National Health Insurance Section, intimating that in any case in which the salary, plus emergency bonus, of any person employed otherwise than by way of manual labour is at a rate in excess of £250 per annum his employment should be regarded as being excepted from the compulsory Provisions of the National Health & Widows' & Orphans' Insurance Acts.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT FUND

Adverting to minutes of last meeting when it was decided to establish a Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund a recommendation from the General Purposes Committee was submitted that that Committee be appointed, ex officio, to administer the Fund. On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul, this recommendation was adopted.

RESOLUTION

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That we call on the Government to immediately reconsider the amount paid to Old Age Pensioners in view of the alarming high cost of living."

A further resolution from the National Labour Party was adopted on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Coffey:

"That we protest against the action of the Department of Industry & Commerce in their refusal to pay unemployment assistance to men who are alleged to have earned £39 per year."

The following resolutions were submitted from the Irish Labour Party, Wexford Branch,

- (1) Overcrowding of the cinemas in Wexford.

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In this connection the Town Clerk explained that a recent report from the Inspector of Cinemas had been before the County Manager regarding overcrowding of the Palace Cinema, and the Manager of the Cinema had been warned that any further breach of the Regulations would be followed by prosecution and a withdrawal of the Licence.

In this connection Councillor inquired if the exits from the Cinemas were considered satisfactory, and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to report as to whether or not he considered the present exits from the two cinemas satisfactory.

(2) The Sanitary arrangements in the Cinemas:

It was decided to obtain a report from the Sanitary Inspector on these matters.

(3) The condition of the public lavatories on the Quay.

It was explained in this connection that the Harbour Commissioners had recently made an order to have these cleansed at least twice a day.

(4) The erection of at least two public lavatories in Wexford, one for males and one for females.

In this connection it was explained by the Mayor that this matter had been before the Corporation on a number of occasions and it had been decided to proceed with the erection of public lavatories as soon as the necessary materials were available.

(5) Public electric lighting at Wolfe Tone Villas and Whiterock View.

It was pointed out that the Electricity Supply Board had been approached some time ago to extent public lighting to Wolfe Tone Villas and Whiterock View and they had refused owing to the scarcity of materials, but it was decided to again approach the Board in this connection.

(6) Water Supplies.

The Wexford Branch of the Labour Party asked the Corporation to have Bailey's well and all other wells in the town cleaned and the John Street reservoir restored, but it was pointed out that all these sources of supply had been condemned a few years ago as unfit for human habitation, consequently, the Corporation could not undertake to have them made available to the public.

SPECIFICATION

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that he had not yet received the specification from the Consulting Engineers for the scraping of the water-main from Coolree to Wexford, and he requested to get in touch with them as soon as possible and ask them to forward the specification. He was also to ask for their report on the inspection they made of the booster after the meeting of the Corporation on the 14th ultimo.

ASHPITS

Reference was made to a letter appearing in the local press regarding the emptying of ashpits in the Town, and arising out of this the Mayor pointed out that up to some years ago the Corporation used to empty ashpits at a fixed fee per load according to the valuation of the premises from which the refuse was being removed, but that the Department of Local Government and Public Health had pointed out some years ago that the Corporation had no authority to make this charge. They had then substituted a system whereby dustbins were emptied free of charge.

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NATIONAL A.R.P. COMPETITIONS

An invitation was submitted from the Minister for Defence requesting the Mayor and members of the Corporation to attend National A.R.P. Competitions to be held in Dublin on Sunday 17th instant at 2.45 p.m. In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that any member who would like to be present to let him know as soon as possible and he would obtain an individual invitation for him.

GULLY TRAPS

Councillor Coffey complained about the cleansing of the gully traps in the Town and requested a report from the Borough Surveyor as to what method of cleansing was adopted.

HOUSE - WILLIAM ST.

Complaint was also made regarding the flooding of the house at William Street occupied by John Callaghan on the night of the 1st instant. The Town Clerk intimated that he had already asked for a report on this matter which he would bring before the County Manager as soon as it was received.

Complaint was made regarding the scavenging of Selskar Street, and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor for a report on this matter.

HOUSES - TEMPERANCE ROW

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was to be drawn to the condition of the roofs of four houses at Temperance Row, which were considered dangerous, and the Town Clerk pointed out that these houses had been condemned as unfit for human habitation some time ago and the tenants had been offered alternative accommodation but had refused it. He had now initiated proceedings in the District Court for Ejectment Orders against them as it was obvious to anyone that the houses were dangerous not only to the inhabitants but to passersby.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Curtis TD
Mayor of Wexford

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

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

Councillors Hadden, Corish, Moran and Sinnott.

The meeting had under consideration a general Town Plan submitted by Mr. Donnelly, Town Planning Adviser, with tentative Housing Schemes marked thereon, and the following decisions were arrived at:-

- (1) That the layout for the Batt Street area be approved.
- (2) That Mr. O'Neill, Managing Director of Messrs. Springs Ltd., be asked to inform the Corporation of the occasion of his next visit to Wexford as the Committee would like to meet him regarding a vacant plot of ground in front of the factory at Maudlintown.
- (3) The Committee favoured the erection of houses in the gap between the Corporation houses at William Street and the Stafford-Gaffney property there.
- (4) If it was possible to acquire land at Maudlintown the property of Messrs. Springs Ltd., that arrangements be made to enlarge the gardens of the houses on the Stafford-Gaffney property there.
- (5) That further houses be erected on St. Brendan's Road if the property mentioned at (4) above was acquired.
- (6) That a Monumental Tree be erected at the junction of William Street/Batt Street and St. Brendan's Road.
- (7) That a seat be provided opposite the junction mentioned at No. 6.
- (8) That previous correspondence in connection with the proposed purchase of Mrs. French's property at Upper William Street be examined with a view to fresh negotiations being opened for its purchase.
- (9) That the question of playing grounds at various points be examined.
- (10) That the acquisition of Miss Kelly's Interest in the Batt Street property be proceeded with.
- (11) The following Sub-Committee were appointed to meet on Friday the 8th instant at 7.p.m. to inspect the Batt Street area, namely, Councillors Hadden, Sinnott and Corish.
- (12) That the possibility of erecting^a triangular retaining wall at the junction of the Faythe/Maudlintown/William Street be examined with a view to planting ornamental shrubs thereon.
- (13) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to explore the possibility of finding fissures in the rock at Maudlintown with a view to planting trees there.

The meeting then terminated.

R. Corish
Mayor of Wexford

18th September, 1944.

