

4th January, 1954.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor James Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Cgrish, Gaul and Sinnott.

Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, Hadden, Howlin & Kevin Morris.

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

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Gaul, the minutes of the December Meeting were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### SYMPATHY

Before the business of the Meeting commenced His Worship, The Mayor, moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late John Elgee, Solicitor, who for some 40 years was Legal Advisor for the County Council and Father of the Wexford Bar.

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

Alderman Sinnott moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. James Gallagher, Accountant to Wexford County Council, and at present Acting Secretary, on the death of his brother.

Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was also supported by the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

#### COMMODORE BARRY MEMORIAL

His Worship, The Mayor submitted a letter which he had received from the Department of External Affairs and which was read by the Town Clerk. The Minister stated that General North was in full agreement with the Site selected. During his visit the General inspected the Chamber of Commerce Building and found that the large front room on the first floor, which was a fine room, was unused and unfurnished. As this room overlooked the Memorial Site the General was interested in converting it into a Small Barry Museum and undertook to discuss the matter with the United States Authorities. The Minister asked that in order to be in a position to keep the United States side informed on the matter he would be grateful if the Mayor would be good enough to inform the Department of the reaction of the Chamber of Commerce to this suggestion. It was unanimously decided to send a copy of the letter to the Chamber of Commerce and the Wexford Harbour Commissioners who occupied the building.

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Alderman Byrne moved that the appreciation of the Corporation be extended to General North for his efforts to secure the early completion of the Barry Memorial and its location in Wexford.

Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

#### TENDERS FOR SAND AND GRAVEL

The next business was to open tenders for the supply of sand and gravel in connection with the erection of 6 houses at Spafield Avenue, and on being opened they were found to be from:-

Messrs: F. M. Brady : Samuel O'Rourke :  
Philip Wilson : & Wilsonite Products:

The tenders were referred to the Housing Engineer and County Manager to deal with.

Councillor Howlin raised the question regarding Trade Union Conditions and was informed that for years past there was a Resolution on the Minute Book of the Corporation that Trade Union Conditions be implied in all Contracts entered into by them.

#### LOCAL BUS SERVICE

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Sinnott moved that Coras Iompair Eireann be asked to investigate the possibility of providing a Local Bus Service. In moving the motion the Alderman referred to the outward growth of the Town and in this instance some of the Housing Estates were situated from the Main Shopping Centre. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously agreed to request Coras Iompair Eireann to consider it.

#### CORNMARKET AREA

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Hadden moved that steps be taken to deal with the entire Cornmarket Area and pointed out that it would be an ideal centre to provide accommodation for old people. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion. In this connection it was pointed out to the meeting that a number of difficulties could be visualised in implimenting this proposal both from the economic and planning point of view but it was decided to ask the County Manager to arrange for a report on this matter.

#### PUBLIC CONVENIENCE

Councillor Hadden also moved that Notices indicating the Location of the Public Lavatory at Selskar St. be provided at the Bullring and at Selskar. Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.



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RESOLUTION FROM GOREY TOWN  
COMMISSIONERS.

The following resolution was adopted at the request of the Gorey Town Commissioners, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris:-

"That we the members of the Wexford Corporation consider the terms as outlined in Circular No. H. 6/53 for the sale of Urban houses as beyond the means of the people for whom they are intended and we call on the Minister for Local Government to revise these terms by continuing to subsidise these houses to the extent of 1/3rd during the repayment period and so ease the burden of the purchaser."

BYE-LAWS

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government enclosing Bye-Laws relating to overcrowding conditions as defined in Section 28 of the Housing Act, 1952 and after the implications of the Bye-Laws had been explained it was decided that a draft Bye-Law should be prepared and submitted for consideration by the members.

TELEPHONE KIOSK AT BISHOPSWATER

A letter was read from the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs stating that the request of the Corporation for the provision of a telephone kiosk at Bishopswater was being considered but that the necessary inquiries had not yet been completed and a further communication would be sent as early as possible.

PILLAR BOX

In this connection reference was made to the request of the Corporation for the provision of a Pillar Box in this area and the Town Clerk was asked to communicate further with the Department on this matter.

LOCAL LOANS FUND

A Circular letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that as from 1st instant the rate of Interest payable in respect of Loans issued from the Local Loans Fund would be reduced to 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ %. This was considered satisfactory.

RELIEF GRANTS

Alderman Sinnott asked if any further Relief Grants had been made to the Council and was informed that a Grant of £2,150. had been made available subject to a Local Contribution of £310. making the total £2,460. It had been decided to utilise this Grant in connection with the Scheme approved by the Corporation for the original Grant, namely, the provision of a road from Davitt Road, South to Waterloo Road and the necessary proposals had been forwarded to the Department.

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In this connection the Meeting were also informed that it was expected to finalise the acquisition of the land inside of a short period.

#### NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Reference was also made to the National Development Fund and the Meeting was informed that this matter was under active consideration, the Fund covering practically every phase of Local Government work, including road, sewer, burial grounds, public abattoirs, development of Housing Sites and the Clearance of Derelict Sites and proposals for this work would shortly be submitted to the Department.

#### DERELICT SITES

In connection with Derelict Sites Councillor Howlin referred to the Faythe area and thought that when the Building Unit was working there that they should erect houses on such sites and complained that the old part of the Town was being left with a considerable number of derelict sites on which, he thought, houses could be erected.

Councillor Hadden complained of the area between the Faythe and Tuskar View and was informed that this was not covered by the Inquiry to be held on the 12th inst. into the Faythe Compulsory Purchase Order which only dealt with the land side of the Faythe.

The County Manager, however, pointed out that in his opinion, it would be better to concentrate on one particular area than to consider a number of nebulous sites in various parts of the Town, which would get them nowhere. He also promised to examine in the near future the Faythe/ William St. area and to consider what might best be done in the area.

Councillor Hadden gave notice of his intention to raise the matter of this area at the next Meeting when he expected that definite proposals to deal with it would be available.

The Meeting then terminated.





18th January, 1954.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor James J. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Corish, Byrne and Sinnott.

Councillors: Kevin Morris, Michael Broaders, John Howlin, George Hadden.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### NEWTOWN HOUSING SCHEME

The Town Clerk reported that sanction had been received to the erection by Direct Labour of 40 houses at Newtown and Six at Spafield Avenue.

He also informed the Meeting of the Proposals that had been forwarded to the Department of Local Government in connection with the National Development Fund.

In connection with the Town Clerk's report on Housing Schemes Councillor Howlin raised the question of employment and thought that at least the men who had recently been dismissed should be re-employed, and after a general discussion it was finally decided that the first item on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Corporation should be "Housing" and that the Housing Engineer should be in attendance at this Meeting.

In connection with Housing Proposals it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, that a Loan of £59,380. be raised for the purchase of land, Law Costs and the erection of 40 dwellings at Newtown, and that a Loan of £8,400. be raised for the purchase of land, Law costs and the erection of SIX houses at SPAFIELD AVENUE.

It was further agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish:-

- (1) That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, Overdraft accommodation in the sum of £20,000. be authorised to 31st March, 1954.
- (2) That Overdraft accommodation in the sum of £30,000. in connection with Council's Housing Programme be authorised for the Period 1st January, 1953 to 31st December, 1953 and for the Period 1st January, 1954 to 31st March, 1954, this authority to be increased by £10,000. to cover the erection of 40 houses at Newtown and 6 at Spafield Avenue or until the necessary Loans are available.
- (3) That Overdraft accommodation in the sum of £9,470. from 1st January, 1953 until Loans are available be authorised in connection with three Waterworks Improvement Schemes.
- (4) That Overdraft accommodation in the sum of £5,000. be authorised until loan is available in connection with the provision of a new sewer from Newtown Housing Scheme to Distillery Road

In connection with the report of the National Development Fund Alderman Sinnott moved that the County Manager and Officials be congratulated on the Schemes that had been submitted and suggested that a Swimming Pool should be considered for this Fund was exhausted.

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Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted and the Town Clerk asked the members to submit to him within the next few weeks any Schemes they considered might be brought within the scope of the development Fund.

#### RELIEF GRANT SCHEMES

In connection with the Administration of Relief Grant Schemes the Town Clerk explained that all negotiations had now been completed for the acquisition of the necessary land and that he hoped soon to be in a position to finalise the purchase of the necessary ground to provide a road from Davitt Road, South, to Waterloo Road in connection with the supplementary Grant. In this connection Councillor Howlin raised the question of the employment of members of the Regular Corporation Staff as Charge-hands and the County Manager promises to review this and if possible to appoint unemployed persons as Charge-hands for future Relief Grants.

#### CAPITOL CINEMA

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by his worship, the Mayor a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909 was granted to the Capitol Cinema for a further year.

#### REPAIRS TO ARTIZANS' DWELLINGS.

It was unanimously decided that a Meeting of the Special Housing Committee dealing with applications for repairs to Artizan's Dwellings should be held on the following Friday night.

#### EXTENSION OF BOROUGH

It was also agreed that the Town Clerk should convene a Meeting of the Special Committee appointed to consider an extension of the Borough Boundary as soon as possible.

#### KIOSK & TELEPHONE AT BISHOPSWATER

At the request of Alderman Sinnott the Town Clerk again promised to communicate with the Department of Posts & Telegraphs in connection with the kiosk at Bishopswater and the provision of a letter box there.

#### PIANO IN TOWN HALL

Councillor Kevin Morris complained of the condition of the piano in the Town Hall and the Town Clerk intimated that he had arranged with the Town Sergeant to have an electric lamp placed in the piano for the purpose of preventing dampness.

In connection with the Town Hall Councillor Morris also referred to the condition of the building and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to submit a report and estimate for reconditioning it to the Estimates Meeting.

#### NUMBERS ON HOUSES

His worship, The Mayor, raised the question of the numbering of houses in Streets and the Town Clerk promised that he would arrange the numbering of the houses in School Street, Abbey St. and William Street as soon as possible.

#### NAMING OF NEWTOWN HOUSING SCHEME

A question was raised regarding the naming of the Newtown Housing Scheme and Alderman Byrne gave notice that he would raise the matter for discussion at the next Statutory Meeting.



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PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Alderman Corish raised the question of the provision of Public Lights that were out from time to time, and the Town Clerk stated that he had discussed this matter with the E.S.B. who informed him that it was due to two causes:-

- (1) Being the usual Seasonal provision of air guns, and
- (2) Defective lamps.

But he again asked the members to let him know immediately they saw a public light out of commission when he would get in touch with the Local representative and have it fixed forthwith. Reference was also made to the Committee set up sometime ago to examine the public lighting system of the Town and the Town Clerk informed the members that immediately the report of this Committee had been adopted by the Corporation he had asked for quotations from the E.S.B. but due to an alteration in the Board's system of dealing with Public Lights an estimate for this work had been delayed but he was in communication with the Board and expected them to submit their estimate in the near future.

PROVISION OF GAS COOKERS.

Councillor Howlin raised the question of the provision of gas cookers to Corporation houses at Distillery Road and the County Manager promises to deal with this matter as soon as he has received proposals from the Gas Company for the provision of cookers to these houses..

REDMOND MONUMENT

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Sinnott it was agreed that the County Manager and Borough Surveyor should consult and examine the position of the railings around the Redmond Monument near the North Railway Station.

MARY ST./JOHN ST. CORNER

In reply to Councillor Hadden the County Manager promised to examine the position of the corner of Mary St./John Street, as soon as possible.

The Meeting then terminated.

*J. J. Hadden*

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A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor James J. Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Corish, Byrne, Gaul & Sinnott.

Councillors: Flusk, Broaders, Haddon and Howlin.

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

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the minutes of previous Meetings, (copies of which had been circulated to the members with the Agenda for the present Meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### SYMPATHY

Before the business of the Agenda commenced His Worship, The Mayor, moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Kevin Morris on the death of his uncle, the late Michael Morris. The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A letter was read from Mr. Richard Elgee, Solicitor returning thanks to the Corporation on behalf of his sisters and on his own behalf for the vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his father, the late John Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council.

#### LOCAL BUS SERVICE

A letter was read from Coras Iompair Eireann with reference to the proposal of the Corporation that a Local Bus Service be established in the Town and stated that the volume of traffic likely to avail of such facilities would in no way justify the very high cost and regretted being unable to accede to the Corporation's request. It was decided to request Coras Iompair Eireann to reconsider this matter or alternatively to state if they would raise any objection to such a service being operated by a private concern.

#### RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR STAFFORD.

The next business was to declare vacant the Seat on the Corporation formerly held by Mr. Kevin Stafford who had resigned and, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the following Declaration was unanimously adopted:-

"WHEREAS on the 12th day of February, 1951, Kevin Stafford was selected a member of the Wexford Corporation;  
AND WHEREAS the said Kevin Stafford has resigned his membership of the Wexford Corporation.  
NOW THEREFORE, we, the said Corporation of Wexford, in pursuance of the above-mentioned Statutes and all other powers in this behalf enabling us, do hereby declare the Office of Councillor held by the said Kevin Stafford to be vacant;  
AND WE FURTHER DIRECT that a Declaration to this effect at, on or near the outer door of the Municipal Buildings, Wexford, shall be deemed to be sufficient notice of the said vacancy for all purposes."

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### NAMING OF HOUSES

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Byrne moved that a name be given to the Newtown Housing Scheme and this motion was seconded by His Worship, The Mayor, who then moved, in accordance with Notice given, that the present Newtown Housing Schemes of 34, 16 & 6 dwellings be named "Corish Park" in memory of the late Alderman Corish who was Mayor of Wexford for over 25 years.

Alderman Gaul seconded the motion which was supported by Alderman Sinnott, Byrne and Corish, Councillors: Broaders and Flusk and unanimously agreed to.

His Worship, The Mayor also moved that the 10 houses at Thomas Street be named "Marian Row". This was seconded by Alderman Byrne and also unanimously adopted.

### GENERAL DISCUSSION ON HOUSING

The Corporation next proceeded to an item on the Agenda "General Discussion on Housing" and decided at a Meeting of the General Purposes Committee on 18th January last.

In opening the discussion Councillor Howlin stated he had gone to a great deal of trouble to get some facts and figures and grievances for the Meeting. He understood it was the unanimous decision of the General Purposes Committee that the Housing Engineer was to be present for this discussion. The County Manager said the General Purposes Committee arranged for a general discussion on Housing; the extent of that discussion was not outlined at the Committee Meeting and it was obvious that the main discussion that would be of use to the Corporation would be a discussion on the Direct Labour Scheme of 40 houses which had been sanctioned by the Local Government Department. At present the Corporation was not in a position to proceed with such a discussion.

Councillor Howlin said that was not the intention of the Corporation; the 40 houses were not mentioned except that they had been sanctioned. It was decided that the Housing Engineer would be invited to hear the members' grievances regarding the progress of the Schemes in operation and employment on them.

The County Manager said he was under a misapprehension so because he thought that they were about to consider the Direct Labour Scheme for the 40 houses. The position of the Schemes in progress had been discussed at Several Meetings already and he thought that he had made it perfectly clear to the members that he was not prepared to interfere with the General Authority given by the Corporation regarding them to the Housing Engineer. A general discussion on Housing at the commencement of a new Scheme was a matter the Corporation would be normally consulted on and he would have no hesitation in having the Housing Engineer present at the discussion but he had outlined the position clearly so far as an Engineer, acting under his direction, on the Schemes in progress was concerned and he did not depart from that position at any time. Councillor Howlin said that Sub-Section 3, Section 30 of the County Management Act, 1940, very clearly stated that wherever the County Manager attends a Meeting of an Elected Body he should give them such advice as is reasonable to require and shall for the purpose arrange for the attendance of such of his Officers as may be necessary having regard to the business. Continuing, Councillor Howlin stated, it was the



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third time the Corporation had asked for the attendance of the Housing Engineer. The people in the street do not seem to understand when they come to us with grievances about housing that we have no function here. I have some of the grievances here which I believe are genuine but if the Housing Engineer were here he might upset them. I seriously suggest, said Councillor Howlin, that the Housing is a big industry in Wexford and that every person who is a Ratepayer in Wexford is a shareholder in this industry. They elected us as their Directors and it seems extraordinary that we pass hundreds of thousands of pounds to build houses and cannot get indirectly in touch with the man who is spending the money to ask questions or make suggestions. Surely we are entitled to have the Engineer here to question him as to whether in our opinion he should employ ten men as sufficient when we would suggest he should employ twenty. I am here to-night with three or four pages of prepared questions I thought were going to be answered but as the Housing Engineer is not here to answer them, the Councillor stated, that with all respect to His Worship, The Mayor and all the other members he was now leaving the Meeting.

Councillor Flusk stated he had a recollection that if the Corporation required the attendance of the Housing Engineer they should table certain specific questions to be answered. Councillor Howlin stated no such suggestion was ever made in his presence.