A Meeting of the General Purposes 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:

Alderman Byrne, Councillors Sinnott, Gaul, Kelly, Coffey, Hadden, Moran, Crosbie, and Roche.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, Councillor Sinnott was moved to the Chair in the absence of the Mayor.

GULLY TRAPS

Referring to a complaint at last meeting regarding the cleansing of the gully traps the Town Clerk read a report from the Borough Surveyor setting out the methods adopted in cleansing the gully traps. This was considered satisfactory.

A letter was also read from the Electricity Supply Board intimating that under present circumstances they could not agree to the lighting of Wolfe Tone Villas and Whiterock View by electricity.

Arising out of this matter it was decided to request the Minister for Defence to permit the removal of the cowls on the public lights in the town.

It was also decided to have the public lighting in the town restored to normal as soon as possible.

A letter was read from the Great Southern Railways intimating that the Shilling fare on the Waterford/Tramore section had not operated for some years past.

INVITATION

A request was submitted from the Brother Rice Memorial Committee requesting the members of the Corporation and Officials to attend a Special High Mass in Bride Street Church on Sunday next the 24th instant and to take part in the Procession leaving the Redmond Monument at 11.a.m.

It was decided to attend the Mass and to make a special appeal to the members to turn up in full strength, but it was also decided at the request of a number of members that the Corporation should only go direct to the Mass and not take part in the Procession.

EXPENDITURE

The Town Clerk explained that under Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, expenditure could only be incurred within the amount allowed by the various headings of the Estimate approved each year by the Council. In the year 1942/43 the estimates were adopted prior to the coming into operation of the County Management Act and were in an entirely different form.

In that year the Estimated Expenditure was £30,322 and the actual expenditure £40,338, showing a difference of £10,006. Other expenditure had been incurred as follows:-

Road Grants	£5681
Emergency Employment Schemes	254
Air Raid Precautions	817
Free Fuel Schemes	2153
Allotments	604
Clearance of Derelict Sites	<u>64</u>

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	Fd.	£9573
Election		205
On the re-construction of a new store		<u>268</u>
Making a Total of	<u>£10,046</u>

On the Poor Rate Account for 1942-43 the actual expenditure, including unpaid Bills, amounted to £14,022, and the Estimated expenditure £9188, showing an over expenditure of £4904.

For the year 1943-44 the actual expenditure was £38,753 and the estimated expenditure £28,946, showing an over expenditure of £9807, which included:

£4562 in respect of Fuel Schemes.
 343 in respect of Allotments.
 3589 in respect of Grants.
 730 in respect of Air Raid Precautions.

The Town Clerk also intimated that it had been found possible to meet a small over expenditure on Corporation Services in 1942/43 and 1943/44 by savings under other headings, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the over expenditure incurred during the two years was unanimously approved of.

The Town Clerk was asked to have a report submitted on the condition of the house at Saltee Avenue, occupied by Mrs. Murphy, and on the condition of the footpaths at South Main Street from Harpurs Lane to King Street.

WATERWORKS SCHEME

Arising out of a query as to when the watermain from Coolree to Wexford would be scraped the Town Clerk read a report from the Consulting Engineers dealing with this matter. From the report it would appear that whilst this work was going on for a period of approximately 8 weeks water would only be supplied to the Town for about one hour.

The members were very much surprised at this statement by the Consulting Engineers having regard to the assurance given by them to the Corporation recently that there would be no serious interference with the supply to the Town. The meeting directed the Town Clerk to write to the Consulting Engineers reminding them of this assurance and asking them if it was not possible to by-pass the main while the work was being carried out, or to have it carried out at night.

Complaint was made regarding grass and weeds growing on Browne's Hill, and the Town Clerk was requested to give instructions to have the place cleaned up.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Consh TD
Mayor of Wexford

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2nd October, 1944.

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)

Alderman Thomas Byrne,

Councillors Miss Kelly, Robert Moran, James Gaul, James Crosbie, Kevin Roche, Dr. George Hadden and James Sinnott.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 4th ultimo; Town Planning Committee on 4th ultimo, and General Purposes Committee on the 18th ultimo. On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, the minutes as submitted were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor, after an explanation had been given by the Town Clerk regarding a report made by him on the 18th ultimo to the General Purposes regarding excess expenditure under Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940.

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced the Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Thomas Walsh, who for a number of years had been a member of the Council. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present; by the County Manager; and by the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to Mr. Patrick Hickey, Chief Executive Officer, Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, on the death of his son. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members present; by the County Manager, and by the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff. Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed "That the Town Clerk be authorised to request the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to obtaining overdraft accommodation on the Ordinary Account of the Corporation in the sum of £2,500 up to the 31st October, 1944."

WATER SUPPLY

Complaint was again made regarding the provision of a water supply to Whiterock View and Wolfe Tone Villas, and it was pointed out that an advertisement had been issued for the scraping of the watermain from Coolree to Wexford which the Consulting Engineers had assured the Corporation would remove all the difficulties of a normal supply. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~
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In accordance with notice given the Mayor moved that the Corporation call on the Government to introduce legislation to empower Local Authorities to pay pensions to their workmen on retirement. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

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In accordance with notice given Councillor Sinnott moved that steps be taken to establish a Local Museum. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was also unanimously agreed to. The consideration of details was referred to the General Purposes Committee.

IRISH SHIPPING

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the Corporation call on the Minister for Industry & Commerce to consider Rosslare Harbour as a port for Irish Shipping. Councillor Moran seconded this motion, but after some discussion it was decided to include in the resolution the ports of Wexford and Rosslare Harbour.

RELIEF GRANTS 1944-45.

The County Manager referred to proposals for Relief Grant Work during the year 1944-45. He submitted a number of proposals which had been prepared by the Borough Surveyor involving nine separate jobs at a total estimate of £3,650. He also suggested that with the consent of the Corporation he proposed to transfer the Relief Grant for the current year to the County Council so that a job could be done at Trinity Street/William Street. If this proposal of his was agreed to the local contribution would be met by the Wexford County Council as the roads in question were Main Roads, and the Corporation would have their local contribution in the event of a Supplementary Grant being made available. On the motion of Councillor Gaul seconded by Councillor Moran, the proposal of the County Manager to expend the Grant on Trinity Street and William Street was unanimously agreed to.

FIRE BRIGADE

Alderman Byrne, the Mayor and Councillor Sinnott referred to the efficiency of the Fire Brigade at a fire on the previous night when there was grave danger of a large store of petrol and oil being involved. They congratulated the Captain and the members of the Brigade on the prompt and efficient manner in which they had dealt with this fire which might have had very serious consequences.

SALE OF TIMBER

Alderman Byrne referred to the Order prohibiting the sale of timber blocks in Wexford except through licensed Fuel Merchants, and stated that this Order was causing a considerable amount of hardship amongst the poor as persons formerly hawking timber blocks for sale were now prohibited from so doing, and it appeared that the licensed Merchants had no timber blocks for sale.

It was unanimously agreed to take this matter up with the Minister for Supplies and request him to rescind the Order.

Councillor Sinnott gave notice that he would move at the next Statutory Meeting that the Corporation protest against the amount paid out in National Health Insurance Benefits.

PIECE OF GROUND - SELSKAR

The County Manager intimated that an application had been received from Mr. Thomas Kehoe, Selskar Street, for a small piece of ground there containing only a few square yards in order to erect a wall round it with his own property. The Borough Surveyor had reported to him (Manager) that it was desirable to grant this facility to Mr. Kehoe as in his opinion it would round off the corner and remove probable objectionable looks. He (Manager) proposed to see the proposal on the grounds and if he thought this desirable would recommend the Corporation to grant it.

2nd October, 1944.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously decided to agree in principle to the proposal of the Manager to demise this small piece of ground subject to Mr. Kehoe being responsible for the legal costs incurred if the Manager considered it desirable.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Curish T D
Mayor of Wexford.

2nd October, 1944.

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

His Worship the Mayor (in the Chair) with Councillors Hadden and Sinnott.

The Mayor reported that Councillor Hadden and himself had met the Managing Director of Messrs. Springs Ltd. that day on the grounds and had pointed out to him what the Corporation required there. Mr. O'Neill had promised to bring the matter before the Board of Directors, but in the meantime, it was thought advisable that the Town Clerk should communicate with the Firm officially setting out what the Corporation required.

The following report was submitted by the Sub-Committee which inspected Batt Street area on the 8th ultimo:-

Burns Lane (a) to retain its vista of the sea.

(b) Houses to be set back with front gardens.

(c) Boat-Harbour road to continue it beyond William Street.

Hoarding area to be acquired for (a) high level houses with sloped front gardens, (b) Trees.

Bacon Factory Dump to be acquired and completed with a half-height terrace. All planted with big trees.

Inner margin of footpath from Bacon Factory to Burn's Lane, to enable trees to be planted along path edge.

Tuskar View area to be acquired and laid out as park playing grounds, possibly connected with school. Or, for Housing, facing on to New Lane, William St., Tuskar View extended to Faythe, and the Taythe itself, acquiring the back lane with its houses and throwing them into the site.

Area between Works and William St. develop as part of the building area. Make preliminary study of foundation sites amongst rocks and hollows, with determination not to be defeated any more than our fathers before us. If necessary, quarry for road stone.

J.S.'s Corner, seat and trees.

G.H.'s Tree.

Soundings for tree root-soil at Faythe-William Street corner and along the raised edge of Maudlintown.

That a 10 ft. promenade be made along the top of the cliff on the seaward side of the Faythe, with entries from the Faythe at either end through derelict sites; and also from Seaview and Ermet Place that it be provided with seats.

The County Manager was to be asked to submit a copy of the report made by the Acting Boro' Surveyor regarding the inspection of streets made during the month of August.

Councillor Hadden moved that the Rev. Father Gaul, who was very interested in the welfare of the youth of the Town, be asked to submit his views on the need for playing grounds for children in various parts of the Town.

The meeting/then terminated.

Chairman

Richard Quinn TD

16th October, 1944.

A Meeting of the General Purposes 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)

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Gaul, Kelly, Hadden, Roche, Sinnott and Crosbie.

With reference to minutes of last meeting of the Corporation when it was agreed in principle to allow Mr. Thomas Kehoe of Well Lane to erect a wall enclosing a small bit of Corporate property at Well Lane a map was now submitted showing details of what it was proposed to do, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Kehoe be permitted to enclose with his own property a small bit of ground at Well Lane which would remove two objectionable corners.

NOTICES

Complaint was made regarding the number of notices which had been served by Rent Collector Roche during the week, and the Committee requested that in future when notices to quit were being served that the amount of rent owed would be set out at the foot of the notice.

DEPUTATION

A deputation from the Wexford Draper and Boot Trades Association attended the meeting by arrangement to solicit the support of the Corporation in their efforts to have bus shelters provided at Dublin together with a system of advanced booking.

The deputation consisted of Messrs George Byrne, Addison Hadden and T. Sutton. The Corporation were in unanimous agreement with the deputation regarding the provision of shelters at Dublin and decided to take the matter up immediately with the Omnibus Department of the Great Southern Railways, and to request the other Councils on the Wexford/Dublin Bus Route to make similar representations.

It was also agreed to request the Company to try and arrange a system of advanced booking so that people would know in advance if they would be able to obtain a seat.

The deputation returned thanks for hearing given by the Corporation and retired.

REPORT

A report from the Borough Surveyor on the exits from the Theatre and Cinemas was considered satisfactory.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the roadway at the junction of Keyser's Lane/Main Street. It was decided to request the Borough Surveyor to have the necessary repairs carried out.

The Borough Surveyor was also to be asked to report on the condition of the footpath at Upper King Street, and on the condition of the junction of Cinema Lane and Crescent Quay.

CARETAKER - COOLREE

In reply to a query by Alderman Byrne the Town Clerk intimated that the County Manager had made an Order directing that the Caretaker of the Coolree Reservoir be paid at the rate of £3 per week with effect as from the 1st June last, plus an Emergency Bonus of 10/- per week, subject to

16th October, 1944.

the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. Alderman Byrne was not satisfied with this arrangement and intimated that he would raise the matter at the next meeting of the Corporation.

COWLING OF LIGHTS

A letter was read from the Minister for the Co-ordination of Defensive Measures intimating that the Government were not yet satisfied that conditions warranted the removal of the cawling of public lights.

The Sanitary Inspector was to be asked to submit a report on the condition of the sewerage at the back of the houses at the North side of Georges Street.

Councillor Sinnott complained of the dangerous condition of a stopcock cover between the junction of King Street and Mill Road and Mr. Traynors house at the Folly, and it was decided to request a report from the Borough Surveyor thereon.

It was decided to have a tree replanted outside the residence of O'Brien's, Old Pound.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

. 16th October, 1944.

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

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

Councillors Hadden and Sinnott.

A letter was read from Messrs. Springs Ltd., intimating that they were prepared to re-sell to the Corporation the unused portion of their factory site at Maudlintown for the sum of £50, and it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to accept the offer, and to instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare a layout plan for Housing.