Councillor Dr. Hadden stated, before Councillor Howlin leaves I suggest there was some confusion of thought in this matter, the probability was that the County Manager was interpreting the situation in which the Corporation established a self-denying ordinance not to interfere with the work of the Housing Engineer. If he understood Councillor Howlin rightly he had no intention of interfering with the Management or the Housing Engineer but he (Councillor Hadden) thought that if the Corporation wanted information from the County Manager or Officials they were entitled to have it. He did not think their self-denying ordinance ever visualised they would be refused access to their Officials but he would like to hear whether the County Manager might possibly not see the thing in the same light. At this stage Councillor Howlin left the Meeting.

Alderman Byrne said this was one of the conflicts he visualised when the County Management Act was passed. The Corporation was not getting the co-operation so far as Housing was concerned and he saw no reason why an Official was not present to meet the people elected to do the business of the Ratepayers.

Alderman Corish said he agreed with what had been said by Councillor Howlin. It now looked as if there was an attempt to sabotage Direct Labour and he was also withdrawing from the Meeting until he got an Order from his Party to return.

The County Manager said the position had been so obviously misrepresented that he felt he should speak fairly plainly about it, and I must ask the members to examine the position carefully before they speak on it and to make sure they do not take part in any misrepresentations of the facts which would hinder the progress and work. There was no dissatisfaction whatever among the Ratepayers of Wexford about the present Housing Schemes as regards progress under Direct Labour. The cause and root of the trouble was due to the fact that certain tradesmen were laid off the Scheme within recent months. There are at present employed on the Scheme, continued the Manager, 109 men. The position regarding the Housing Engineer, added the Manager, is clear but I must say that the responsibility for building rests on me. It was mainly a financial responsibility of ensuring

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that the houses were built in the most economic manner and that the benefit of the Ratepayers financing the Scheme was the greatest. The position here is that while questions have been raised and request made to have the Housing Engineer present to answer them the members did not display the slightest interest in the financing of the Schemes. It was advisable that they should inquire into the costs and examine the relative position of their loan burdens to the rates in general in the Town, and that is one of the most important matters as far as the present housing scheme is concerned. Continuing the County Manager said, he had already made it clear that the attendance of the Housing Engineer was something that was not desirable in the interests and progress of the Direct Labour Schemes. It was my considered opinion that the Housing Engineer was being invited for a discussion that might be Unemployment on the Schemes and that the basis of that discussion would be the disemployment of tradesmen that had occurred. I have no reason to alter that opinion that that was the basis of the request for the attendance of the Engineer. If that was so let the members set out an Agenda and let them put the finances of the Housing Scheme on top of that Agenda and give it consideration in relation to the progress of Direct Labour Housing Schemes and let it be clear what we are doing. Continuing, the County Manager stated, the statement had been made that the Corporation had handed over its functions to the Housing Engineer. That was never done and was never contemplated. What was done and what is quite clear is that the Corporation did at the time authorise the County Manager to direct the Housing Scheme and agreed that in the matter of employment on the Schemes they would not interfere with the Housing Engineer. That did not relieve the County Manager of the responsibility that normally devolves on him in relation to employment. The County Manager quoted that up to the present the Direct Labour Housing Schemes had been completed within the Engineer's Estimate and it looked as if the present Schemes at Newtown would also be completed under the Estimate. The Housing Engineer had submitted estimates for further Schemes but when these Estimates were submitted he (Manager) had insisted on a considerable reduction in the Estimates and had directed that the houses be built at the reduced figure. In conclusion, the Manager said, he had no intention of keeping any information from the members that they were entitled to but wanted it in an orderly open manner, openly asked for and not let the information be requested under an attempt to discuss some other matter which is really the basis of the request for information.

Alderman Gaul said that while he believed they could not work miracles they had requested the attendance of the Housing Engineer to prove whether they could employ more men or not and as his colleagues had left the Meeting he would withdraw also.

Alderman Byrne said that so far as the Ratepayers were concerned they were not satisfied with the progress that was being made and that the members of the Corporation were not getting the information they were entitled to. How could a Scheme be carried out efficiently if it was not fully manned. He would say that certain victimisation had taken place and that the Direct Labour Schemes were being deliberately sabotaged. He would like to have the particular Section of the County Management Act examined to see if they could suspend the Manager. The Town Clerk said there was no Section in the Act which enabled an elected Body to suspend the Manager.

The County Manager said Alderman Byrne had spoken more to the point. He had referred to the victimisation of certain employees and that was the key of the whole discussion which had been cloaked under statements regarding dissatisfaction.

Councillor Flusk asked would it meet the situation if there were certain questions put to the Housing Engineer to answer and a certain Meeting called to discuss them.



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Alderman Sinnott said he would have liked to have the Housing Engineer there because there were a number of questions regarding construction of the houses, as well as the employment of men he would like to discuss with the Housing Engineer. It was important that the Corporation have confidence in the Officials and they would like to know how the money was spent. There was a grievance in so far as the Thomas St. houses was concerned in as much as only a carpenter and apprentice were employed thereon but the Manager intervened to state that the carpentry work for the Thomas Street houses was carried out on the Newtown Scheme.

Councillor Flusk stated that he would like the Corporation to draft an Agenda of whatever questions they required the Housing Engineer to answer and he thought if that was done the County Manager would arrange for such answers.

After a further lengthy discussion on this matter it was eventually unanimously agreed to hold a special Meeting on Wednesday, February, 10th to draft an Agenda for a subsequent Meeting at which the Housing Engineer would be present.

LOCAL LOANS FUND  
RESOLUTION ARKLOW U.D.C.

A Resolution from Arklow U.D.C. calling on the Government to issue Loans from the Local Loans Fund at 2½% for housing purposes was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flusk.

RESOLUTION ATHLONE U. D. C.

A Resolution from Athlone U.D.C. calling on the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to introduce legislation which would give the Post Office authorities power to compel the owners of machinery and plant, which is causing interference with Radio Reception, to eliminate the interference."

The Meeting then terminated.

*J. J. Morris*



15th February, 1954.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, in the Chair.

Alderman: Sinnott,

Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, Flusk, Hadden, Kevin Morris.

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

#### RUGBY PLAYER

Before the business of the Meeting commenced His Worship, The Mayor, moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Seamus Kelly, St. John's Drive on his selection to the International Rugby Team, this being the first time a Wexford man ever received a Rugby Cap. Councillor Kevin Morris seconded the motion which was supported by Councillor Hadden and unanimously agreed to.

#### AGENDA ON HOUSING

The next business was to agree on an Agenda for a General discussion on Housing to take place on the 1st prox. and after a lengthy discussion the following points were agreed on as an Agenda.

COUNCILLOR FLUSK: intimated he would ask when the last men were laid off was there any work available for them.

ALDERMAN SINNOTT: intimated he would ask the Estimate and Cost to-date of the Housing Schemes at Bishopswater, Corish Park and Thomas St.

ALDERMAN SINNOTT: also intimated he would also ask that in future housing Schemes a fire place be installed in at least one of the bed rooms and if a sitting room was provided a fireplace be also installed therein.

COUNCILLOR K. MORRIS: intimated he would ask what was the maximum number of men that could be employed on the next 40 House-Scheme at Newtown. In this connection it was stated that three-bedroomed houses had recently been erected in the Rural District of Fermoy and let at rents of 11/- per week inclusive of rates and it was decided that some information should be requested from the Secretary of the Cork County Council on this matter.

#### NEW FIRE ENGINE

On the Motion of Councillor Kevin Morris, seconded by Alderman Sinnott it was unanimously agreed to raise a Loan of £3,600. from the Treasurer for a period of ten years for the purchase of a new fire engine.

The Meeting then terminated.

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A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, the Mayor, Councillor James J. Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Corish, Byrne, Gaul and Sinnott.

Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, Flusk, Hadden, Howlin, Kevin Morris.

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

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the minutes of previous Meetings, copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### COMHAIRLE NA MIRE GAILE

Before the business of the Meeting commenced, His Worship, The Mayor, on behalf of Comhairle na Mire Gaile, presented Certificates for Life Saving to William Gaul of 3, Thomas Street and Sheamus Sheehan of 16, Green Street. Both boys were warmly congratulated by the Mayor and other members.

#### HOUSING

The next business was a general discussion on Housing, in accordance with an Agenda drawn up on the 15th ultimo.

In accordance with Notice given, Councillor Flusk asked when men were last laid off Housing Schemes was there any work available for them, and the Housing Engineer replied that there was not.

In reply to Alderman Sinnott it was stated that the Estimate for the 128 houses at Bishopswater was £1600. per house. Since that Estimate was prepared, however, increases in Wages and materials had amounted to £19,728. or an average of £154. per house which would make the total estimated all-in-cost £1754.

Although certain work still required to be done in connection with the Scheme it was confidently estimated that the final all-in-cost would not exceed £1500. per house.

As regards the 22 houses at Waterloo Road the estimated all-in-cost was £2,000. each and they had been completed for £1755.

The estimated all-in-cost of the ten houses at Hill Street, was £1570. each and they had been completed for £1538.

The 34 houses at Newtown were estimated to cost £1496. 10.0, each but as far as could be ascertained at the present time the final all-in-cost would not exceed £1420.

As regards the other houses in course of construction- 6 at Newtown, 16 at Newtown and 10 bungalows at Thomas Street it was seen that these were all at present within the estimated figure.

General satisfaction was expressed at the financial position and the members were pleased to note that all the work being carried out within the estimated

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Councillor Howlin referred to the building time for the 10 bungalows at Thomas Street and stated he was convinced that more men could be employed on this Scheme and if they were the building time could be reduced with a consequent reduction in overhead expenses which would be reflected in the rents.

The Housing Engineer stated, however, that he could not employ any further men on this Scheme economically.

Alderman Sinnott referred to the provision of a fireplace in at least one of the bedrooms and was informed that this suggestion was being embodied in future Schemes.

In reply to Councillor Kevin Morris the Housing Engineer stated that he would commence work on the 40 houses at Newtown in approximately two weeks time and at the peak would employ about 60 men.

In reply to Alderman Sinnott the Manager intimated that he had already submitted a proposal for a Grant from the National Development Fund for the development of the proposed Housing Site at the Faytho.

Councillor Kevin Morris referred to the division fences at the rear of some of the Housing Schemes and the Housing Engineer promised to examine this question for future Schemes.

#### COMMODORE BARRY MEMORIAL

The next business was a recommendation from the County Manager:-

"That the time is now opportune to establish a Commodore Barry Memorial Committee" and, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the Manager's recommendation was adopted.

As regards the formation of a Committee it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Hadden that a Committee consisting of not more than twenty-three members be nominated and this was to consist of the 12 members of the Corporation, one representative from the Chamber of Commerce, the Trades Council, the Wexford Boot and Shoe Merchants' Association, Wexford County Council, Wexford Harbour Commissioners, the Administrator, the Guardian of the Priory and Very Rev. Chancellor Hazley. This Committee to have power to co-opt up to the limit of 23, authorised by this Resolution.

#### LOAN FOR REPAIR OF HOUSES

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed to raise a Loan of £2,020. for the repair of 16 houses at Trinity Street.

#### ANNUAL MEETING I.P.B. MUTUAL INSCE.

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by His Worship, The Mayor Alderman James Gaul was appointed to represent the Corporation at the annual General Meeting of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances.

#### IRISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

A letter was read from the Irish Red Cross Society requesting a contribution for the Financial Year 1954/5 towards the Water Safety Section and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Corish to include a contribution of £20. in the Estimates.

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SAFETY FIRST ASSOCIATION

A letter was read from the President of the Safety First Association of Ireland on the subject of a Road Safety Week and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Sinnott it was unanimously agreed to invite the President to come before the Council on a convenient occasion, to discuss the matter further.

INSTALLATION OF GAS COOKERS - BISHOPSWATER HOUSING SCHEME.

Councillor Howlin asked what was the position regarding the installation of gas cookers in the Bishopswater Houses and the County Manager intimated he was not prepared to authorise a Scheme which would not be self-supporting. In his opinion, the Waterford Scheme quoted by Councillor Howlin was not self-supporting but he asked the Councillor to defer further consideration of this subject until he had an opportunity of examining the figures for the Bishopswater Housing Scheme when he might be able to authorise the provision of gas cookers within the existing rents.

ESTIMATES MEETING

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed to hold the Estimates Meeting of the Corporation on the 29th instant.

PURCHASE OF HOUSES -

In reply to a question by Alderman Corish regarding the purchase of houses the Manager stated that the present position was that as the Corporation purchased old houses and repaired them they were not in a position to increase the rents to cover such repairs and until this position was clarified he could not authorise the purchase of any further dwellings.

PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY TENANTS

As regards the purchase of Corporation houses by the Tenants it was agreed that a Scheme for the sale of houses to the Tenants would be prepared for submission to the Corporation as soon as possible.

ERECTION OF GARAGE

In reply to Alderman Corish the Town Clerk intimated that so far no attempt had been made by Mr. John Cosgrove to take up the plot of ground at Davitt Road, North for the purpose of erecting a garage, and it was decided to communicate with Mr. Cosgrove asking him for a definite date as to when he proposed building.

E.S.B.

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish moved that we call on the E.S.B. to standardize charges for the use of electric light and power all over the republic. Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by Alderman Byrne and Councillor Broaders and it was further agreed that the Resolution should be sent to the Dail representatives for the County Wexford.

EVIDENCE OF CORPORATION OFFICIAL

Councillor Howlin raised the question of an Official of the Corporation giving evidence against the Corporation in a recent action for an injunction to restrain the Corporation from proceeding with the erection of a public convenience, but the Manager intimated that as the Official in question made it clear in Court he was acting under subpoena he could not take any action in the matter.



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DECORATIONS - AN TOSTAL.

It was unanimously agreed that the Town be cleaned up as much as possible for "An Tostal".

CONFERENCE - ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL  
AUTHORITIES.

Alderman Byrne intimated that the Association of Municipal Authorities proposed to hold their annual Conference in Wexford in September next and in the meantime Councillor K. Morris and himself had been raising funds by holding dances in the Town Hall for the purpose of entertaining the delegates and he asked the Manager to waive the charge for the Town Hall and the County Manager intimated he would go into the matter and thought that if a nominal amount were charged to meet the cost of light he would make a special concession in this case..

The Meeting then terminated.

*J J Morris*

22nd March, 1954.

A Meeting of the Corporation (Acting as an Estimates Committee) was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past 9 o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor James J. Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Gaul, Byrne, Sinnott and Corish.

Councillors: Kevin Morris, Frank Cullimore, Michael Broaders and Dr. Hadden.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

The Meeting had been convened to make a Preliminary Examination of the Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure prepared by the County Manager for the year ending 31st March, 1955. A copy of the Estimates had been furnished to the members with the Notice convening the Meeting.

At the outset Alderman Sinnott asked what was the Expenditure on the maintenance of roads and the Town Clerk informed him that the total Expenditure under this heading up to the 28th February was £613. with Receipts of £98. showing the net Expenditure £534. The Alderman was not satisfied with this answer and requested that the Borough Surveyor should submit details of where money was spent - to the Estimates Meeting of the Corporation. In this connection the County Manager suggested that a Schedule should be prepared at the beginning of the Financial Year showing what roads the money allocated was to be expended on.

Alderman Sinnott also asked that the actual amount spent on Parking, etc. Signs and Tree Planting should be submitted to the Estimates Meeting.

On the Estimate for Sanitary Services Alderman Sinnott again raised the question of the provision of a Calvary in Crosstown Cemetery and intimated he intended to press for the provision of this during the coming Financial Year.

Alderman Corish questioned the cost of public lighting and complained of the quality of the Electric Lamps provided and most of the members had a similar complaint regarding lamps purchased by them for their own private use.

On the Estimate for the Housing of the Working Classes the members were satisfied and when informed that the allocation of £2,500. for repairs had proved sufficient warmly congratulated those members who acted during the year as a Repairs Committee.

On the General Purposes Estimate the question of extending the Borough Boundary to take in the houses at Bishopswater and Newtown was raised and the Town Clerk intimated he intended to call a Meeting of the Special Committee to consider that matter within the next few weeks.

One item in the General Purposes Estimate consisting of £1,150. for Overdraft Interest was strongly questioned and the County Manager explained that at the 31st March, 1953 the debit balance on the Council's Account amounted to £22,000. He was satisfied, however, that this was not a true reflection of the Council's Financial position as considerable sums were outstanding in Government Grants at the time. He was satisfied, however, that the normal debit balance was between £15,000. and £17,000. and urged that the Council should take steps to effect a substantial reduction in this debit balance year by year until it was wiped out in say, 10 years.

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As regards the amount included for Overdraft Interest the Manager pointed out that in previous years a sum had been included as arrears on foot of the County Council Demand but the Corporation were now clear with the County Council, having paid the Demand in full, he thought it right that the Overdraft Interest should be clearly shown in the Estimates.