It was also unanimously decided to proceed immediately with the acquisition of the Batt Street property from Miss Kelly and to ascertain the various owners in the property in the block from Tuskar View to the junction of the Faythe and Maudlintown.

The meeting then terminated.

*Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor of Wexford*

27th October, 1944.

A Special Meeting of the General Purposes 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)

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Gaul, Coffey, Moran, Hadden, Sinnott and Grosbie.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The meeting was specially convened to consider correspondence and reports from Messrs. Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, on the tenders received for the scraping of the trunk main from Coolree to Wexford in connection with the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, and alternatively, to consider the advisability of laying a new 8" or 12" main along side of the existing main.

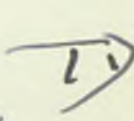
A copy of the correspondence and reports above referred to are attached to these minutes.

After the correspondence had been read a lengthy discussion on this matter took place and it was seen that no matter in what manner the mains were scraped there would be considerable amount of inconvenience caused to water consumers in the Borough.

It was eventually decided to forward a copy of the correspondence and reports to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and to inform him that in the considered opinion of the County Manager and the Wexford Corporation it would be advisable to lay a new 12" main along side the existing main, and to request the Minister to be so good as to obtain for the Manager and the Corporation the advice of his Engineering Advisers on the matter.

It was also decided to request the attendance of the Borough Surveyor, Clerk of Works, and the Turncock at a meeting of the Committee due to be held on the 30th instant to consider the question of the various stoppages which had taken place recently in the Booster at Monument Cross.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish 
Mayor, Wexford

DE LAP & WALLER,
Consulting Engineers.

29, Merrion Square, N.,

DUBLIN.

17th October, 1944.

The Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Wexford.

Waterworks.
Scraping of Watermains, Etc.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of yours of 13th inst., enclosing Tenders received in connection with the above, and the County Manager's instructions re our advising thereon and on advisability of laying a subsidiary small diameter or new 12" main. It will take us some time to consider and give comparative estimates for the latter, therefore, we now report on the Tenders received, as follows:-

Three tenders were received within the advertised time -

(1) Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll, Limerick; (2) The South of Ireland Asphalt Co., Ltd., Dublin; (3) Messrs. R. J. Campbell & Co., Ltd., Dublin.

(1) Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll:

This firm did not submit a tender on the special form provided, nor did they return the Bill of Quantities and Schedule of Prices, priced in accordance with the specification. They merely submitted a letter offering to do the work "as outlined in the Specification" for £1,568. They do not state which alternative method they would employ, nor whether their price includes the contingent works of insertion of air and stop valves, etc. In another part of their letter they state, "We decided to work out a scheme based partly on the specification, etc., and partly on our own experience."

Details are lacking for comparison with other tenders. In our opinion, this firm's communication cannot be considered a bona fide tender, and their deposit should be forfeited.

(2) The South of Ireland Asphalt Co., Ltd.:

This firm submitted a tender for one alternative: 1(B) Daywork with 6" By-passes, at £4,837. 15. 0.; their Bill and Schedule are properly priced and constituted a bona fide tender. They attached a covering letter, however, to their tender, stipulating a number of conditions which vitiate the Conditions and Specification on which they were asked to tender. Summarised, these are as follows:-

1. Any openings found to be required at lesser intervals than 100 to 150 yds. on the 12" main will be charged extra.
2. Ditto - as above on 10", 8" and 7" mains, except where extra openings may be at street corners or at bends sharper than 6" elsewhere.
3. Order for start of work on 12" main to await their obtaining of piping for by-passes.
4. They would require 24 weeks to execute the works after the arrival of materials.

(2) contd.

5. Tender is based on use of unskilled and semi-skilled labour for whole of works, should Trade Union or other action result in having to utilise "Tradesmen" the additional cost of wages will be charged as an extra plus 15%.

In our opinion, this tender is too high to be considered and the conditions are unacceptable, but the tender must be considered "bona fide."

(3) Messrs. R. J. Campbell & Co., Ltd.:

This firm submitted a tender covering four alternatives:-

1(A)	Mainly Daywork without by-passes	£2,411. 15. 3.
1(B)	" " with 6" by-passes	2,665. 15. 3.
1(C)	Mainly Night Work without by-passes	2,871. 5. 8.
1(D)	" " " with 6" by-passes	3,200. 5. 8.

Their Bill of Quantities and Schedule are properly priced. They include for carrying out the work on the 12" in 50 yd. sections, on 10" in 60 to 70 yds., on 8" in 100 yds., and on 7" in 100 to 120 yds. They attached a covering letter stating that they did not tender for the alternatives including pressure scraping as they considered such method would be impracticable owing to the heavy deposit. They make conditions:-

- (a) Their tender in connection with 1(A) & 1(C) assumes uninterrupted use of the mains for periods of 8 hrs., otherwise extra would be charged for idle time and temporary connections at schedule rates.
- (b) The tender is subject to materials being available at date of order.

This tender is "bona fide." The sectionalising proposed is very short and appears to include an undue amount of cutting of the mains. Their "conditions" (b) re order for work awaiting materials is a reasonable one under present circumstances. Their "condition" (a) for a minimum uninterrupted period of 8 hrs. during daytime is not in accordance with what they were asked to tender on, rendering comparison difficult. In itself it is not an unreasonable request from the point of view of facilitating the works.

Our own estimate for Works 1(B) was £1,430, and while it is almost impossible at present to estimate what figures may be received from tenderers, we still consider Messrs. Campbell's figures unduly high.

SUMMING UP:

We recommend that none of the valid tenders should be accepted on head of their being too high and being coupled with unspecified conditions.

We enclose, herewith, four (4) Deposit Cheques of 5 Guineas each. We recommend return of their deposit to Messrs. South of Ireland Asphalt Co., Messrs. R. J. Campbell & Co., and Messrs. Heaphy whose tender was received late through delay in the post (postmark - Oct. 10th): on examining it we found it to be of bona fide nature, but coupled with an unspecified condition which would have rendered comparison very difficult, and their Schedule was unpriced.

Certain suggestions as to the next steps to be taken will follow very shortly.

Yours faithfully,

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DEIAP & WALLER,
Consulting Engineers.

29, Merrion Square, N.,

DUBLIN.

18th October, 1944.

The Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
WEXFORD.

Waterworks.
Scraping of 12" Main, etc.

Dear Sir,

We reported to you on 17th inst. on the tenders received for the above.

With regard to the whole matter of cleaning the 12" trunk main and or laying of an alternative main, estimates for which we will forward later, we wish to bring the following to the notice of the County Manager for his consideration:-

The cleaning of the trunk main is an important part of the whole scheme of the waterworks improvements, as increase in its carrying capacity is essential in order to provide adequate volume and pressure in the town, and also the cleaning is required in connection with the avoidance of recontamination of the filtered water.