The question of arrears on the County Council Demand gave rise to some discussion, some members held that as the County Council were not unduly pressing the Corporation the arrears should not have been wiped out by means of Overdraft but the Town Clerk pointed out that the only sum in actual cash paid to the County Council to clear off the arrears was £500. and that the balance had been wiped out by means of credits accrued to the Corporation in the County Council Accounts.

The members then went over each item of the Estimates seriatim but could find no item capable of being reduced without impairing the Services for the coming year.

The Manager's Estimate provided for a rate of 36/2d. in the £. which would be an increase of 10d. in the £. on the Rate struck for the current year and the members unanimously appealed to the Manager and Town Clerk to do their utmost to further reduce the Estimate as they themselves were unable to point to any item capable of reduction.

During the course of the discussion it was seen that of the proposed increase of 10d. in the £. only 6d. was applicable to services under the direct control of the Corporation, the remaining 4d. being accounted for by increases in the Demands of the County Council and the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

The Meeting then terminated after deciding to hold a further Preliminary Meeting at 7.30 p.m. on the 29th instant and to hold the Estimates Meeting at 8.30 p.m. on the same Evening.



29th March, 1954.

The Annual Estimates Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past 8 O'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor James J. Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Gaul, Byrne, Corish, Sinnott,

Councillors: Flusk, Kevin Morris, Cullimore, Broaders, Hadden and Howlin.

At the outset, in a short statement, the County Manager briefly reviewed the Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1954 together with the general Financial Position of the Council and recorded his appreciation of the careful manner in which the members had considered the details of the Estimates. He pointed out that he had reduced his original Estimate by 4d. in the £. to meet the wishes of the Corporation but intimated that it would only be by very careful watching of expenditure that the sum now estimate for would carry on the services of the Corporation during the coming year, and no Expenditure not at present estimated for could possibly be undertaken in 1954/5.

The Corporation Estimates Committee recommended that a rate of 35/10d. in the £. be adopted and Alderman Sinnott moved the adoption of this recommendation.

In moving the adoption of the recommendation Alderman Sinnott heartily congratulated the County Manager, Town Clerk and other Officials on the simple, straight-forward manner in which the Estimates were presented and expressed the opinion that the new rate was a reasonable one, having regard to the fact that 4d. was accounted for by services under which the Corporation had no control, namely, the County Council and Vocational Education Demands, leaving the rate for which the Corporation had direct responsibility only increased by 2d.

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion and also congratulated the Manager and Officials on the Estimate.

The other members and the Mayor also congratulated the Officials and the motion - that a rate of 35/10d. be agreed on - was unanimously adopted.

The following three statutory resolutions were thereupon unanimously adopted:-

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Councillor Howlin:

Table A. providing for an estimated expenditure of £95,447. was agreed on.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris:

Table B. providing for estimated receipts at £45,125. was agreed on.

And, on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne, Table C. providing for a net sum of £50,322. to be raised by rates at a rate of 35/10d. in the £. was agreed on.

Before the Meeting terminated the Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Mr. John Ryan, Bridgetown on winning a valuable silver cup for handball the previous Day. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and unanimously adopted.

Alderman Sinnott moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. John Rossiter, an employee, on the death of his wife. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and unanimously adopted.

The Meeting then

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29th March, 1954.

A further Meeting of the Corporation, acting as an Estimates Committee, was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor James J. Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Gaul, Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

Councillors: Flusk, Kevin Morris, Cullimore, Broaders, Hadden, and Howlin.

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

With reference to minutes of the 22nd instant when the members had asked the Manager to further reduce the Estimates for the coming year Mr. McDermot stated that he had again gone very carefully into the entire estimates. He felt that the Estimate had been reduced as much as possible and having regard to the large debit balance on the Council's Accounts he was loath to reduce them further. However, he stated, in order to meet the wishes of the Corporation and if they were satisfied with a rate of 35/10d. in the £. he proposed to make the following adjustments:-

- (1) Increase the estimated receipts for special grant works by £100.
- (2) Reduce the amount provided for public lighting by £50.
- (3) Reduce the amount of Overdraft Interest by £150.
- (4) Reduce the amount provided for rents, rates, etc. on houses £30.
- (5) Reduce the amount provided by Loan charges for Housing by £30.

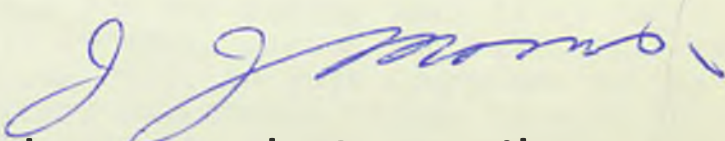
This showed a gross reduction of £400. or the equivalent of 4d. in the £. bringing the net amount to be raised by rates to £50,322. which would require a rate of 35/10d. or an increase of 6d. over the rates for the current year.

The members were all satisfied with these foregoing adjustments and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Gaul it was unanimously decided to recommend the Estimates Committee to agree to a rate of 35/10d. in the £. for the coming year.

The County Manager then submitted an estimate from the Borough Surveyor for the surface dressing of St. John's Road, St. John's Drive and Corish Park at an estimated cost of £550. The Manager intimated that he proposed to cut out Corish Park for the current year and to have St. John's Drive surface-dressed at an estimated cost of £350. He did not, however, intend to add this to the Estimates but if the Corporation agreed he was prepared to increase the Rates Estimate by £150. and have this work done within the total estimate by means of further adjustments in the Rate Estimate and leaving the rate in the £. at 35/10d. The members considered this satisfactory and, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Gaul, unanimously agreed to the County Manager's suggestion.

Councillor Howlin raised the question of the provision of cookers in the Bishopswater houses and the Manager asked him not to press the question at the moment as he hoped when he examined the costings of this Housing Scheme to provide cookers for those who required them without increasing the rents.

The Preliminary Meeting then terminated and the Estimates Meeting proper commenced.



BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

ARUS AN BHARDAIS,  
LOCH GARMAIN.

Marta, 1954.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of  
Wexford.

A Cháirde,

In accordance with the provisions of the County Management Acts and the Public Bodies Order you have already been furnished with the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts, and the Rate required to meet the estimated commitments of the Borough Council for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1955, and I now wish to report on the said Estimates which will formally come before you for consideration at the Estimates Meeting on the 29th instant.

The Rate of 35/4d. levied for the current Financial Year was made up as follows:-

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate in the £.</u>	
	£.	S.	d.
For Services directly administered by the Council.	26,468.	18.	10.22.
For Services rendered by precepting Authorities:-			
(a) Wexford County Council.	19,868.	14.	1.81.
(b) Vocational Education Committee	2,172.	1.	6.57.
(c) Department of Social Welfare	1,100.		9.40.
	<u>49,608.</u>	<u>35.</u>	<u>4.00.</u>

The Estimates now presented for your consideration in respect of the ensuing year are as follows:

	<u>Net Amount</u>	<u>Rate in the £.</u>	
	£.	S.	d.
For Services directly administered by the Council:	28,095.	20.	0.45.
For Services rendered by Precepting Authorities:			
(a) Wexford County Council	19,654.	14.	0.00.
(b) Vocational Education Committee	1,983.	1.	5.00.
(c) Department of Social Welfare	1,000.		8.55.
	<u>£50,732.</u>	<u>36.</u>	<u>2.00.</u>

The Poundage increase in respect of Corporation Services is 14.23 the sum provided for County Council Services is down by 1. 81 while the Vocational Service shows a Poundage decrease of 1.57 and Unemployment Assistance is down by .85. This shows a gross poundage increase of 14.23 pence and aggregate reductions of 4.23 pence leaving the net increase 10 pence. While the County Council Demand for the ensuing year is increased by £287. in the current year's estimate provision of £501. was included in respect of arrears. Similarly the Demand of The vocational Education Committee for the coming year is up (with the prior consent of the Council) by £151. making the total increase by these two precepting Authorities £438. or just fourpence in the £. The slight reduction in Unemployment Assistance is due to certain small dwellings being included in arriving at the sum payable. The

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net increase of approximately Sixpence in the Services directly administered by the Corporation will be dealt with under the various heads of the Estimate.

The following table shows the sums allowed in the Current Year under the Statutory Headings ; the actual Expenditure to the 28th ultimo; the estimated Expenditure for March, 1954; and the Estimated Expenditure for 1954/5.

Head of Estimate	Amount Allowed 1953/54.	Expenditure to 28/2/54.	Estimated Expenditure for March, 1954.	Total for year 1953/54.	Estimated Expenditure. 1954/55.
	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
Ordinary Road Works	1560.	1125.	380.	1505.	1420.
Special Grant Works	5000.	3436.	600.	4036.	5000.
Sanitary Services	14809.	12539.	600.	13139.	15180.
Housing Services	30560.	29339.	600.	29939.	34340.
General Purposes	39410.	40177.	2400.	42577.	39667.
	91339.	86616.	4580.	91196.	95607.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The following Table shows the Rate Collection for the five years ended 31st March, 1953, and it is pleasing to record that the progressive improvement over these years continues to be maintained:-

Year ended 31st March	Total of the Warrant	Amount Collected.	Irrecoverable	Carried Forward	Percentage of Possible Collection.
	£.	£.	£.	£.	
1949.	36,577. 5. 7.	35,350.16.0.	541. 8. 5.	285.1.2.	99.22.
1950.	36,821.14.10.	36,193. 5.10.	510.17.11.	117.11.1.	99.68.
1951.	37,929.17. 5.	37,228. 7. 3.	358.18.10.	342.11.4.	99.1.
1952.	39,735.15. 2.	38,957. 3. 6.	433.16. 1.	344.15.7.	99.13.
1953.	42,661. 0. 9.	41,701. 8. 3.	494. 9. 2.	465. 3.4.	98.9.

0.23

The slight reduction of ~~1~~ per cent in the Collection is due to certain collectible sums ~~having~~ through no fault of the Collectors having to be carried forward at the 31st March, 1953, but which were collected early in the Current Year. All the present indications are that the Collection for the Current year will maintain the present high standards.

#### RENT COLLECTION:

The following Table shows the Rent Collection for the five years ended 31st March, 1953.:-

Year Ended 31st March.	For Collection	Collected	Irrecoverable	Arrears	Percent-Age of Possible Collection.
1949.	10, 154. 4. 7.	9847.6.6.	17. 3. 7.	293.14.6.	97.0.



Year Ended 31st March.	For Collection.	Collected	Irrecoverable	Arrears	Percent- age of Possible Collection.
1950.	11,809. 9. 2.	11533.14.0.	21.18.10.	253.16.4.	97.85.
1951.	13,812. 11. 2.	13544.13.7.	1.10. 9.	266. 6.10.	98.00.
1952.	16,503. 0.10.	16185. 2.9.	15.14. 7.	302. 3. 6.	98.15.
1953.	21,809. 14. 0.	21292. 9.11.	45. 8. 4.	471.15. 9.	97.8.

The Rent Collection, you will observe, showed a percentage decrease of 1.35 in 1952/53 but unlike the Rate Collection did not improve in the current year; rather the reverse for the arrears of £471.15. 9. at 31st March, 1953 increased to £ 1202. at 30th September and at the end of February, 1954, had reached the all-high figure of £1413. There is little hope of this figure showing any substantial reduction by 31st inst.

In previous years the amount outstanding at the 31st March has shown a substantial reduction on the level of arrears which operated during the greater part of the financial year. The position has been accentuated particularly in the Current and preceding financial year due to the large number of newly constructed houses which are let at higher rents. A detailed examination of the arrears outstanding shows that the Schemes at St. Aidan's Crescent and Bishopswater contribute a high proportion of the total amount due to the Corporation. The Rent Collection position has already been unfavourably commented on and it is evident that stringent action will be necessary to ensure a substantial reduction in the figure during the coming financial year. The level of arrears outstanding adversely affects the financial position of the Corporation and the net effect is an unnecessary addition to the Bank Overdraft during the greater part of each year. During the Current financial year arrangements were made for the appointment of an additional Rent Collector with a view to ensuring that effective steps are taken to control the collection on the new schemes. This does not involve any additional expense to the Corporation as the remuneration of the Collectors is on a basis which relates the income of the Collector to the number of houses.

#### ESTIMATES FOR 1954/55.

##### ROADS

The Estimated expenditure for the maintenance of roads, streets and footpaths has been reduced from £1560. to £1420. Salaries have been increased by £60. while tree planting, Parking Signs and Loan Charges have been reduced by £200. thus reducing the estimated expenditure by £140. On the receipts side the Estate Duty Grant has increased from £30. to £90. so that the net reduction for the roads service is £200. In this connection the Borough Surveyor has asked for the sum of

£338. to surface dress St. John's Road and St. John's Drive;  
and £193. for similar work at Corish Park.

The inclusion of two of these works in the Estimate is recommended.

##### EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

During the Current year a Grant of £2,550. subject to a Local Contribution of £370. was notified and was allocated to repairs to the walks at St. Ibar's Cemetery; the grounds at the Municipal Buildings; and new footpaths at Henrietta Street and Gibson Street. Subsequently a supplemental Grant of £2150., subject to a Local Contribution of £310. was intimated and this was allocated to the commencement of a new road from dAvitt Road South to Waterloo Road. The total Grant for the year was therefore, £4,700. plus a Local Contribution of £680. making the total sum available for employment Schemes £5,380. The Corporation, however, only provided £500. in the current year's Estimate for Local Contribution so that an extra £180. had to be found. To the Estimates for 1954/5 the sum of £700. is provided for Local Contribution.



The Estimate under this head is increased by £371. Maintenance of Burial Grounds is up by £50. due to Wages increases in the Current Year. Domestic Scavenging is down by £175. due to only a half-year's Loan instalment and interest having to be met on lorry loan. Public Scavenging remains the same at £2525. The Waterworks A/C. shows a slight reduction of £14. Loan charges are down by £204. due to Interest on some of the old instalment Loans showing a reduction, but £190. has had to be provided for Electricity charges in connection with the operation of the additional pumps installed this year at Edenvale. The installation of these pumps should ensure an adequate water supply to the Town. In addition, however, proposals have been submitted for a Grant from the National Development Fund to provide an additional pipeline from Edenvale to Cobtree. If this materialises there could be no fear of a water shortage for many years to come.

Miscellaneous Sanitary Services show an increase of £510. Loan Charges for sewers are up by £190; Public Lighting up by £100; and provision has had to be made for payment of lump sums and superannuation allowances to former Health Officers of the Corporation amounting to £220. The remaining items in this Estimate remain the same.

As you are already aware the proposed new sewer from St. Ibar's Villas to the Stonebridge River has been approved at an estimated cost of £19,000. If this sum has to be borne entirely by the Rate it will mean an annual charge of £1630. reducing by £33. annually over 30 years. This charge would mean a serious impost on the rates and the Department has been asked what contribution towards the cost of the work may be expected from State Funds. As well this proposal has been submitted for consideration under the National Development Fund. The work will be advertised for tender shortly but in my opinion consideration of such tenders as may be received should be made in conjunction with decision on National Development Fund Grant.

#### HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES

The Estimated Expenditure under this Estimate is £34340. compared with £30,560. - an increase of £3780. The Receipts, however, at £30,740. against £27,940. in the current year show an increase of £2,800. leaving the net increase for this Service £980.

During the year 37 houses were completed at Bishopswater; 10 at Hill Street and 28 at Newtown making a total of 75 erected. In addition a further 28 are under construction at Newtown; 10 at Thomas Street and 6 at Spafield Avenue. The new Scheme of 40 houses at Newtown has also commenced so that at the present time 84 houses are in course of construction. During the year a Public Inquiry was held by an Inspector of the Department of Local Government into the proposal to acquire a Site for the erection of a number of houses in the Faythe Area. Confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order for this Site is awaited.

#### GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

This Account is increased by £107. The County Council Demand is up by £287. while Unemployment Assistance is down by £100. Vocational Education is up by £151. and Salaries by £200. due to a 10% increase allowed last year. Overdraft Interest is up by £1000. and School Meals by £25. Rate Refunds are down by £100. Loan Charges £100. and Superannuation £50. As well the sum of £1201. included last year for Co. Council and Vocational Education is deleted in the coming year. The remaining items in the Estimate remain the same. I have included the Sum of £1.150. for Overdraft Interest as against £150. last year. This provision is necessary as the Corporation's Revenue Account showed a substantial Debit Balance over the entire Financial year.

The level at which the adverse balance at the close of each Financial year continues is a matter of considerable concern. The figure for the year ended 31st March, 1951 was £13,935. At the close of the Financial Year ended on 31st March, 1952 the debit balance amounted to £14,667. and at the 31st March, 1953, a further substantial increase to an amount

of £22,280. is recorded.