We originally recommended that the cleaning and relining of the existing pipe would afford it a further long lease of life. When it was found that relining could not be done at present, we turned to plain scraping.

In calling for tenders, various alternatives were covered, so that the difference in cost to the Town could be ascertained for day or night work with or without by-passes, and for alternate methods of scraping. Of these we, ourselves, favour 1(B) Drag Scraping Daytime work with By-passes as affording the best job; minimising of complete interruption of supplies to the town could be arranged with the Contractors, in that the breaking out and rejointing for each section could be done outside the principal hours of demand; inconvenience would be unavoidable in cut off of supplies at other hours, and of poorer supply through the by-passes for the major portion of the whole period of the works.

Two main aspects to be considered are: "Cost," and "Inconvenience."

"Cost"- We have been asked to consider the advisability of various alternatives, including a new trunk. While it is for us, as Engineers, to see that the waterworks schemes put forward are sound, at the same time, in the interests of the town, keeping the cost as reasonable as possible, the over-riding financial factor of what the town can, or cannot, afford is not within our province. At the time of the presentation of our improvement scheme, certain portions of it had unfortunately to be necessarily cut out on head of limited finance, one important item being the Water Tower in the high level area, the cost of which including overheads was £4,500; the present price, if steel could be obtained, would probably be nearly £7,000. We refer to this again under heading of "Inconvenience" below.

In comparing cost of cleaning as against a new main, etc., it is better to leave out cost of cleaning the 10", 8" and 7" mains in the town, taking straight comparison with the Trunk Main from Coolree to Monument Cross.

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Messrs. Hoaphy's tender, which included the 12", 10", 8" and 7" pipes, arrived late, and covered "Contingent Works," was:-

Drag Scraping 1(B)- Mainly Daywork	©	£2,049.	6.	4-
with 6" By-passes				

Drag & Pressure Scraping 2a				
- Mainly Daywork	@	£1,624.	8.	0-

No. 1(B) is considerably lower than either of the tenders received in time. His tender was coupled, however, with a "condition" that they "would not be responsible for defects in mains such as chaplet holes, cracks, etc.," whereas, the Specification laid down that the contractor's prices must cover such of these as occurred during the works or maintenance period. This omission would have made his tender difficult to compare with others; contractors' views of the cover required for such risk might vary widely.

Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll's offer, though not in correct "Tender" form, was to clean the mains at £1,568. No information was given by them whether this figure included for the "Contingent Works." They have since informed us these were included, but that the £100 at disposal of Engineers and £10 for War Risks Insurance were excluded, and that their offer otherwise covered - 2a - Drag & Pressure Scraping, adjusting their price accordingly, for comparison, it becomes £1,678 for 2a. In connection with the Contractor's Risks re chaplet holes and cracks, a condition would have been that tests should be made before as well as after the works to safeguard against any existing weaknesses.

The cost of cleaning the 12" trunk main Coolree-Monument Cross by drag scraping, mainly daytime work with by-passes, can now be assessed, in the light of prices recently obtained, at approximately £1,350, making, with Contingent Works at approximately £440, required to improve the main (stop and air valves), a total for Works of, say, £1,800, and Gross Total including Clerk of Works, Fees and Expenses, approx:- £2,000. 0. 0.

Provisionally, taking the cost of laying of a new 8" main at about £8,000 and a 12" at about £12,000, the general financial aspect can be reviewed by the County Manager, taking into consideration that the Tower, if built as soon as the market for steel becomes more open, will probably cost about £5 to £5,500 - these are Gross Costs.

"Inconvenience to the Town" -

It has been found on a number of old mains that considerable improvement in capacity has been effected by insertion of more air valves. The "Contingent Works" Air and Stop Valves, now estimated at approximately £500 gross, covered such work, and it would be slightly more expensive to have the cleaning done separately at a later date; on the other hand, if it was found that sufficient improvement was made to enable postponement for a period of the cleaning, better prices for same might be obtained.

As it would take some time to obtain air valves, the new tees in the main could be temporarily plated off with plates tapped and small hand cocks fitted.

One of the factors concerning inconvenience to the town during the work is lack of storage capacity at the town end of the main. Had the tower been built it would have assisted in affording relief; it was designed to hold 160,000 gallons, at a level which commanded the whole town; it was mainly (coupled with the booster) to ensure adequate supply and reserve for the higher levels, but also formed part of the total filtered water storage, the clear water tank at Coolree without the tower being on the small side.

If the abandoned St. John Reservoir - reported contaminated by sewage entering from certain subsoil drains - could be, at reasonable cost, isolated from such contamination, cleaned up and put into temporary commission, it would afford temporary storage for the bulk of the lower town during the mains cleaning, as it could be filled at night. We cannot say offhand whether this idea is feasible, but suggest it is worthy of close investigation. Such storage at the town end of a single trunk main, if it could be made permanent, has a certain value in connection with continuity of service during occasional unavoidable interruptions on the main and for additional reserve in connection with firefighting.

The Borough Surveyor informed us that a considerable quantity of 6" piping would be needed in the not distant future for housing schemes, and suggested that, if it was obtained now it could be laid temporarily (perhaps under an unemployment relief scheme) as a connection from the 8" Edenvale-Coolree main near Ferrycarrig bridge to the 12" Main near the town at Somerton, a distance of some 2,800 yds. in the margin of the road, except for a short distance across one property at Somerton. If this was done, the Edenvale pumps could afford about £17,000 gals/hr. to the town. Arrangements would have to be made for chlorination. The "Works" cost would be about £2,480, including £30 for Chlorination; but, out of this, the value of the pipes recovered later at, say, 10% loss, would be approximately £1,130; while picking them up and reclosing shallow trenches would probably cost another £5 to £600, making the cost of labour and overheads in laying and picking up approximately £1,870, or £2,200 "Gross." We are inclined to think that this sum or part of it could be better utilised in other directions, and considerable time would elapse before this connection could be completed.

Conclusions and Recommendations:-

As time must elapse pending a recall for tenders for cleaning, or alternatives, during which the supplies reaching the town will not be satisfactory, we recommend the following:-

1. The immediate putting in hands, as an extra under the existing Contract with Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll, of the "Contingent Works" covering insertion of stop and air valves on the 12" Main. They would be prepared to do this on a Time & Material basis provided it was recognised that the basic prices of the materials required were taken at present prices and not subject to the first 5% of increase since date of tender being borne by them under the War Clause in the Contract.

Estimated Gross Cost ... £500. 0. 0.

2. Immediate investigation into the feasibility and cost of isolating St. John Reservoir from contamination and rendering it fit for temporary or more permanent storage, including alteration to piping connecting it with the mains system if required. We suggest that the Borough Surveyor be asked to look into old records, take evidence, etc., as to existing conditions there. Even if the cost was found to run into several hundred it would be worth doing.

3. As soon as the results of (1) and (2) above are to hand, the specifications and conditions for Cleaning the Mains to be amended, to call for Tenders (without alternatives) for Drag Scraping, mainly Daytime work with By-passing, the time period for the works to be extended, and specification altered to allow of the connections for by-passes to be made without interfering with the time required to fill the St. John Reservoir at nights if it be found practicable to bring the latter into service. We consider by-passing will still be necessary to afford modified supplies to the higher area and supplement pressures at intermediate levels.

The estimated Gross Cost of this cleaning, including the 12", 10", 8" and 7", is assessed at £1,350 to £1,400 - (Gross £1,550/1,600), as, although a certain amount of repeat excavation, etc., relative to (1) will be required, the additional knowledge gained as to alignment and condition of the trunk main, facilitation of supplies to the town, inclusion of tests on sections of the main immediately prior to works to higher pressures than after works, should ease the Contractor's views of risks and help to keep their prices reasonable.

Yours faithfully,

J. K. Maconchy,

DE LAP & WALLER.

P.S.: The above estimates, for laying a subsidiary 8" Trunk Main Coolree-Monument Cross at £8,000, or a 12" at £12,000, may be taken as the closest we could give in present circumstances, covering asbestos cement Class B piping, all necessary fittings and connections, clerk works, fees, expenses, etc. with the new pipe laid alongside the old one.

DELAP & WALLER,
Consulting Engineers.

29, Merrion Square, N.,
DUBLIN.
20th October, 1944.

The Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
WEXFORD.

Wexford Waterworks - Scraping.

Dear Sir,

We attach herewith copy of a letter received from Messrs. McCaffrey & O'Carroll. We do not altogether agree that the presence of the tower would provide sufficient reserve for the whole town while scraping was being done, but it would certainly be of great assistance. We are writing to Messrs. McCaffrey to enquire the price of the steel which they state is available.

Yours faithfully,

J. K. Maconchy.

DELAP & WALLER.

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McCAFFREY & O'CARROLL,
O'Connell Avenue,
LIMERICK.

Messrs. Delap & Waller,
29, Merrion Square, N.,
DUBLIN.

19th October, 1944.

Wexford Waterworks Contract.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to proposed scraping of the service main, the writer has been giving the matter very careful consideration, and as he is satisfied that there will of necessity be considerable periods during the progress of the work when there will not be any water available for the town no matter what arrangements the Contractor may be able to make to mitigate the inconvenience, we respectfully suggest that serious consideration should be given to the building of the elevated tank immediately. If this can be done it would provide storage sufficient to keep the town supplied during the periods while the service main would be interrupted.

As the elevated tank will have to be erected sooner or later and as the steel required for it can now be obtained, it would in our opinion be a better proposition than to try to scrape the mains and at the same time keep the town supplied. It is quite true, however, that the original cost of the tank would be considerably increased, but so far as this is concerned it should not hold up the work for the simple reason that the cost will never go back to what it was at the time the tenders were originally submitted.

P.T.O.

There is another very important aspect of the problem which appears to us and that is, if the tank is erected now and by the time it is completed the material required for lining the service main would probably be available so that the main could be scraped and relined in the one operation. If this were done the whole scheme then would be a perfect job and should fully meet the requirements of the town for many years to come.

In taking the liberty of making this suggestion we wish it to be understood that we are doing so simply because we are naturally interested in the success of the whole scheme.

Yours faithfully,

McCaffrey & O'Carroll.

per (sgd) D. McCaffrey.

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McCaffrey & O'Carroll,
Bldrs. & Contractors.

O'Connell Avenue,
LIMERICK.
20th October, 1944.

John J. Byrne, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
WEXFORD.

Dear Mr. Byrne,

With reference to the proposed scraping of the mains, Mr. McConchy has been in communication with me about the matter and as it appears to me to be a pretty tough proposition if the people are to get a reasonable supply of water while the scraping is in progress, I have been agitating my old brain to see if I could find an easy way out in the event of the offer which I have submitted, being accepted, and as a result I have come to the conclusion that the best and most satisfactory arrangement would be to get on with the erection of the elevated tank immediately and to suspend the scraping of the mains until this is completed. You would then be in a position which would enable you to get the mains properly scraped and relined without causing any great inconvenience to the water users. I wrote to Mr. McConchy last night to this effect and I respectfully suggest that the County Manager should seriously consider my suggestion which I presume Mr. McConchy will put before you in due course.

I tried to get a 'phone call through to you both yesterday and to-day, but there is such a hold up on the lines that I was unable to get through.

Wishing you all the best.

Yours faithfully,

D. McCaffrey.

P.S.-

You will have to get the elevated tower built sooner or later to make the water supply a success.

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30th October, 1944.

A meeting of the General Purposes 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)

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Moran, Sinnott, Kelly, Hadden, Gaul, Roche, Corish and Crosbie.

The County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor, Mr. Greene, Clerk of Works, and the Turncock were also in attendance.

At the outset it was made clear by the Clerk of Works and the Borough Surveyor that the Corporation had not yet taken over the Booster Plant at Monument Cross, and the Clerk of Works read a letter from the Makers intimating that they proposed to send a new piston for the machine and it was intended to have the present cylinder re-bored. Eventually it was decided to inform the Consulting Engineers that in the opinion of the Corporation a man should be constantly employed looking after the booster until such times as the Manufacturers were in a position to ensure the machine giving the results it was designed for, viz: an uninterrupted supply of water to the higher levels of the Town. In the opinion of the Corporation this man should be employed at the expense of the Makers of the plant so that the residents in the higher levels would not be constantly left without water.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was unanimously agreed "That the Town Clerk be authorised to request the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to obtaining overdraft accommodation on the Ordinary Account of the Corporation in the sum of £8,500 up to the 31st December, 1944".

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corish T.D.
Mayor of Wexford

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6th November, 1944.

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)

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Crosbie, Coffey, Sinnott, Hadden, Roche and Corish.