I am satisfied that the figure for the last completed financial year is unduly inflated due to the high level of the grants outstanding at that date. It is anticipated that the completed accounts for the Current Financial year should show a considerable reduction on this figure. It is nevertheless apparent that when due allowance is made for amounts due to the Corporation at the close of each financial year there remains a very considerable residue which constitutes the permanent adverse balance on the Council's Accounts.

I consider it necessary to advise the Corporation that before considering any additional works which will involve a further rate burden due consideration should be given to the Financial Position.

The level of the permanent Debit balance imposes a very heavy annual burden to meet the charge for Bank Interest on the Working Account. The Corporation should pursue ~~the~~ Policy, which would result in the gradual elimination of this balance over a period of years and thus ensure that the rates levied for Bank Interest is utilised for more useful purposes.

In conclusion I would like to record my appreciation of the thorough manner in which the Town Clerk and Staff of the Corporation have prepared the Rate Estimate which is now presented for consideration. I wish also to convey my thanks to the Mayor, Aldermen and members of the Council for their sincere interest in the affairs of the Borough and their co-operation which has greatly facilitated the administration during the current Financial Year.

Mise, le meas,

TOMAS P. MACDIARMUDA,

Bainisteoir an Chomnadae.



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

PARTICULARS OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS  
FOR THE YEARS 1953/54 AND 1954/55.

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EXPENDITURE

Item No.	Sum Allowed for 1953/54. £.	Service	Estimate for 1954/55. £.
		<u>URBAN ROADS</u>	
1.	500.	Ordinary Road Works	<del>500.</del> 650
2.	460.	Salaries	520.
3.	25.	Tree Planting	20.
4.	75.	Parking &c. Signs	50.
5.	400	Loan Charges Bank	
		Interest	230.
6.	100	Contingencies	100.
7.	5000	Special Grant Works	5000.
		<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>	
8.	1100	Burial Grounds	1150.
9.	1940	Domestic Scavenging	1765.
10.	2525	Public Scavenging	2525.
11.	6164	Waterworks, (Loan <del>650.000</del> 3396)	6150.
12.	430	Sewers - Loan Charges	620.
13.	350	Sewers - Maintenance	350.
14.	100	Food & Drugs Acts	100.
15.	300	Salaries	300.
16.	150	Bathing Place	150.
17.	150.	Public Convenience - Loan Charges	150.
18.	300.	do. do. Wages	300.
19.	1200.	Public Lighting	<del>1000.</del> 1250
20.	100.	Contingencies	100.
21.		Superannuation in Lump Sum & proportion.	220.
		<u>HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES</u>	
22.	26120.	Loan Charges - Housing of the W.C. Acts.	<del>23300.</del> 29720
23.	430.	Rents, Rates, Taxes & Insee.	<del>430.</del> 400
24.	2500.	Maintenance of Houses	2500.
25.	1000.	Collectors' Commission	1100.
			<del>56430.</del> 55,420.

Item No.	Sum Allowed for 1953/54. £.	Service	Estimate for 1954/55. £.
26.	516.	Loan Charges - Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	510.
		<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>	
27.	19367.	County Council Demand	19654.
28.	1100.	Unemployment Assistance	1000.
29.	20.	Tourist Development.	20.
30.	500.	Maintenance of Corporate property.	500.
31.	2442.	Vocational Education	2593.
32.	800.	Fire Brigade	800.
33.	905.	Rents, Rates, Taxes & Insc.	905.
34.	5000.	Salaries	5200.
35.	450.	Printing, Stationery & Advertising	450.
36.	265.	Telephone, Office re- quisites, Postage, Rate Receipts and Paying Or- ders.	260.
37.	100.	Fuel and Light	100.
38.	4500.	Cheap Fuel Schemes	4,500.
39.	200.	Legal & Audit Expenses	200.
40.	150.	Overdraft Interest	<del>1,150.</del> 1000
41.	30.	Travelling Expenses	30.
42.	20.	Uniform & Boots for Town Sergeant	20.
43.	60.	Subscriptions to Associations & Bands	60.
44.	450.	School Meals	475.
45.	250.	Rate Refunds	150.
46.	400.	Loan Charges	300.
47.	650.	Materials, machinery & Stores.	650.
48.	600.	Superannuation allowances	550.
49.	100.	Contingencies	100.
		TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	<del>95477.</del> 95607.



## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Item No.	Adopted 1953/4.	Particulars	Estimate 1954/5.
	£.	<u>ROADS</u>	£.
1.	4,500.	Special Grant Works	<del>4,300.</del> 4400
2.	30.	Estate Duty Grant	90.
		<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>	
3.	1,700.	Water Rents	<del>1,650.</del> 1700
4.	286.	Scavenging Main Roads	305.
5.	350.	Burial Ground Fees	400.
6.	75.	Public Convenience	75.
		<u>HOUSING</u>	
7.	17,000.	Rents	20,500.
8.	9,940.	State Grants	<del>9,740.</del> 9840
9.	500.	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	500.
		<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>	
10.	610.	Vocational Education	610.
11.	100.	Fire Brigade	300. ✓
12.	4500.	Cheap Fuel Schemes	4,500.
13.	90.	Refund of Fees	100.
14.	600.	Government Rates	600.
15.	500.	Town Hall & Corporate Estate.	800.
16.	225.	School Meals	235.
17.	170.	Market Rents	170.
		TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	<del>43,650.</del> 45,125. ✓

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND DETERMINATION  
OF THE RATES IN THE POUND BY AN URBAN  
AUTHORITY.

- WEXFORD CORPORATION -

Estimate of expenses and determination of  
the rates in the Pound for the Local Financial  
Year ending on the 31st March, 1955.

TABLE A.

EXPENDITURE

Service  (1)	Purpose of Expenditure  (2)	Amount Estimated	
		Estimated by Manager. (3) £.	Adopted by Council. (4) £.
Urban Roads	Ordinary Road Works Special Grant Works	1420. 5000.	1570. 5000.
TOTAL		6420.	6570.
Sanitary	Sanitary	15180.	15130.
TOTAL		15180.	15130.
Housing	Housing of the Working Classes. Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	33830. 510.	33720. 510.
TOTAL		34340.	34230.
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:			
County Council Services:			
Main Roads	Main Roads	4116.	4116.
Public Assis- tance	Public Assistance	8345.	8345.
Mental Hospital	Mental Hospital	2899.	2899.
Health (County)	Health (County)	1160.	1160.
General Purpo- ses (County)	General Purposes (County)	3020.	3020.
Separate Charges	Separate Charges	114.	114.
Unemployment Assistance	Unemployment Assistance.	1000.	1000.
Other Urban Purposes:	Tourist Development	20.	20.
	Vocational Education	2593.	2593.
	Other Purposes	15750.	15600.
	Materials, machinery & Stores.	650.	650.
		39667.	39517.



TABLE B.

Service (1)	Nature of Receipts. (2)	Amount Estimated.	
		Estimated by Manager. (3)	Adopted by Council. (4).
Urban Roads	State Grant	4,390	4490.
	TOTAL	4,390	4490.
SANITARY	Sanitary Receipts	2,430	2480.
	TOTAL	2,430	2480.
Housing:	Housing of the Working Classes:		
	Rents:	20,500	20,500.
	State Grants.	9,740	9,840.
	Other Receipts:		
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	500	500.
	TOTAL	30,740	30,840.
General Urban Purposes:	State Grants	5,945	5,945.
	Other Receipts.	1,370	1,370.
	Materials Expense (balance)		
	Machinery expense (balance)		
	TOTAL	7,315	7,315.

TABLE C.  
CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND

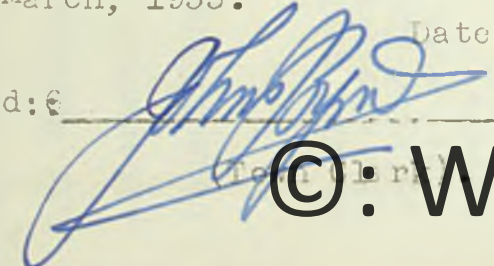
NATURE OF SERVICE.	ESTIMATED GROSS EXPENDITURE	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS (TABLE B)	NET EST- IMATED EXPENDITURE	CALCULATION OF SUM TO BE RAISED			RATE IN THE POUND THE VALUATION OF THE AREA (£ 28,080. Pence.
				ESTIMATED CREDIT BALANCE (IF ANY)	ESTIMATED DEBIT BALANCE (IF ANY)	AMOUNT LEVIA BLE	
1.	2. £.	3. £.	4. £.	5. £.	6. £.	7. £.	8.
URBAN ROADS	6570.	4490.	2080.	Nil.	Nil.	2080.	17.77.
SANITARY SERVICES	15130.	2480.	12650.	Nil.	Nil.	12650.	108.11.
HOUSING	34230.	30840.	3390.	Nil.	Nil.	3390.	28.96.
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES							
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES							
ROADS	4116.		4116.	"	"	4116.	35.17.
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	8345.		8345.	"	"	8345.	71.31.
MENTAL HOSPITAL	2899.		2899.	"	"	2899.	24.77.
HEALTH (COUNTY)	1160.		1160.	"	"	1160.	9.90.
GENERAL PURPOSES	3020.		3020.	"	"	3020.	25.80.
SEPARATE CHARGES	114.		114.	"	"	114.	.97.
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	1000.		1000.	"	"	1000.	8.54.
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES	18863.	7315.	11548.	"	"	11548.	98.70.
	95,447	45,125	50,322			50,322	430.00

TOTAL GENERAL RATE

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that at (an adjournment) of the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Corporation held this 29th day of March, 1954, the Council did by resolution adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B. & C. and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said Estimate the rates set forth in Column 8 of Table C to be the rates in the Pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said estimate for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1955.

Dated this 29th day of March, 1954.

Countersigned: 

Signed



(Mayor of Wexford)

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5th April, 1954.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Building at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The Members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor James Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen:- Byrne, Corish, Gaul, and Sinnott.

Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, Flusk, Hadden, Kevin Morris.

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Councillor Flusk, the minutes of previous Meetings (copies of which had been circulated amongst the members with the Agenda for the present Meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### QUARTERLY MEETING

On the motion of Councillor Broaders, seconded by Alderman Byrne, a Quarterly Meeting of the Council was fixed for Wednesday, 30th June, 1954 at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.

#### FILLING OF VACANT SEAT

The next business was to fill the vacancy in the Office of Councillor caused by the resignation of Mr. Kevin Stafford. The Office was declared vacant by the Council on the 1st February, 1954, and it was now in order to fill the vacancy in accordance with the provisions of Section 42 of the Local Government Act, 1941. His Worship, The Mayor, thereupon proposed that Mr. Patrick Kehoe, Draper and Auctioneer of North Main Street, Wexford, be appointed to fill the vacancy. Councillor Hadden seconded.

Alderman Corish proposed that Mr. James Hess of Whitemill Road, Chairman of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union be appointed to fill the vacancy. Alderman Byrne seconded.

On a Poll being taken there voted for Kehoe:- Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, Flusk, Hadden, Kevin Morris and the Mayor. (6).

For Hess: Aldermen: Byrne, Corish, Gaul and Sinnott..... (4).

Mr. Kehoe was declared elected to fill the vacant Office of Councillor.

#### NEW SEWER

A report was submitted from the County Manager intimating that the Minister for Local Government had now approved of the proposed new sewer from St. Ibar's Villas to Stonebridge River at an estimated cost of £19,000. and that State Assistance would be 45% of the Loan repayment charges on the approved cost of the work.

In his report the Manager intimated that he proposed to have the work advertised for tender as soon as possible but that consideration of the tenders should be made in conjunction with a decision on the application to the National Development Fund for a Grant towards the cost of the work. It was therefore unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne to authorise the raising of a Loan of £19,000. to finance the provision of a sewer from St. Ibar's Villas to Stonebridge River. It was further agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish that application be made to the Minister for Local Government under Section 63 (B) of the Local Government Act, 1941



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for a Certificate that the work of laying a new sewer from St. Ibar's Villas to Stonebridge River was primarily a work for the relief of Unemployment. On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Corish a recommendation from the County Manager was agreed - that the existing fire station at Davitt Road North be extended and improved at an estimated cost of £1470. and that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be sought to the raising of this amount from the Treasurer for a period of ten years at the usual rate of Interest.

#### HOUSES PURCHASED BY CORPORATION EFFECT OF NEW HOUSING ACT.

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish moved that as the question of rents to be fixed for houses acquired by the Corporation has been clarified in the Housing Bill, 1954, passed by the Dail last week, the Corporation take immediate steps to complete the purchase of houses in Parnell Street and Talbot Street, as agreed on last year, and also to deal with other houses which had been offered to the Corporation for purchase, consideration of which was adjourned pending clarification as to whether or not the Rent Restriction Acts applied to such cases. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to and it was unanimously agreed that the purchase of houses at Parnell Street and Talbot Street be completed and that the other cases be referred to the special Committee dealing with the sale of Corporation houses to tenants for examination and report.

#### RACE DAY

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Kevin Morris moved that the Corporation consider the possibility of changing the weekly half-holiday on Race Weeks for the Employees of the Corporation. In moving the motion the Councillor congratulated the fine body of sportsmen who had established Wexford races, and intimated that he had been approached by a number of Corporation Employees to have this alteration made.

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion and it was decided that the Town Clerk should communicate with the Ministry for Industry & Commerce and ascertain the prescribed Form and manner in which an application should be made to the Minister to change the weekly half-holiday.

#### SAFETY FIRST WEEK

The next business was to receive Mr. G. B. Gray, M.A., President of the Safety First Association of Ireland who wished to address the Corporation on a proposed Safety Week At Wexford. Mr. Gray on being introduced to the Meeting gave a detailed outline of the work of the Safety First Association in Ireland and what was intended during the Safety First Week to be held in the week commencing June, 14th. After Mr. Gray had spoken and the matter had been generally discussed and favourably received by the Corporation it was unanimously decided that a Safety First Committee should be inaugurated consisting of the entire Corporation, the members of the proposed Traffic Committee, representatives from the Boys' Scouts, Knights of Malta, Girl Guides, Christian Brothers together with the Administrator and Rev. Chancellor Hazley. When this Committee had been organised Mr. Gray promised to visit Wexford and address the Committee on a convenient occasion.

#### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Sinnott referred to the fact that he had stated at the time that the Demand for Vocational Education Committee had increased. The Alderman stated he made it clear at the Estimates



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Meeting that he considered any money expended on Vocational Education as money well spent but he had been informed after the Meeting a member of the Council had informed the Chief Executive Officer that he (Alderman Sinnott) was against the rate increase for the Technical School. Alderman Byrne stated that he was the person accused of making the statement but did not pass the remark which had been conveyed to Alderman Sinnott. At this stage the Town Clerk interfered with the discussion and pointed out that the Estimate for the Vocational Education Committee had been unanimously adopted at the Statutory Meeting in December and no question of altering it had arisen at the Estimates Meeting.

#### EXTENSION OF BOROUGH BOUNDARY

Councillor Hadden referred to the extension of the Borough Boundary and was informed by the Town Clerk he proposed to hold a Meeting in the near future to deal with this.

#### HOUSES AT GIBSON ST.

Reference was made to a Notice served on Mr. George Shudall in respect of a house at Gibson Street occupied by James Murphy with whom there was a sub-tenant named Kirwan and the Town Clerk intimated he was not familiar with the case but would look into it and see what the position was.

#### FAIR DAY IN JUNE

The Town Clerk drew attention to the fact that the last Tuesday in June, the day on which the June Fair should be held, fell on a Church Holiday, 29th June and it was decided to ask the County Committee of Agriculture for a suitable date to hold the Fair.

#### HOUSING REPORTS

The progress reports of the Housing Engineer for the months of March in respect of 34, 16, 6, and 40 houses at Newtown, together with 10 houses at Thomas Street and 6 at Spafield Avenue were read.

#### HOUSING SITE AT WILLIAM ST.

Arising out of these reports Councillor Hadden asked what was the position regarding the proposed housing site at William Street and the Town Clerk intimated that preliminary negotiations had been opened with the owner of some of the property at William Street and Batt Street with a view to its acquisition.

#### FAYTHE C.P.O.

In reply to Alderman Sinnott the Town Clerk intimated that no word had yet been received regarding the Faythe Compulsory Purchase Order. Alderman Sinnott also asked that the Housing Engineer be requested to employ more carpenters and plumbers on the Housing Sites.

#### TEN HOUSES AT THOMAS STREET

Alderman Corish stated that he understood that no gates and only two-foot walls were being provided for the front of the houses at Thomas Street, and as these houses were being erected opposite a School catering for some 600 children he thought that if gates were not being provided that the walls should be raised somewhat.

The Town Clerk promised to bring these matters before the Housing Engineer.

The Meeting then terminated.

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*J. J. Morris*



3rd May, 1954.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m., The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor James J. Morris (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Corish, Sinnott and Gaul.

Councillors: Broaders, Dr. Hadden and the newly co-opted member, Councillor P. Kehoe.

After Councillor Kehoe had made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporation Ireland Acts, 1840, the Mayor extended a welcome to the new Councillor. This was seconded by Alderman Sinnott, and supported by all the members present.

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Gaul, the minutes of previous Meeting were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### SYMPATHY

A letter was read from Mr. John Rossiter of Gulbar Road, acknowledging with thanks the vote of sympathy passed with him and his family on the death of his wife.

#### MAKING OF RATE

The first business was to formally make a Municipal rate of 35/10d. in the £. for the services of the year ending 31st March, 1955 as agreed to on the 29th March last, and on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously resolved that such a rate be made, and the Rate Book was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

#### FAIR DAY

On the recommendation of the County Committee of Agriculture it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Sinnott to fix the date of the June Fair for Monday, June, 28th in lieu of the 29th which was a Church Holyday.

#### RACE DAY

With reference to minutes of last Meeting when the question of changing the weekly half-holiday for Corporation Employees under the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936 was raised, a letter was read from the Minister for Industry and Commerce enclosing copies of the Form in which notice should be given to the Minister under the Act, and it was unanimously decided that this was a matter for the County Manager who would decide on each occasion whether or not a change was necessary.

#### PURCHASE OF FIELD AT NEWTOWN

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Sinnott moved that the Corporation proceed with the purchase of a field at Newtown from Mr. Laurence Kirwan of Ballinagee, as agreed to on the 6th March, 1945, for the erection of houses thereon. Alderman Corish seconded the proposal. The County Manager, however,

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suggested that before a final decision was arrived at a report on the development costs should be obtained from the Borough Surveyor, and this was agreed to.

The Manager also suggested that in view of the extraordinary demand for the 10 bungalows at Thomas Street that an extension of this site should be agreed to and it was unanimously agreed that the Manager be authorised to purchase further land in this area for an extension of the bungalow Scheme.

#### AN TOSTAL 1955.

A letter was read from An Bord Failte requesting suggestions for the date of An Tostal, 1955, and on the suggestion of Alderman Gaul, it was decided to adjourn this to the next Meeting.

#### TRAVELLING SHOPS

A Resolution from the Tralee Urban District Council re travelling Shops was marked "read," on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Corish as was also a Resolution from the same Body requesting a Preliminary investigation into the working of An Bord Failte.

#### GATES & RAILINGS THOMAS ST. HOUSES.

A report was read from the Housing Engineer regarding a question raised at the last Meeting on the subject of the provision of gates and railings for the bungalows at Thomas Street

Mr. Millar stated, that in his opinion, if gates and a high wall were erected in front of these bungalows they would destroy their appearance.

As regards the suggestion of trespass he stated that he had been on the site on a few occasions when the boys from the School were let out and he had seen no trespass on the property.

After some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Hadden that the County Manager should be requested to have the Housing Engineer in attendance at the next Meeting to explain in more detail his reasons for not providing railings and gates for these dwellings.

#### LICENCE FOR CAPITOL CINEMA

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Sinnott it was unanimously agreed that a Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, be granted in respect of the Capitol Cinema for the ensuing twelve months.

#### TIMEKEEPER FOR HOUSING SCHEME

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish asked if a Timekeeper had yet been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Housing Scheme, and the County Manager replied that no vacancy had yet arisen inasmuch as Mr. Whelan had been appointed to a Part-time Rent Collectorship and he (County Manager) felt that it would be unjust to expect a person who had given the services of Mr. Whelan to the Corporation, to work for less than a living wage, and, consequently arrangements had been made whereby he act as Part-time Rent Collector on the Housing Scheme and another person receive extra remuneration for looking after the Stores.



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This was only a temporary arrangement and would be reviewed at the end of June in the light of the actual remuneration earned by him from the Rent Collector-ship.

In view of the fact that it was only a temporary arrangement it was decided that no action was called for at this stage.

#### BISHOPSWATER HOUSING SCHEME

A second question by Alderman Corish was when was the Bishopswater Housing Scheme to be completed. The Manager stated that the question of completing the open space in the centre of the site had been deferred during the Winter period but that the cost of same had been included in the all-in-cost of the Scheme and the work would be commenced in the near future.

The Alderman also referred to the back playground which he stated was being used for purposes other than what it was intended for and that itinerants were camping there at night, and asked to have the entrance to this closed off. The Manager, however, pointed out the advantage to the children in this area of having this playground and it was eventually decided to examine the possibility of putting a turn-stile entrance on it so that animals could not be turned into it.

#### MEN LAID OFF HOUSING SCHEMES

A further question by Alderman Corish was why men were recently laid off the Housing Schemes and the Alderman was informed that this was only temporary as when the 40-House Scheme at Newtown reached a certain stage these men would be re-employed.

The Alderman also complained that one boy who was within nine months of completing his apprenticeship had been laid off and this should not have taken place, but the Manager assured him that the boy would not suffer any loss for this break in his employment.

#### LUCKING'S HOUSE, ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

At the request of Alderman Corish the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine the position of the footpath outside Mr. Lucking's house on the South side of St. John's Road.

#### ARREARS OF RENT

Alderman Corish also referred to a case of arrears of rent where the Rent Collector had refused to call, and the Town Clerk promised to investigate the matter if the Alderman gave him the name of the tenant privately.

#### ROADSURFACE AT MAUDLINTOWN

Alderman Sinnott complained about the condition of the roadway at Maudlintown where he stated, certain services were exposed and the Town Clerk intimated that this matter had been the subject of examination by the Borough Surveyor recently, and promised to look up the file and submit it to the County Manager for consideration.

#### OVER SKINS FOR WORKMEN

Alderman Sinnott also raised the question of skins for the scavenging staff and the Town Clerk intimated that he had received no application, but if it came he would submit it to the Manager immediately.



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RANGES, BISHOPSWATER HOUSING SCHEME

Alderman Sinnott also referred to the type of range fitted in the Bishopswater Housing Scheme and complained that they were not fit for cooking, and in this connection, the Manager intimated that he was dealing with the question of providing gas cookers in these houses on a repayment basis but could not undertake the question of providing new ranges.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT - WILLIAM ST.

Councillor Hadden raised the question regarding the Housing Development of the Faythe/William Street/Tuskar View Area, and after a lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided, on the suggestion of Alderman Gaul, that a date be fixed with the Manager, Councillor Hadden, Alderman Sinnott and the Town Clerk, to visit this site as everybody appeared to be at cross purposes in the matter.

The Meeting then terminated.

*J. J. Munn*

31st May, 1954.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. ,The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, in the Chair.

Aldermen Corish, Sinnott, Byrne and Gaul.

Councillors: Flusk, Kevin Morris, Cullimore, Broaders, Kehoe, Hadden and Howlin.

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

#### SYMPATHY

Before the Meeting commenced the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Henry F. Doyle, Accounting Officer to the Corporation on the death of his uncle.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Atkins' Family on the death of their mother, as both John and Patrick Atkins had served as members of the Corporation.

Alderman Sinnott seconded the Mayor's proposals which were supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

#### THOMAS STREET HOUSES

As agreed to at last Meeting the Housing Engineer attended to explain the ~~non~~-provision of gates and railings for the bungalows at Thomas Street. Mr. Millar stated that the bungalows were designed without gates and railings and if gates and a high wall were erected in front of them they would destroy their appearance.

As regards the question of trespass, he stated, that he had been on the site on several occasions when the boys were let out from the School opposite and had seen no sign of trespass. Neither had it been reported to him that trespass occurred.

After some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the County Manager examine the question of providing railings and gates and submit a proposal for same to the Department of Local Government for approval.

#### REDMOND PARK

The County Manager recommended that the Corporation make a payment of a contribution under Section 48 of the Sanitary Services Act, 1948 of an amount equivalent to the rates on the Redmond Park, as the Service provided by the Trustees was an amenity of value to the Ratepayers.

This question arose out of an application for a refund of rates paid by the Trustees on the Park but the Manager did not consider he was entitled to make such a refund and thought the proper course was for the Corporation to make an annual



contribution towards the maintenance of the Park, equivalent to the amount of rates.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, the Manager's recommendation was unanimously adopted.

#### FAYTHE AREA

Referring to previous discussions on the erection of houses at the Faythe/William Street/Tuskar View area it was reported that the area had been inspected by the Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor, accompanied by Alderman Sinnott and Councillor Hadden and a divergence of opinion appeared to exist between them as to what was the best means of dealing with the area.

The Borough Surveyor produced a Plan of his proposals and after a lengthy discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Hadden that steps be taken to acquire the portion of land set out on the Map produced by the Surveyor containing the New Lane/William St./Tuskar View.

#### CORISH PARK

On this question of housing the County Manager explained that there was land available at Corish Park for approximately a further 30 houses and that the Compulsory Purchase Order had been made for the acquisition of land at the Faythe which would accommodate approximately 40 houses.

#### BLASTING OPERATIONS

Alderman Corish raised the question of a recent explosion of gelignite on the site of the road being constructed from Davitt Road, South to Waterloo and complained that this should have been better supervised and suggested that when the remaining blasts were to take place that it should be better covered and set off by the Borough Surveyor in person.

In this connection the Town Clerk explained that following complaints he had received over the week end the Manager had instructed him to direct the Borough Surveyor not to set off any further blasts until he had an opportunity of discussing the precautions to be taken.

#### FIRE BRIGADE

His Worship, The Mayor read a letter which he had received from the Superintendent of the Garda Síochána congratulating the Fire Brigade on their prompt attendance at a recent fire in Mr. O'Brien's Furniture Store at Selskar which he (Superintendent) had first discovered as it adjoined his own dwellinghouse, and he was personally aware of the prompt turn-out by the Brigade and the efficient service they had given.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne and supported by Alderman Corish and Councillor Howlin it was unanimously agreed that the thanks of the Corporation be extended to Superintendent O'Farrell for his letter.

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GARAGE DAVITT RD. NRH.

Councillor Hadden raised the question of a plot of ground being leased to Mr. John Cosgrove at Davitt Road North for the erection of a garage but as several members pointed out that Mr. Cosgrove had now started erecting the garage nothing could be done in the matter at this stage.

RIVER SLANEY

Councillor Hadden also raised the question of the discharge of gas water into the River Slaney at the premises of the Wexford Gas Works and the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had asked the Borough Surveyor and Health Inspector to examine and make a report on this complaint.

EXTENSION OF BOROUGH BOUNDARY

It was agreed, on the suggestion of Councillor Howlin that a Meeting of the Committee to consider the extension of the Borough Boundary to take in the Corporation Building Estates would be held on Friday, the 4th prox.

VOTERS' LIST

Councillor Kevin Morris gave notice that he would raise at the next Statutory Meeting the question of the compilation of the Voter's list.

E.S.B.

At the request of Alderman Sinnott the Town Clerk agreed to ask the E.S.B. to expedite a tender for Public Lights agreed to last October and to inquire why the light at the end of Batt Street had been removed.

REPAIRS' COMMITTEE

It was unanimously agreed, on a recommendation of the Repairs' Committee that a range be provided for Mr. Rutledge tenant of a house at Antelope Road and a footpath be also provided for house occupied by Duggan at Devereaux Villas.

LUCKING'S HOUSE ST. JOHN'S RD.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to examine and submit a report and estimate on an extension of the footpath outside Mr. Lucking's house at St. John's Road.

PUBLIC LAVATORY

Councillor Hadden raised the question of the provision of direction signs to the Public Lavatory at Selskar but the Manager intimated he did not think that the cost of providing signs directing people to these would be justified.

MEANS TEST

Alderman Sinnott gave Notice that he would move at the next Statutory Meeting that the Government be asked to abolish the Means' Test in respect of Old Age Pensions.

The Meeting then terminated.

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14th June, 1954.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m., The members present being:-

Councillor Michael Broaders, Deputy Mayor (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Gaul and Sinnott.

Councillors: Flusk, Kevin Morris, Cullimore, Hadden, and Howlin, and Broaders

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

#### DEPUTY MAYOR

Before the Meeting commenced the Town Clerk read an Order made by His Worship, the Mayor, under seal, appointing Councillor Michael Broaders to be deputy Mayor during his absence from the Town from the 10th- 19th instant.

Councillor Broaders then took the Chair, and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris the minutes of previous Meetings were taken as having been read, approved and signed.

#### WELCOME TO MR. T. F. BROE, COUNTY MANAGER.

The Town Clerk then read a letter from the Minister for Local Government under date of 21st May, 1954 No. E.L. 26/1 enclosing an Order under seal made by the Minister on the 24th April, 1954 appointing Mr. Thomas F. Broe 5, Moyola Terrace, Ennis Road, Limerick to be Wexford County Manager as from 1st June, 1954.

The Town Clerk thereupon introduced Mr. Broe to the members present and read a letter from His Worship, the Mayor regretting he was not present to receive him officially on his first appearance at a Meeting of the Wexford Corporation.

The Deputy Mayor thereupon moved that a Resolution of welcome be passed with Mr. Broe. This was seconded by Alderman Sinnott, by all the members present and the Town Clerk and adopted with acclamation.

The County Manager suitably replied.

#### APPRECIATION OF SERVICES RENDERED BY MR. T. F. McDERMOTT.

Councillor Howlin proposed that this was a suitable occasion to place on record the appreciation of the Corporation of the services rendered by Mr. Thomas F. McDermott during the long period he had acted as County Manager.

The Acting Mayor seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and unanimously adopted.

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### SYMPATHY

Councillor Broaders referred to the recent death of Mr. Martin Leahy, Social Welfare Officer, who had considerable dealings with the Corporation in connection with Old Age Pensions.

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

### AN TOSTAL, 1955.

With reference to the letter from An Bord Failte, adjourned from last Meeting, requesting suggestions for the date of An Tostal, 1955 a rather lengthy discussion took place, during which most members seemed to be of opinion that Easter Week was too early, and eventually Councillor Howlin gave notice of motion that he would raise the matter again after the Local Tostal Council had had an opportunity of meeting and discussing next year's date.

### VOTERS' LISTS

In accordance with notice given Councillor Kevin Morris moved the discussion on the compilation of the voters' lists and stated that a considerable number of people had been left off the lists in Wexford. He thought that Form ~~SEAL~~ <sup>EA 1</sup> should be issued to every household in the Town when the voters' lists were being compiled and that the Rate Collector should deliver and collect these Forms.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that he had a certain responsibility for the compilation of the Register inasmuch as all Forms, etc. were sent to him by the County Registrar for transmission to the Rate Collector but only on one occasion had he received a supply Form ~~EA~~ <sup>EA 1</sup> and he was aware that although these Forms were delivered to each household a very small percentage of them were returned.

After further discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Kevin Morris, seconded by Councillor Howlin that for the future Form EA 1 should be delivered by the Rate Collector to each house and collected by him.

### MEANS TEST - OLD AGE PENSIONS

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Sinnott moved that the Government be asked to modify the means test for Old Age Pensions and to increase the weekly sum paid.

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

### HOUSING REPORTS

The next business was to consider the reports of the Housing Engineer for the month of May and Councillor Howlin stated he was not satisfied with the amount of men employed. Alderman Sinnott and Councillor Kevin Morris agreed but the matter was adjourned pending investigation by the new County Manager who was not familiar with the matter.



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HALF-DAY FOR RACES

Councillor Kevin Morris referred to the suggestion that the Corporation change the weekly half-holiday for Race Days but some members stated that there was no demand for such a change by the Corporation Employees and as it was a Managerial Function the matter was left in the hands of the County Manager to deal with it if any necessity arose to change the half-day.

WILLIAM ST. HOUSING SITE

Councillor Hadden referred to the William Street Housing Site and the Town Clerk promised to try and expedite negotiations for this purchase.

BOROUGH BOUNDARY

It was agreed to hold a Meeting of the Borough Boundary Extension Committee and the Housing Committee on Monday, 21st inst.

The Meeting then terminated.

*J J. Morris*

30th June, 1954.

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

The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor James J. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Haul, Corish, Byrne and Sinnott.

Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, Flusk, Hadden, Howlin, Kevin Morris and Kehoe.

#### SYMPATHY

Before the business of the Meeting commenced His Worship, The Mayor, moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese on the death of Rev. John Murphy, the Bishop's Secretary and Chaplain to the St. John of God Novitiate.

Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by all the members and by the Town Clerk.

Alderman Sinnott proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. John Kehoe, an employee of the Corporation on the death of his father and to Mr. Thomas Browne, Staff Officer of the Wexford County Council on the death of his grandfather.

Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and by the Town Clerk.

Both resolutions of sympathy were adopted in respectful silence.

#### ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business was to elect a Mayor who would hold Office until Quarterly Meeting to be held not earlier than 23rd June nor later than 1st July, 1955, and until his successor had been appointed and made the Declaration of acceptance of Office.