MINUTES

The following minutes were submitted for ratification and signature: Minutes of Corporation on 2nd ultimo; Town Planning Committee on 2nd ultimo; General Purposes Committee on 16th, 27th and 30th ultimo. After the headings of the Minutes had been read it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that the minutes as submitted be taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

A letter was read from the Minister for Industry & Commerce acknowledging receipt of the resolution adopted by the Corporation on the 2nd ultimo urging the claims of Wexford and Rosslare Harbour as ports for Irish Shipping and regretted he had nothing to add to the letter sent in July, 1943, on the same subject.

It was decided to write to the five T.D.'s for the County Wexford requesting them to get in touch with the Minister for Industry & Commerce and urge on him the claims of Wexford and Rosslare Harbour as ports of call for Irish Shipping.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed were read from the relatives of the late Thomas Walsh, and Mr. Pk. Hickey, Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

PLOT OF GROUND

The Town Planning Committee recommended that a plot of ground at Maudlin-town be re-acquired from Messrs. Springs Ltd. for the sum of £50, plus legal expenses. Alderman Byrne moved the adoption of the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Sinnott and unanimously agreed to.

CARETAKER'S REMUNERATION

A notice of motion in the name of Alderman Byrne intimating that he proposed to raise the question of the remuneration proposed to be paid to James McMahon, Caretaker of Coolree Reservoir, was adjourned at the request of the Alderman.

TIMBER

A resolution from the Wexford Branch of the Irish Labour Party calling on the Minister for Supplies to release the timber fuel in the present dumps at Wexford was unanimously agreed to on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

FLOODING AT KING ST.

Two motions in the name of the Mayor and Alderman Byrne calling for a report on the recent flooding at King Street came up for consideration.

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In moving his motion the Mayor had quoted at length from a report made by the late Mr. Delap, Consulting Engineer to the Corporation 1930, as a result of which a new 12" sewer was laid in this street and certain repairs carried out. The Mayor stated that since then no serious flooding had occurred at King Street until the 20th October. A report from the Borough Surveyor on this matter was also read, and after a lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided that the Borough Surveyor in consultation with Mr. O'Connor, Consulting Engineer for the proposed improvement of the Town Sewerage System make a detailed report on this area.

DEPUTATION

A deputation from the residents of Whiterock View regarding the supply of water to that area attended the meeting. They made serious complaints regarding the various failures of the booster to supply water, and it was explained to them that the Corporation had taken every step possible to have a continuous supply provided for the area, and had recently given directions that a man should be constantly employed attending the booster to carry out immediate repairs if any failure occurred. The members of the deputation also asked that the cover be taken off Bailey's well at Whitemill which was closed up when the Wolfe Tone Villas houses were being erected, and it was decided to obtain a report from the Borough Surveyor on the condition of this well. The deputation further complained that all the gas lights at Whiterock View were not being operated and it was decided to take this matter up with the Wexford Gas Company.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Sinnott moved that the Corporation protest against the inadequacy of the benefits paid under the National Health Insurance Scheme, and after some discussion it was decided to call on the Government to introduce legislation to implement that portion of the report of the Very Reverend Dr. Dignan, Chairman of the National Health Insurance Society.

The sick benefits proposed by Dr. Dignan were as follows:-

- (a) Sickness: half of the weekly wage or salary for 52 weeks, plus 10/- a week for his wife.
- (b) Disability: after paying Sickness Benefit for one year Disability Benefit should be paid for another 52 weeks amounting to 1/3rd of the weekly wage or salary.

GRAVEDIGGER'S WAGES

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that the Corporation call on the County Manager to review the wages paid to the Gravedigger at St. Ibar's Cemetery. This resolution was unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Sinnott complained of the slippery condition of the surface leading to the Bull Ring and decided to ask the Borough Surveyor for a report.

The Mayor read a letter from Mr. Ml. Cryan, Honorary Secretary to the Organising Committee of the Irish Language Supporters in the Town and asked the Corporation to give the Movement their support. On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was unanimously decided to give this Movement the wholehearted support and co-operation of the Corporation.

Complaint was made that the Loc Garmain Co-operative Society had raised

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the wall of their premises opposite the Emmet Place houses, and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor for a report.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Town Clerk intimated that he had now received a copy of the report of J. J. Flood, Esq., Local Government Auditor, on the audit of the Accounts of the Wexford Corporation for the two years ended 31st March, 1944, together with certified copies of the Abstracts referred to therein. The Town Clerk intimated that it would cost close on £50 to have the report and Abstracts printed, and suggested that if the report was duplicated and circulated amongst the members and 6 or 8 copies of each of the Abstracts prepared the members could obtain a copy of the Abstracts and report and return them to the Town Clerk when finished with. This work he estimated would not cost more than £5. Councillor Sinnott, however, strongly objected to the method suggested by the Town Clerk and moved that they be printed as he was aware that some of the Printers in Town were on short time, but the Town Clerk intimated that although he had asked the three local Printing Works to quote only one of them had submitted a tender. Councillor Hadden moved that the suggestion made by the Town Clerk should be adopted, but it was eventually decided to leave the matter over until the next meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

*Richard Conih T.D.
Mayor of Wexford*

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20th November, 1944.

A meeting of the General Purposes 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)

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Crosbie, Gaul, Hadden, Roche, and Sinnett.

Complaint was made about the condition of the houses at Antelope Road occupied by Smith and Walsh, as well as the condition of the sewer at Lower Georges Street, and the Town Clerk was asked to obtain reports on these matters.

PLOT AT SELSKAR

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, a recommendation by the County Manager was unanimously adopted that a fine of One Pound be taken from Mr. Thomas Kehoe of Selskar Street in respect of a small plot of ground there which it had been agreed to demise to him, he to pay all the legal expenses involved.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had examined the surface of the Bull Ring and in his opinion, it was not in a slippery condition provided the owners of horses complied with the advice given in regard to the proper shoeing of the animals.

The Borough Surveyor also reported that he would advise proper tests of the water at Bailey's well before making it available to the public. It was decided before making such tests that the Surveyor should take steps to have the well cleaned up and to have a notice placed on the spout which this well feeds advising the public to boil the water before using it for domestic purposes.

It was decided to hold a meeting of the Town Planning Committee on Saturday next at 3.30.p.m.

SEATS

The County Manager intimated that he had made arrangements to have seats supplied by the Wexford County Council to the Corporation for erection at various places in the Town, and it was decided for the moment, to have one erected in William Street, opposite Batt Street; one at the end of Whiterock View; one at Hill Street; and one at Swan View, the Faythe.

The meeting then terminated.

*Richard Corish TD
Mayor of Wexford*

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4th December, 1944.

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)

Alderman Byrne,

Councillors Moran, Crosbie, Gaul, Roche, Hadden and Sinnott.