Councillor Michael Flusk thereupon proposed that Councillor Kevin Morris be elected Mayor for the ensuing year and Councillor Cullimore seconded.

Alderman Byrne moved that Alderman Corish be elected Mayor and Alderman Gaul seconded.

As there were no other nominations for the Office a Poll was taken when there voted:-

#### FOR COUNCILLOR KEVIN C. MORRIS:-

Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, Flusk, Hadden, James Morris, Kehoe and Kevin C. Morris.....(7).

#### FOR ALDERMAN NICHOLAS P. CORISH:-

Aldermen: Byrne, Gaul, Sinnott, Corish and Councillor Howlin(5).

Councillor K. C. Morris was thereupon declared elected as Mayor of Wexford until Quarterly Meeting due to be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1955, and made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office set out in the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840.



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Before handing over Office to Councillor Kevin Morris the outgoing Mayor, Councillor James Morris tendered his sincere congratulations to the new Mayor and stated that he would work as he always did for the people of Wexford. Proceeding, the outgoing Mayor stated, that before vacating the Chair he would like to thank a lot of people for their kindness to him during his term of Office. He thanked the Town Clerk, his Assistant, and the Staff; he thanked the County Council Staff and the Deputy County Manager, Mr. T. F. McDermott for their kindness to him during the past twelve months and also took the opportunity of welcoming to Wexford Mr. T. F. Broe, the new County Manager. He thanked his colleagues in the Corporation for their help and co-operation and expressed his gratitude to the Press. In conclusion, he thanked the people of the Borough for their kindness to him at all times.

The new Mayor was then invested with the robes and Chain of Office and took the Chair at the Meeting.

Alderman Corish, on behalf of the Labour Party, congratulated the new Mayor on his election and intimated that he would have the support of that party in everything they considered was for the good of the Town.

Alderman Byrne also congratulated the new Mayor on his elevation to the dignity of first Citizen of Wexford and asked him to exercise vigilance in the carrying out of his Office, see that there was greater co-operation given to the Corporation in the matters of employment, on housing and other schemes that meant progress for Wexford.

Alderman Sinnott also congratulated the Mayor and stated he hoped his reign would be a happy one.

Alderman Gaul congratulated the Mayor in the old fashioned way by shaking hands and wished him every success.

Councillor Howlin, Councillor Broaders, Councillor Kehoo, Councillor Haddon and Councillor Flusk also extended their congratulations to the new Mayor.

The Town Clerk stated he would also join in the congratulations to the new Mayor and assured him that he would also receive the same help, co-operation and advice from him as had been given to the previous Mayors. He (Town Clerk) also wished to convey to the Mayor and Corporation the sincere regrets of the County Manager who was unable to be present that night as he had to go away on family business, and wished the Mayor every success.

The newly elected Mayor stated it was indeed a great privilege for him to sit in the Mayoral Chair and appreciated that there would be a year's hard work before the Mayor and Corporation. He was very pleased to have co-operation from all parties and it was only what he would expect as the Corporation had always worked as one Body. He assured the Corporation that he was not in the Chair as a Politician, and he would do everything he could for all classes irrespective of creed or politics. There was one matter he intended to pursue during the coming year and that was the provision of medicines at the Local Dispensary which was anything but satisfactory. He also asked more of the members to be come voluntary wardens for the issue of tickets. In conclusion the Mayor stated he hoped that when he left the Office as Mayor in 12 months time that he would have a clean sheet and at least would have achieved something for the people of Wexford.

The next business was to fix the days and hours for three quarterly Meetings to be held between the 23rd June & 1st July, 1955 and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Ald. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Howlin that these Meetings be held on MON. October, 4th, 1954 at 7.30 p.m.; MON. 3rd June, 1955 at 7.30 p.m.; MON. 4th April, 1955 at 7.30 p.m. The Meeting then terminated.

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5th July, 1954.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Byrne, Gaul and Sinnott.

Councillors: Broaders, Flusk, Howlin, James Morris and Kehoe.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin the minutes of previous Meetings, copies of which had been circulated to the members with the Agenda for the present Meeting were taken as having been read and signed by the Mayor.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A letter was read from Most Rev. Dr. Staunton, Lord Bishop of Ferns acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's resolution of sympathy with the Bishop and Clergy on the death of Fr. John Murphy.

A letter was also read from the Minister for Social Welfare acknowledging receipt of the Resolution adopted by the Corporation on the subject of the modification of the means test for Old Age Pensions.

#### RESOLUTIONS

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin the following four resolutions were adopted unanimously:-

- (1) That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £1,900. proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts 1878-1948.
- (2) That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby Security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £4,490. proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878-1948.
- (3) That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £2,800, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.
- (4) That our Corporataen Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of £7,500. proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878-1948 and the Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1936.

The Mortgage Deeds were thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

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Alderman Sinnott raised the question of the completion of the



walks and the provision of a Calvary at St. Ibar's Cemetery and the Borough Surveyor stated that it would cost approximately £200. to complete the work on the walks which had been commenced with the aid of a Relief Grant last Winter and he was asked to provide an estimate for the next meeting.

#### NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Alderman Byrne asked if anything further had been heard of the proposal submitted by the Corporation under the National Development Fund and the Town Clerk replied that nothing had been heard of the proposal submitted and it was unanimously decided to take up this matter with the Department of Local Government.

#### TENDERS, ETC.

Tenders for various materials required for Housing Schemes, etc. were opened and initialled by His Worship, The Mayor.

#### "JEM" ROCHE MEMORIAL

A letter was read from Mr. John Donohoe, St. Ita's Terrace, Hon. Secretary of the "Jem" Roche Committee which was established in 1936 when it was decided to erect a memorial in Cross-town Cemetery and to provide a plaque on the new Town Hall, which was then proposed to be built in Selskar. Continuing, Mr. Donohoe stated, that as the Town Hall was definitely established in the Municipal Buildings he would be glad to know if the Corporation were satisfied to have the plaque erected there. Alderman Sinnott proposed that permission be granted for this and His Worship, The Mayor seconded. The proposal was unanimously agreed to.

Arising out of this Councillor Flusk complained of the state of the ground at the Municipal Buildings and the Manager promised to look into the matter of having this cleaned up.

#### WEEDS AND GRASS

Alderman Sinnott referred to the condition of some of the Streets where weeds and grass were growing in the water channel and proposed that some men be employed to clear them up. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion, which was also agreed to.

#### SEAT AT WOLFE TONE VILLAS

Alderman Sinnott also referred to the absence of a seat at Wolfe Tone Villas and the Borough Surveyor promised to have a concrete seat erected there.

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#### WATER SUPPLY TO DAVITT RD.

Councillor James Morris complained of the poor water supply to the houses at Davitt Road, South and after some discussion it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to submit an estimate for the provision of 3" Watermain at the rear of these dwellings.

#### HOUSING REPORTS

Following the reading of the Housing Engineer's reports on the five Housing Schemes at present in progress the County Manager made a comprehensive statement on employment, the progress of Housing in Wexford and the houses in contemplation for the future.



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Councillor Howlin stated he was of opinion that the time taken to complete the 10 bungalows at Thomas Street was excessive and Alderman Byrne agreed. The Manager stated that in his opinion in view of the fact that it was only part of the Direct Labour Unit the time taken was not unduly excessive.

#### OPENING OF CORISH PARK

Councillor Howlin moved that His Worship, The Mayor invite the Minister for Local Government and his Parliamentary Secretary to visit Wexford on a convenient occasion to open the Corish Park Housing Schemes and that His Lordship, The Bishop of Ferns be asked to bless the houses prior to the formal opening Ceremony. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by His Worship, The Mayor and unanimously agreed to. It was also unanimously agreed that the usual hospitality be extended to the Minister on the occasion of his visit. At this stage His Worship, The Mayor proposed that the County Manager be complimented on his excellent report on Housing. Alderman Byrne seconded and the motion was supported by the other members and unanimously adopted.

#### SPAFIELD AVENUE

The Town Clerk was asked to prepare a statement setting out the different rents which would be necessary to charge for the Spafield Avenue houses if they were sold on the Tenant Purchase System or let as ordinary weekly tenancies.

#### SITE AT FAYTHE

Alderman Sinnott complained of the condition of a site in the centre of the Faythe in respect of which a Preliminary Order had been made under the Derelict Sites Act sometime ago but which had been cleaned up by the owners at the time, and stated that it was now becoming derelict again and it was decided to obtain a full report on this site for the next Meeting.

Councillor Broaders intimated that he was glad to see that houses were now being erected in the Town as the existing system of building on the outskirts was taking business from the Main Street.

#### LEINSTER FINAL

Alderman Byrne moved that the Director of Broadcasting be asked to have the Leinster Hurling Final between Wexford and Kilkenny to be played at Kilkenny on the 18th inst. broadcast. Councillor Broaders seconded the motion which was supported by the other members and adopted unanimously.

Councillor Broaders complained of the condition of the ANIMAL DRINKING TROUGH AT WILLIAM ST. and asked the Borough Surveyor to take steps to have it cleaned up.

At the suggestion of Councillor Broaders it was also unanimously decided that the two public conveniences on the Quay be lime-washed. Alderman Gaul asked what was the position regarding the erection of a public lavatory at South Main Street and it was stated that the written judgment of the Circuit Judge was at present under consideration so it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to submit a report for the next Meeting. In reply to Alderman Byrne the Town Clerk intimated that he had received complaints about trouble between neighbours at Croke Ave. and had already asked the Rent Collector for a report on this matter. The following were appointed to assist His Worship, The Mayor and Ald. Byrne with the reception and entertainment of the delegates attending the Annual Conference of Irish Municipal Authorities to be held in Wexford in September, namely:- Alderman Sinnott, Councillors James Morris, Broaders and Flusk. The Meeting then terminated.

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E. Morris  
18/54  
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9th August, 1954.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Morris  
(in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish, Gaul and Sinnott.

Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, Flusk, Howlin,  
James Morris,

The County Manager, Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne the minutes of the last Meeting were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### THOMAS STREET BUNGALOWS

The Town Clerk submitted an estimate of the all-in-cost of the Thomas Street bungalows together with an estimate of the rent required to meet same.

The All-in-cost was estimated at £1020.

Annual charges repayment on £1020. in 50 years @  $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ .....£53.11.5.  
Less subsidy .....£35.14.3.

The net Loan Charges.....£17.17.2.

Administration Expenses @  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  of Building Costs.....£5. 0.0.

Total Annual charges .....£22.17.2.

A rent of 8/- per week would produce.....£22.16.0.

leaving to be met by the Corporation £2. 1. 2.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by His Worship, The Mayor it was unanimously agreed to adopt a rent of 8/- per week.

#### SPAFIELD AVE. HOUSES.

Two Schemes were submitted in respect of the Spafield Avenue houses. They were as follows:-

If let on a weekly tenancy basis of 14/- per week - loss £2.2.2.

If sold on a Tenant Purchase basis the houses would require a rent charge of 27/6d. per week. Councillor Howlin contended that the houses were not suitable for a tenant-Purchase Scheme but other members held that they were and that there was a considerable demand that they be sold on this basis. After a lengthy discussion, however, Councillor Howlin proposed that an advertisement be inserted in the Press inviting applications for Tenant-purchase so that the Corporation might be in a position to see the demand for such a System. Alderman Sinnott seconded and the motion was unanimously agreed to.

CASTLE DRINKING TROUGH  
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A report was read from the Borough Surveyor intimating that the



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Cattle Drinking Trough at Trinity Street had been cleaned up and some small repairs to the water control system carried out on the 7th instant. He suggested, however, that in his opinion the trough was badly sited and suggested that it should be moved to a better site near the Parnell Street Junction. It was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor for an Estimate of the cost of removal. On the motion of Councillor Broaders, seconded by Alderman Byrne a Resolution from CEANNUS MOR U.D.C. was adopted.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, a Resolution from CLONES U.D.C. calling on the Government to provide Pensions for the Auxiliary Postmen of the Twenty-Six Counties was adopted.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin resolutions from the TRALLEE U.D.C. and the Anti-Partition League re recent Declaration of the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Britain to seek through free elections, the unity of nations divided against their will, were adopted and it was decided that they be implimented in the case of the Unity of our divided nation.

#### CORRY'S VILLAS

Councillor Howlin raised the question of the transfer of the Corry's Villas houses and the Town Clerk promised to deal with the matter during the coming week.

#### PRIVATE MEETING

Alderman Sinnott referred to a recent private Meeting between the County Manager and members of the Corporation regarding the letting of houses when it was agreed that no information should be divulged outside regarding the subject matter of the Meeting and complained that some member or members had intimated to the Public the object of the Meeting.

#### CORPORATION HOUSES - OPPORTUNITY TO TENANTS OF PURCHASING

Alderman Corish asked what steps had been taken to give tenants of Corporation houses an opportunity of purchasing them and the Town Clerk intimated that a Scheme had been forwarded to the seven tenants of St. Enda's Terrace during the previous week, and further intimated that if any particular tenants wished to avail of such a Scheme they should make application and a Scheme would be prepared.

#### TENDERS

Tenders for various Housing materials were opened and initialled by the Mayor and referred to the Housing Engineer and County Manager for the necessary action.

#### HOUSES IN PARNELL ST. & TALBOT ST.

Alderman Corish also asked if the houses in Talbot Street and Parnell Street had yet been purchased by the Corporation and was informed by the Town Clerk that the proposed purchases were with the Department of Local Government for sanction.

#### JOHN'S GATE ST.

Alderman Corish also referred to the condition of John's Gate Street where a considerable amount of grass was growing and asked to have it cleaned, and three persons were suggested for this work, namely, James Moore, John McMahon and Patrick Hynes.



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HOUSE AT JOHN STREET

Councillor Flusk asked if any report had yet been received on the houses at Lower John Street occupied by Butterworth and Kearns and the Town Clerk replied "NO" but promised to have the matter looked up and the necessary action taken on the reports.

HOUSE AT WILLIAM ST.

His Worship, The Mayor also asked that an inspection be made on the house at 17, William Street occupied by Teresa O'Loary.

FOOTPATH- TOP OF PARNELL STREET.

Reference was also made to the absence of a footpath at the top of Parnell Street and the Town Clerk replied that a report had been received sometime ago but had been turned down by the previous County Manager. He promised to look up the old file for the next Meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

SKEFFINGTON STREET.

Councillor James Morris complained of pot holes in the footpath at Skeffington Street and asked to have them inspected.

The Meeting then terminated.

*R. G. Morris*  
*10/8/54*  
*9/8/54*  
*RM*

23rd August, 1954.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m., The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris, Mayor  
in the Chair.

Aldermen: Byrne, Gaul and Sinnott.

Councillors: Cullimore, Flusk, Hadden, Howlin, ~~Jamsh~~,  
Morris and Kehoe.

#### SYMPATHY

Before the business of the Meeting commenced His Worship, The Mayor, moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman Nicholas Corish on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Patrick Ryan which had occurred suddenly in Wexford on the 21st instant.

Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was supported by the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

Alderman Sinnott moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Patrick Lacey, one of the Corporation Employees, on the death of his brother-in-law, Michael Murphy. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and also adopted in respectful silence.

#### RELIEF SCHEMES 1953/54.

The Town Clerk reported that intimation had been received of the amount proposed to be allocated under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote for the year 1954/5. This amounted to a Grant of £5,400. plus a Local Contribution of £780. making the total £6,180.

The allocations for 1953/54 were Grants, £4,700. and Local Contributions £680. making a total of £5,380.

So that the allocation for 1954/55 was £800. greater than for 53/54.

In this connection the County Manager suggested the allocation of £4,180. for the completion of the Road from Davitt Road, South, to Waterloo Road and the balance of £2,000. to be allocated for various small works such as footpaths, etc. in the Town.

As regards the road from Davitt Road, South, to Waterloo the original Estimate was £8,928. towards which a supplemental Grant and Local contribution of £2,460. had been allocated in 1953/54 leaving £6,468. necessary to complete the road.

From this balance of £6,468. it was suggested that there should be deducted <sup>thereof</sup> from £1,965. being the estimated cost of a wall which was not necessary in the current year and the sum of £323. from the amount estimated for contingencies which would leave £4,180. to complete the road without a wall. At the outset it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Manager's suggestion to allocate £4,180. of the Grant to the completion of this road.

Arising out of this allocation Councillor Howlin asked that the Borough Surveyor report to the Corporation at the next Meeting on the number of men who would be employed on this road at any given time to absorb this allocation of £4,180.



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Suggestions were then asked for the absorption of the remaining £2,000. and the following suggestions were put forward for examination and report by the Borough Surveyor:-

- (1) The removal of the Corner at Mary St./John St.
- (2) The completion of the walks at St. Ibar's Cemetery.
- (3) The completion of the concrete road at Thomas Street where 10 bungalows had recently been erected.
- (4) Renewal of footpaths at Old Pound and Dempsey's Terrace; from Radford's to the end of Dempsey's Terrace houses; Skeffington Street, Charlotte Street, Parnell St. and O'Connell's Gate, Kevin Barry St., Breen's Lane, Thomas Street outside Christian Brothers' Schools, St. John's Road from Mr. Lucking's house to E.S.B. Sub-Station, Windmill's Hill in front of houses there.

#### E.S. B.

There was submitted to the Meeting an Estimate from the E.S.B. for a new public lighting system in the Town consisting of 62-200 Watt lamps lighting from dusk to dawn and 221/200 W. lamps lighting from dusk to midnight at an all-in-cost of £1,391. This Estimate included the lighting of the new Housing Estate at Corish Park and the provision of new lanterns throughout the entire system. This Estimate and the map which accompanied it were carefully examined and it was noted that hitherto dark patches in the Town were adequately covered by the new system.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that the current year's estimate from the E.S.B. for the existing system was £1108. 6. 6. which did not include the additions proposed by the Corporation at the end of last year nor the lighting of Corish Park for which he (Town Clerk) had estimated the sum of £185. He also explained to the Meeting that the amount allowed in the Estimate for the current year for public lighting was £1250. and he thought that this would be adequate to cover the new system which would only be in operation for a short period in the current financial year.

It was therefore unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Byrne that the County Manager be recommended to accept the tender of the E.S.B. for the new public lighting system proposed by them in their estimate of the 5th instant.

#### SEAT - WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

Reference was made to an Order made by the Corporation sometime ago to have a seat placed at Wolfe Tone Villas and the Town Clerk was asked to give definite instructions to the Borough Surveyor to have such a seat erected without delay.

#### PAINTING OF CORPORATION HOUSES.

Alderman Sinnott referred to the painting of Corporation houses and it was decided that the Committee in charge of Repairs should decide at their next Meeting what houses are to be painted.

#### PASTEURISING PLANT

A letter was read from Snowcream, Ltd., Waterford intimating that subject to the approval of the local Corporation it was their intention to purchase and develop the premises in George Street owned by Messrs. J. J. Stafford & Co. which was originally



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as School, as a Milk Pasteurization Depot. Incoming trucks will be brought to the rear of the premises in approximate distance of 200 feet from the Street for unloading and outgoing delivery vans would be similarly dealt with. The members were therefore satisfied that from a point of view of noise no reasonable objection could be raised from Local Residents. The investment involved would be in the region of £25-£30,000. and employment would be provided for between 40-45 people at Trade Union Rates and under Trade Union Conditions. The Company also asked for permission to use for portion of their work some of the water from the old Reservoir at John Street. In this connection it was pointed out that there were three factors which should interest the Corporation:-

- (1) The public Health factor providing pasteurised milk.
- (2) The employment factor.
- (3) The revenue which the Corporation would derive from rates and the sale of water.

After further discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the Company be informed that the proposal had the whole-hearted support of the Wexford Corporation.

#### DERELICT SITES.

Councillor Howlin referred to the number of derelict sites in the Town and asked when it was intended to erect houses thereon.

Alderman Sinnott agreed with the point raised by the Councillor and referred to the condition of the Faythe, John Street, and Bride Street. Alderman Byrne also agreed as did Councillor J. J. Morris to referred to the condition of Cornmarket.

As regards Barrack Street Councillor Cullimore referred to the fact that there was an open sewer at the back of the houses but it was pointed out to him that the question of this river was embodied in the Specification for which tenders had been invited for the construction of a new sewer from Wygram to Stonebridge.

The County Manager explained that this question of derelict sites in the Town Had been given very careful consideration by him and he had had a number of Conferences with the Officials of the Corporation on this matter, the latest of which had only been held that morning and they were of opinion that something should be done immediately to erect houses where possible on derelict sites in the Town. It was a matter, however, the Manager stated which would have to be done Street by Street and it was his intention that when the Direct Labour Unit moved into the Faythe Area to erect houses there, to deal with the question of Derelict sites in the Faythe and Barrack Street and as far as possible with derelict sites in the South end of the Town. The Manager further pointed out that his present opinion was the treatment of derelict sites was a matter which would require the services of a specialist as he did not think that the training and/or experience of the Council's Engineers would warrant their being asked to deal with the designing of houses to fit in with the surroundings of the different types of derelict sites in the Town and suggested that the Corporation give him authority to employ a Consultant Architect for this work if on consideration he considered this necessary. It was therefore unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the County Manager be authorised to engage the services of a Consultant Architect to deal with derelict sites in the Town and to take such a step was necessary, to deal with them.



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HORSE RIVER

Alderman Byrne complained of the condition of the Horse River and stated that a number of residents in the south end of the Town were complaining of the odour therefrom but Councillor Cullimore, whose premises were practically over the River stated that in his opinion it would be very foolish to disturb the mud in the Horse River at this time of the year which would cause a much heavier stench than that now existing and stated that they should not cleanse until October.

A further suggestion was made in connection with this River that the river be dammed at Ballinagee and released periodically to scour the lower portions where sewerage accumulated but it was pointed out that to do this it would be necessary to remove obstructions in the River and it was eventually decided to refer the matter to the Borough Surveyor for a report.

BARRY MEMORIAL

The Mayor produced correspondence and Plans which he had received in connection with the proposed Barry Memorial and it was unanimously decided that a Meeting of the recently formed Barry Memorial Committee should be held on Monday, 30th inst. at 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting then terminated.

*R. L. Morris*  
*16/9/54*

6th September, 1954.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Morris  
(in the Chair)

Aldermen: N. Corish, J. Sinnott, T. Byrne.

Councillors: M. Flusk, J. Howlin, K. Kehoe, J. J. Morris, Dr. G. Hadden.

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne the minutes of the previous Meetings, copies of which had been circulated to the Members before the present Meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of resolutions passed at previous Meetings were read from the following:-

From -Alderman N. Corish acknowledging receipt of the vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his brother-in-law.

From - Rev. Patrick Payton, C.S.C. as follows:-

"The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor,  
Municipal Buildings,  
Wexford.

Your Worship,

This is a little note to thank you and the Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Wexford for the great honour you so graciously gave me during my visit to Wexford.

May God and Mary love and bless you all always.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,"

Signed: Patrick Payton. C.S.C.

Arising out of this matter His Worship The Mayor, wished to be placed on record the thanks of the Corporation to His Lordship The Bishop, the Local Band, and the Townspeople generally in connection with the Civic Reception which was accorded to Rev. Patrick Payton. He also wished the thanks of the Corporation to be recorded in connection with the local Bands and the people generally on the occasion of the Bavarian Pilgrims' visit to the Municipal Buildings, and also in connection with the wonderful decorations in the town during Our Lady's Island Pilgrimage. The other members unanimously agreed with the sentiments expressed by His Worship.

#### TENDERS

Two tenders in connection with the John Street Sewer were opened by His Worship and referred to the Consulting Engineer for a report thereon.

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### TELEPHONE KIOSK

Alderman Byrne moved in accordance with the notice given that The Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs be requested to provide a public telephone in the heavily populated area of Whiterock View/Corish Park. This resolution was seconded by Alderman Corish and passed unanimously.

### Housing Report

Alderman Byrne also moved that the Corporation request the Minister for Local Government to submit the report of the Inspector who carried out a Housing Inspection sometime ago for the information of the Corporation. This motion was seconded by Councillor Howlin and passed unanimously.

On the proposal of Alderman Sinnott seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously decided that the following resolution should be sent to the Taoiseach and the Minister for External Affairs - "That we call on the Government to protest in the strongest possible manner against the atrocities committed by the R.U.C. in Newry and in Northern Ireland generally."

### TREE PLANTING

Alderman Hadden suggested that a Tree Planting Committee should be appointed, which would make suggestions at the next Meeting, and it was eventually agreed that a Committee, composed of His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Sinnott and Councillor Hadden be formed for this purpose.

### WEXFORD HURLERS.

On the proposal of His Worship, The Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously decided to convey the congratulations of the Corporation to the victorious Cork Hurling Team, with a special mention for their Captain Christy Ring, who had made a record by obtaining eight All Ireland medals. Coupled with this vote, was one of congratulations to the gallant Wexford Team who gave such a magnificent display and were only eventually beaten by the narrowest of margins.

The Meeting then terminated.

*L. B. Morris.*

17th September, 1954.

A Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 8'O'Clock p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Byrne and Gaul.

Councillors: Flusk, Kehoe, Hadden, Howlin and James Morris.

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

#### DERELICT SITES

The Meeting had been convened to consider a report from the County Manager on Derelict Sites in the Town and a copy of this report was submitted to each member at the Meeting. This report covered derelict sites which had been surveyed previously and now required a decision on actual acquisition. In the County Manager's report he covered all the derelict sites in the Faythe/Fisher's Row/William Street block and recommended the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order for Derelict Sites in this area together with any other property necessary for the erection of dwellings and/or proper planning of the area. Maps showing the various derelict sites were before the members and each site in the report was considered seriatim and eventually it was decided, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin that the recommendation of the County Manager be adopted. The Manager also recommended that the entire Grogan's Road/Talbot Street/Green Street/Thomas Street Block be dealt with in a similar manner that was that all derelict sites in the area together with any other property necessary for the erection of the dwellings and/or the proper planning of the area be acquired. This recommendation was also adopted, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Kehoe.

It was also agreed that the Boyle property at John Street should be examined with a view to the erection of houses thereon. It was further agreed, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin that derelict sites at Gibson Street and Allen Street should be acquired. In the case of Bride Street this area was to be examined with a view to considering what could be done to deal with the derelict sites in the area and a similar Order was made in connection with a derelict site at Monck Street.

A report was submitted regarding the condition of a house at Abbey Street acquired sometime ago by the Corporation, in respect of which, the Borough Surveyor estimated it would cost £800. to repair but after some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the sum of £200. be authorised for a renewal of the roof.

#### BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S SALARY

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Councillor James Morris an increase in the Borough Surveyor's salary was authorised from 1st January 1953 and the payment of the arrears up to 31st March, 1955, was sanctioned.

The Meeting then terminated.

*R. C. Morris,*



11th October, 1954.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Corish, Sinnott and Byrne.

Councillors: Flusk, Cullimore, Broaders, Hadden, Howlin, James Morris and Kehoe.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin the minutes of previous Meetings (copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present Meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

An acknowledgment was read from the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs relating to the application of the Corporation for the provision of a telephone kiosk in the Bishopswater Area.

#### PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

A letter was read from the Secretary, Wexford County Committee, Irish Red Cross Society requesting the Mayor and members of the Corporation to be present at the presentation of Certificates gained at the Water Safety Week recently held in Wexford and Courtown. The letter also requested His Worship, The Mayor to make the presentation.

#### ABSENCE OF MAYOR AND MEMBERS

His Worship, The Mayor pointed out that he would not be in Wexford on Sunday, the 24th inst. and several members intimated that they would also be absent.

It was decided that the Town Clerk should acknowledge the request and convey the appreciation of the Corporation for it and to express regret that His Worship, The Mayor and a number of members would be absent from Wexford on the date in question.

#### WEXFORD FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND THE ARTS

A Deputation from the Committee of the Wexford Festival of Music and the Arts then appeared before the Meeting. The Deputation consisted of Dr. T. J. Walsh, Chairman and Messrs. M. Joyce and T. Lacey. They asked the Corporation to provide the same finances as last year for the flood-lighting of the Churches and public buildings. It was stated that last year a sum of £100. was allocated for this purpose and the actual cost was approximately £70. Thirty-six flood lights would be available this year for the period of the Festival and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the sum of £100. be made available this year, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the difference between the cost of floodlighting and the £100. to be allocated by the Festival Committee for minor illuminations such as the Bullring and entrance to the Town.



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Mrs. Worship, The Mayor, expressed on his own behalf and on behalf of the Corporation, the wish that the 1954 Festival would be a greater success than previous years and asked the public to co-operate with the Festival Committee by decorating their premises with lights, flags and bunting during the Festival Week.

#### SPAFIELD AVENUE HOUSING SCHEME

The next business was to decide whether the 6 houses in course of construction at Spafield Avenue would be disposed of on the Tenant-Purchase System or let to Weekly tenants in the ordinary way. A lengthy discussion followed on this matter, some members being of the opinion that a number of those who had intimated their willingness to accept Tenant-Purchase were not now interested so it was eventually decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Eluska but with Alderman Sinnott objecting, that a Circular be issued to each applicant setting out the details of the Tenant-Purchase Scheme and inquiring if they were still interested in acquiring the houses on this System and that they be given a limited time to reply.

#### ACQUISITION AND REPAIR OF HOUSES

The next business was to decide the rents to be charged for houses acquired and repaired by the Corporation.

At the outset Councillor Howlin thought that it would be impossible for the members to follow the maze of figures in front of the Town Clerk by him merely reading them out and suggested that a copy of this, in respect of each Scheme, be furnished to the members with the recommendation of the Officials as to the rents that should be charged together with a Scheme for Tenant-Purchase. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

#### ABSENCE OF MORGUE IN WEXFORD.

The next business was a motion by the Mayor to discuss the absence of a morgue in Wexford. He referred to a recent drowning accident in Wexford when criticism was expressed by the Coroner and the Doctor who performed the Post Mortem examination of the lack of these facilities and moved that steps be taken to provide a morgue in the Town. Councillor Howlin and other members thought that the provision of a morgue by the Corporation for the number of such accidents was unnecessary and several suggestions were put forward, one was that the County Council should be asked to permit the use of the morgue attached to the County Hospital but this was objected to on the grounds that it was too far away for Jurors to view the body. Another suggestion was that a morgue should be provided in the County Hall and a third was that provision should be made in the new clinic at Grogan's Road for this purpose. Eventually it was agreed that the County Council be asked to make provision for such facilities in the new clinic or alternatively that the Officials examine and report on the provision of a morgue or on facilities for the carrying out of postmortems.

#### ADVERTISING HOARDINGS

The next business was a motion by Councillor Hadden that all necessary steps be taken to control the erection of advertising hoardings in the Town and County throughout the State. The Councillor intimated that a considerable number of occupiers throughout the Country had taken exception to the despolations of the countryside by advertising signs and as a first step moved that the Corporation adopt Bye-Laws under the Advertising Regulation Act, 1907. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was agreed to after a lengthy discussion. Councillor Hadden then proposed that the County Council be asked to adopt similar Bye-Laws and this was also agreed to. It was further agreed that the Government be asked to take steps to regulate on a national basis the erection of Advertising hoardings and the control of public advertisements throughout the Countryside.

Arising out of this matter application was submitted by Messrs. Moore O'Ferrall Ltd., Advertising Contractors for permission to erect an advertising sign for



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Caltex Ltd. at the Redmond Road. A copy of the design together with the necessary Plans were before the Meeting and Alderman Sinnott proposed that the County Manager be recommended to give permission, subject to the Borough Surveyor being satisfied that it was not an obstruction to traffic and that a local picture be included in the sign in lieu of the one submitted. Ald. Byrne seconded.

This matter gave rise to a very lengthy discussion, at the end of which the Mayor proposed, as an amendment, that the application be adjourned until the Bye-Laws referred to above were adopted. Councillor Hadden seconded.

On a vote being taken five voted for the amendment and 6 against. Alderman Sinnott's proposal was thereupon declared carried.

#### TREES

A lengthy report was submitted from a Committee appointed to examine the trees in the Town and a general discussion took place on the condition of those already planted. The members considered that the report called for the expenditure of a considerable amount more than that allocated in the Estimates and it was eventually decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Flusk that the Committee be asked to recommend where this sum of £25. should be expended.

#### FUEL SCHEME

The next item was a motion by Alderman Byrne calling on the Minister for Social Welfare to introduce the Winter Fuel Scheme immediately. The Alderman, however, was informed by the Town Clerk that instructions had been received from the Minister to operate the Scheme from the 1st November to 31st March.

#### NATIONALLY OWNED SHIPS

A Resolution from the Bray U.D.C. calling on the Minister for Industry & Commerce to examine the possibility of providing nationally owned ships from the Dunlaoir/Holyhead Route was adopted, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Ald. B. Byrne.

#### JOHN STREET SEWERAGE - POSITION

Councillor Howlin asked what was the position regarding the John Street sewerage and was informed by the Town Clerk that the Consulting Engineer had recommended that it be re-advertised in view of the fact that only two tenders were received and approximately £10,000. difference between them. The Town Clerk also reported that on receipt of this communication the County Manager had directed that the work be advertised, as recommended by the Consultant and that the situation be reported to the Corporation. He had further directed, however, that the Housing Engineer be instructed to carry out that portion of the Scheme necessary for the completion of houses and in reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that an advertisement would be issued during the coming week.