MINUTES

The following Minutes were submitted for ratification and signature:- Minutes of Corporation on the 6th ultimo, and General Purposes Committee on the 20th ultimo. After a resume of the contents of the Minutes had been given it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that the minutes as submitted be taken as having been read and signed by the Mayor.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Complaint was made regarding public lighting at Whitemill, and the Town Clerk was asked to communicate with the Gas Company with a view to having it improved.

SHIPPING

A letter was read from the Minister for Agriculture acknowledging receipt of a request from the Corporation that he should interview the Minister for Industry & Commerce with other T.D.'s regarding the question of shipping to Wexford and Rosslare Harbours. The Minister pointed out that he was quite prepared to discuss the matter referred to with the Minister for Industry & Commerce, but it was extremely awkward for a Minister to receive a deputation which included another Minister, and he was sure the Corporation would understand his position. In this connection the Mayor stated he had interviewed the Minister for Industry & Commerce with other Deputies for the County and the Minister promised to give favourable consideration to their plea that a certain amount of Irish Shipping should be sent to Wexford and Rosslare Harbour. The Mayor also stated that there was a possibility of the Fishguard/Rosslare Service being resumed for a period.

Councillor Moran asked the Corporation to request the Railway Company to extend the 2 p.m. train from Wexford to Rosslare Strand as far as Kilrane or Rosslare Harbour.

REPORT -KING STREET FLOODING

Referring to a discussion at last meeting on the flooding at King Street, a lengthy report was read from the Borough Surveyor, and after some discussion it was decided to await the report of the Consulting Engineer, Mr. O'Connor, and ask him to expedite it.

TIMBER

A letter was read from the Department of Supplies stating that the Minister had authorised the release of some of the timber fuel stored in the dumps at Wexford.

SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE

A letter was read from the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee granting a superannuation allowance to Miss M. T. Walsh, former Domestic

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Economy Instructress. Miss Walsh had retired on the 30th November, 1943, and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had now authorised the payment of a superannuation allowance of £118. 11. 3. per annum, of which £116. 13. 4. should be increased by way of cost of living bonus, subject to the Provisions of the Local Authorities (Cost of Living) Act, 1940.

The Town Clerk pointed out that no provision for this pension had been made in the current year's Estimates, and in accordance with the Provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, the approval of the Corporation was necessary to the payment of this allowance for the period 1st December, 1943, to 31st March, 1945, by way of an increase in the expenditure authorised in the Estimates of Expenditure for Vocational Education adopted for the Financial Year 1944-45.

The Town Clerk further intimated that he estimated the net amount of the increase for the period in question at £300, and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that the County Manager be authorised to expend a further sum of £300 under the heading of Vocational Education during the Financial Year 1944-45.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of the report of J. J. Flood, Esq., Local Government Auditor, on his Audit of the Accounts of the Corporation for the two years ended 31st March, 1944. This matter had been adjourned from last meeting when the question of the printing of the Abstracts and Report was referred to. Councillor Gaul however, proposed that the Abstracts and report be printed at a cost of £46. 5. 0. Councillor Sinnott seconded this motion and it was unanimously agreed to with Councillor Hadden dissenting. Consideration of the report was adjourned until the Abstracts were available for the members.

RESOLUTION

A resolution was submitted from the Westmeath County Council on the question of the raising of the School Leaving age and the teaching through the medium of Irish. A lengthy discussion followed on this resolution during which a number of proposals were made, but eventually the following motion was unanimously agreed to:

"That we call on the Government to raise the school leaving age from 14 to 16 years, but before implementation that the Childrens' Allowances be extended to all children."

FAIR

The Town Clerk pointed out that the December Fair this year would fall on St. Stephen's Day, and it was unanimously agreed that the Fair be fixed for Wednesday, December 27th.

FIRE BRIGADE REMUNERATION

Councillor Gaul referred to the remuneration being paid to the members of the Fire Brigade, and the members of the Corporation agreed that the remuneration paid was inadequate. The Town Clerk in reply stated that the question of the remuneration of the Fire Brigade had engaged the attention of the County Manager for a considerable time, actually it was a matter which had come before the previous Corporation just prior to the 1942 Elections, and it was one of the first matters that came before the County Manager on his taking up duty. He had drafted a scale of fees and allowances for the members of the Brigade which was satisfactory to the men, but so far he had been unable to obtain the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health thereto. Recently he had had the matter again under consideration and had decided to again

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request the Minister to approve of the scale proposed by him. This was considered satisfactory, and the Mayor undertook to interview the Minister with a view to having him sanction the scale proposed by the Manager.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Cairns TD
Mayor

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, the members present being the same as at the Statutory Meeting.

REPORT

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor in reference to the proposal to re-acquire some land between William Street and St. Brendan's Road from Messrs. Springs Ltd, and expressed the opinion that it was not a suitable building site as there was a considerable amount of rock. It was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor for a further report as to whether it would be possible to erect houses on the William Street side of this site.

Referring to the proposal to plant trees on the land side at Maudlintown the County Surveyor intimated that he had this in mind when carrying out future improvements on this road section, and if it was possible to excavate the rock and sow trees he would do so.

It was decided to obtain reports on the condition of the house at John Street occupied by McEvoy; on house at Talbot Street adjoining the Caufield property, and a house at Talbot Street occupied by Mrs. Sutton.

WALL BOUNDARY

Complaint was made regarding the very low wall boundary to St. Magdalen's Terrace houses, and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor for a report on the possibility of providing better protection for the tenants in the Terrace.

The meeting then separated.

Richard Cairns TD
Mayor

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

His Worship the Mayor (in the Chair) with Councillors Hadden, Sinnott and Moran.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee on the 2nd October last which embodied a Sub-committee's report were taken up and the following matters were agreed to:-

- (1) That in any Planning Scheme Byrne's Lane should retain its vista of the sea.
- (2) Regarding the dump opposite the Bacon Factory and the inner margin of the footpath from the Bacon Factory to Byrne's Lane, the Town Clerk was asked to ascertain who were the owners of these properties.
- (3) As regards the Tuskar View area the Town Clerk intimated that he had made arrangements with the Local Agent to map the owners of the property in this area.
- (4) Regarding the proposal that a promenade be made along the top of the cliff on the seaward side of the Faythe, it was decided to ask the Corporation Solicitor what powers the Corporation had, if any, to compulsorily acquire the right of way there with the object of cleaning it and if possible widening it for the making of this promenade.
- (5) It was also decided to plant a tree at the junction of St. Brendan's Road, William Street and Batt Street.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Corin T.D.
Mayor

Chairman