#### HOUSE AT BISHOPSWATER

Councillor Cullimore asked about the condition of a house at Bishopswater and if it had been inspected by any member of the Corporation Staff. The Town Clerk replied that when the new tenant reported on the condition of the house and refused to take it the Rent Collector had been sent to examine it and his report had since been submitted to the Housing Engineer, Mr. Millar, for his observations. Arising out of this Councillor Flusk complained that more attention should be given to the inside of the Corporation houses and suggested that further discussion on the matter be adjourned until the County Manager was in attendance. Complaint was made regarding the numbering of CORISH PARK and the attention of the Engineer was to be drawn to this matter. Complaint was also made regarding the chaotic condition of the numbering of houses in Schools St. and steps were to be taken to have this rectified.

#### FORESHORE AT FARNOGUE

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation be asked to refer the matter to the Minister for Industry and Commerce to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Wexford, of an area of State foreshore at Farnogue, Wexford.

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*K. Morris*



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A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven O'clock p.m. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris (in the Chair).

Alderman: Thomas Byrne, Nicholas Corish, James Gaul, James Sinnott.

Councillors: Michael Broaders, Frank Cullimore, Michael Flusk, George Haddon, John Howlin and James Morris.

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

#### SYMPATHY

Before the business of the Meeting commenced His Worship, The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the widow and children of the late Patrick Atkins, a former member of the Council who had died suddenly this day. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, and by the Town Clerk, on behalf of the Staff and Employees of the Corporation.

Alderman Sinnott moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese on the recent death of Fr. O'Connor, of the Church of the Assumption. This motion was seconded by Alderman Gaul, supported by all the members and both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

#### WEXFORD FESTIVAL - FOURTH

In moving the motion His Worship, The Mayor then moved that the Corporation place on record their appreciation of the outstanding success of the Fourth Wexford Festival. In moving the motion His Worship The Mayor stated he considered it was only fitting that the Corporation, being the elected representatives of the Borough, should offer sincere congratulations to the Organisers of the 4th Wexford Festival on its outstanding success and to express the hope that the Festival had come to stay in Wexford. Continuing, the Mayor stated, that while it was normally invidious to congratulate individuals concerned with such a production he felt that none would take it amiss if he offered, on behalf of the Corporation, a special word of praise to Dr. Tom Walsh, the driving force behind the Organisation. His Worship next congratulated the visiting artists - Producer - Conductor and Orchestra - without whose help, he stated, the Festival would not be possible, and, last but not least, to his mind, the Local boys and girls who formed the chorus and who were really the back-bone of the Opera. Wexford can justly be proud of the Chorus and those who trained them. The Festival had placed Wexford on the map as a centre of culture of which the Town might be proud and concluded by saying that he had great pleasure in proposing that the Corporation place on record their appreciation of the outstanding success of the 4th Wexford Festival. Councillor Hadden seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and unanimously adopted.

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Byrne the Minutes of previous Meeting (copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present Meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of Resolutions passed at previous Meetings were read from the Minister of Industry & Commerce on the subject of Cross Channel Passenger Traffic at Dunlaoighre and from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs regarding the provision of letter box in the Bishopswater Area, intimating that such box will be provided as soon as possible.



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### ERECTION OF AT LEAST 50 BUNGALOWS

Alderman Corish moved that the Corporation instruct the County Manager to proceed with the erection of at least 50 bungalows (small type) as expeditiously as possible. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion.

It was pointed out, however, that the County Manager proposed to have a general discussion with the members on Housing after the present Meeting and it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Cllr. Hadden that Alderman Corish's motion be deferred to a special Meeting to be held as soon as convenient for a discussion on the erection of these type of houses.

### SPAFIELD AVENUE

The next business was to decide whether the six houses, in course of construction at Spafield Avenue would be let to weekly tenants or disposed of on the Tenant-Purchase System. In this connection the Town Clerk read a letter he had issued on the 15th October to each applicant for these houses and intimated that he had received 18 applications for Tenant-Purchase. Councillor Howlin thereupon moved that the dwellings be disposed of on the Tenant-Purchase System. Alderman Byrne seconded.

Alderman Gaul, however, moved that the houses be let to Weekly tenants and Cllr. James Morris seconded.

On a show of hands, however, three voted for Alderman Gaul's amendment and 7 against. The amendment was declared lost and the original proposal by Councillor Howlin - that the houses be disposed of on the Tenant-Purchase System was adopted by 7 votes for to three against.

It was explained to the Meeting that this decision would require the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and when the decision of the Minister was received the matter would be further reported to the Corporation. The members also asked that they should be given an opportunity of discussing with the County Manager the actual allocation of these dwellings.

### INSPECTION OF CORPORATION HOUSES

At the last Meeting Councillor Flusk intimated that he would like a discussion with the County Manager on the best means of securing an inspection of Corporation houses and he moved that the Manager be requested to arrange for such an inspection. Alderman Byrne seconded.

In this connection the County Manager read for the Corporation Article 102 of the Public Bodies Order, 1946 which placed the responsibility on the Rent Collectors of keeping themselves informed of and reporting on the state of repair of each house in their Collection Area during the months of January, April, July and October and whenever the Collector considers that any repairs are necessary. The Manager further intimated that he had made an Order on the 6th instant directing the Collectors to comply with the terms of the above-mentioned Article. In addition he showed the members a special Form of Report which had been prepared for the guidance of the Collectors.

In this connection Alderman Corish took the view that there should be a full-time Health Inspector allocated for work in the Urban Area and Councillor J. J. Morris agreed, but the County Manager pointed out that this was a function for the County Council but he did not believe that the County Council would agree to the appointment of a full time Health Inspector in the Town as it would mean, in effect, an additional appointment.

Councillor Dr. Hadden suggested that the reports of the Rent Collectors should in the first instance be submitted to the Housing Repairs Committee, and this was agreed to.

### LETTER OF THANKS FROM MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A letter was read from the County Manager enclosing copy of a letter from the Minister for Local Government returning thanks to the elected representatives and Officials who had been asked to submit their views on the Management System.



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The Abstract of Accounts of the Corporation for the year ending 31st March, 1954 was submitted to the Council and initialled by His Worship, The Mayor.

#### COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS

The next business was to authorise the making of Compulsory Purchase Orders in respect of the Batt Street area and the Fisher's Row Area. The making of these Orders had been recommended by the County Manager and a report submitted to the Corporation sometime ago on Derelict Sites and the necessary surveys had been made showing the property necessary to be acquired and the list of such property was read out for the benefit of the members.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Hadden, seconded by Councillor Howlin that authority be given for the formal making of these Orders.

#### DERELICT SITE AT STONEBRIDGE

Reference was made to a derelict site at the Stonebridge which had been acquired by the Corporation sometime ago under the Derelict Sites Act, 1940, and it was unanimously agreed that tenders should be invited for the purchase of this site.

#### CORNER OF WYGRAM PLACE

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Dr. Hadden moved that the County Manager be requested to take the necessary steps, as soon as possible, to clear the corner of Wygram place. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

#### REPAIRS TO ARTIZAN'S DWELLINGS

A question by Councillor Howlin inquiring what was the cause regarding the laying-off of men on the repairs of houses - was adjourned to give the Housing Repairs Committee a further opportunity of examining details of how the amount of money was expended on Artizan's dwellings during the past six months.

#### RE-SURFACING ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

In reply to a question by Councillor Howlin the Borough Surveyor stated that the cost of resurfacing St. John's Road was £230. but the Councillor pointed out that in his opinion this money had not been well spent as the original pot-holes were now beginning to show up again in the new surfacing.

#### OLD. AGE PENSION'S COMMITTEE

The Meeting then acted as an Old Age Pension's Committee and the decisions of Claims and Questions will be found in the Register of Claims and Questions.

The Meeting then terminated.

At the conclusion of the above Meeting the members met the County Manager and Officials for an informal discussion on the purchase of land for the erection of houses and a general exchange of views on the future building programme.

In opening this discussion the County Manager said he felt that the Corporation should acquire any land available in or contiguous to the Borough so that it could be properly planned and Lay-outs, etc. sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government well in advance of the time necessary for the Direct Labour Building Unit to move in and if the Corporation approved of this Policy he proposed to open negotiations for the purchase of land at Bishopswater, Newtown and Whitehill from Mr. F. Cullimore, Stonebridge; Mr. James Browne, Bishopswater, Mr. Patrick Maloney, Grattan Terrace, Mr. L. Kirwan, Ballinacree and Mr. B. Hickey Custom House Quay.

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Some members thought that the erection of further houses in this area would be



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coming too far away from the business centre of the Town but it was pointed out that the erection of houses on the lands mentioned would only be a natural completion of the Housing Schemes already initiated at Corish Park and would not be moved further out than the present building line but would come more towards the Bishopswater area.

After a general discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Hadden, seconded by Councillor Howlin that the County Manager be authorised to proceed with negotiations for the purchase of the lands above-mentioned but it was understood that actual building would not be commenced until the Plans, etc. were submitted for approval by the Corporation, and it was also agreed that the Manager should, as far as possible, give preference to the commencement of houses inside the Town where it was possible to acquire the necessary lands, Alderman Byrne dissented from the decision to acquire the lands of Messrs. Kirwan and Hickey and Councillor Broaders objected to the acquisition of further land and the erection of houses so far from the Town.

As regards the erection of further houses in the Town it was intimated to the Meeting that the Manager was negotiating for the purchase of the Boyle Estate at John Street which together with the Gerard Estate and a couple of houses between would make an ideal site for the erection of houses in that area, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship, The Mayor, the Manager was authorised to proceed with negotiations on these lines.

There was also submitted to the members a proposed Lay-Out for houses between the Faythe and the Folly which gave rise to a very lengthy discussion during which it was pointed out that the acquisition of the Kelly property, which was used for dairying and market gardening, would entail considerable hardship and would lead to strong opposition to its compulsory acquisition.

Reference was also made, in connection with this Plan, to the Stafford property at Cromwell's Fort adjoining and it was pointed out that portion of this land contained rock. In addition it was one of the finest residences contiguous to the Borough and had a certain historical significance which it might not be advisable to destroy by the erection of houses along side.

After some discussion, however, it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the Lay-Out Plan should be completed with a view to its future development as a continuation of the proposed Scheme for the erection of houses in the Faythe.

The Meeting then terminated.

*J. B. Morris*



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A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish, Gaul and Sinnott.

Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, Flusk, Hadden, James Morris and Kehoe.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO ROSSLARE HARBOUR LIFE-BOAT

Before the Meeting commenced His Worship, the Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the crew of the Rosslare Life Boat on their gallant work during the week-end in rescuing the seven members of the crew of the broken tanker "World Concord" in the Irish sea.

Alderman Byrne seconded the proposal which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager, who was unavoidably absent and on his own behalf and unanimously adopted.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO CLERGY

The Mayor also moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Very Rev. John Butler, former Administrator, on his appointment as Parish Priest of Cushinstown. He also moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Very Rev. Fr. O'Neill on his appointment as Administrator and to Rev. Thomas Murphy on his appointment as Rector of the Church of the Assumption.

Alderman Corish seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk, on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf and unanimously adopted.

#### SYMPATHY

The Mayor then moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Joseph Crosbie, County Checker and General Inspector on the death of his brother, James. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk, on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf and adopted in respectful silence.

#### IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS - MASS FOR MARIAN YEAR.

An invitation was submitted from the Secretary, Wexford Branch, Irish Local Government Officials' Union requesting the Corporation to attend a Marian Year Mass to be celebrated in the Church of the Assumption, Bride Street on Thursday next, December, 2nd, at 8 a.m. for the intentions of the members and Staffs of the Local Authorities in County Wexford. On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Gaul it was unanimously decided that the Corporation should attend in state.

#### LOCAL LOANS FUND

A letter under date of the 25th instant No. H. 12/54 was read from the Department of Local Government intimating that the Minister for Finance had given a direction under Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1955 fixing @ 4½% per annum the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund made on or after 1st December, 1954. This letter was considered satisfactory.

Arising out of this it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be sought to the raising of the following loans:-

- (1) For the purchase of a new Fire engine £3,578. and for the extension of the existing Fire Station and the purchase of extra equipment for the new fire engine £2,022, making the total for the Fire service £5,600. to be borrowed from the Treasurer over a period of 10 years at the usual rate of interest.

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- (2) For the erection of 6 houses at Newtown £9,116.
- (3) For the erection of 16 houses at Newtown £30,240.
- (4) For the erection of 40 houses at Newtown £58,960.
- (5) For the erection of 10 houses at Thomas Street £10,200.
- (6) For the erection of 6 houses at Spafield Avenue £8,400.
- (7) For the erection of a second public convenience at South Main St. £2,000.
- (8) For the extension of a sewer from the Distillery Road to Newtown £6,420.

It was also agreed, on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne that Overdraft Accommodation in the sum of £100,000. be authorised on Capital Account from 1st January, 1954 until the foregoing Loans were available.

It was also agreed, on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne that Overdraft Accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £ 20,000. be authorised on the Municipal Account for the period 1st July, 1954 to 31st March, 1955.

#### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A letter was read from the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee. At the annual Meeting of the Committee held on the 22nd instant it was unanimously resolved to seek a rate of 11½d. in the £. for the financial year commencing 1st April, 1955, and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne a rate of 11½d. in the £. for the financial year 1955/56 was unanimously agreed to.

A letter was read from the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee intimating that the Rev. T. Murphy, R.C.A. had resigned from membership of the Committee and requesting the Corporation to take the necessary steps to fill this vacancy, and Alderman Gaul gave notice he would move at the next Statutory Meeting that the Rev. M. J. O'Neill, Adm., be appointed to fill the vacancy.

#### TENDERS FOR SEWER

Tenders were opened for the provision of a sewer from John Street to Stonebridge River and were found to be from the following:-

McGinty & Co., 3, Larchfield Road, Roebuck Park, Dublin.....	£19,454. 0. 10.
Gallagher, Furlong and Roarty, Ltd. 41, Upper Mount St., Dublin.....	£23,197. 14. 4.
Butler Bros. Ltd., Leonard's Corner, South Circular Road, Dublin.....	£25,472. 9. 3.
Roe Quarry Co. Ltd., 62, Adelaide Road, Dublin.....	£30,511. 8. 5.

The four tenders were initialled by the Mayor and referred to the Consulting Engineer and County Manager for necessary action.

#### ACQUISITION AND REPAIR OF HOUSES AT PARNELL ST. AND TALBOT ST.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government regarding the proposed acquisition and repair of two houses at Parnell Street and three houses at Talbot Street and requesting the Corporation to submit a Schedule of repairs which they considered necessary to put the houses in Parnell St. in proper repair also a report from the Chief Medical Officer indicating whether she considers that the sanitary condition of the houses in Talbot Street warranted their acquisition. The Department also requested to be informed how it was proposed to finance the cost of repairing these houses and to ascertain whether the existing tenants would be agreeable to pay the increased rents.



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Regarding the two houses at Parnell Street the purchase price was £900. and and the cost of repairs £420. which with the Legal cost of acquisition, estimated at £80., would bring the total cost of the two dwellings to £1400. or £700. each. The repayment of £700. in 20 years @  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  would amount to £26. 14. 6. less  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd subsidy of £18. 18. 2. would bring the annual loan charges to £17. 16. 4. The administration expenses were estimated at £700. making the total annual charges £24. 16. 4. A rent of 9/- per week would produce 23/- leaving an annual loss to the Corporation of £1. 8. 4. per house.

As regards the three houses at Talbot Street the purchase price was £750. and the cost of repairs £1,350. which with Law Costs estimated @ £100. would bring the total cost to £2,200. or an average of £733. per house.

The repayment of £733. @  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  in 20 years would amount to £29. 5. 6. less  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd subsidy of £9. 15. 2. would make the net loan charges of £19. 10. 4. Administration expenses @ 1% would amount to £1. 6. 8. making the total annual charges £26. 17. 0.

A rent of 10/- would produce £26. 0. 0. per annum leaving a loss to the Corporation of 17/- per house.

On the motion of His Worship, The Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation should proceed with the purchase of these dwellings and the necessary information requested by the Minister for Local Government furnished as soon as possible.

#### TENDERS

Tenders for gates, fencing, scaffolding poles, etc. for various Housing Schemes were opened, initialled by the Mayor and referred to the Housing Engineer and County Manager for necessary action.

#### SEAT AT WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

Arising out of a decision sometime ago to erect a seat at Wolfe Tone Villas complaint was read from Mr. Richard Pierce that the erection of the seat in the front of his garden at No. 5 was a great annoyance by children climbing over the railing and turning his garden into a Commons. After some discussion it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Flusk, seconded by Councillor J. Morris to have the seat removed.

#### CORNER OF WYGRAM

At the request of Councillor Dr. Hadden the Borough Surveyor produced a Plan for dealing with the corner of Wygram Place which envisaged the opening of the corner and the erection of 4 houses there and, on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Hadden the Plan was adopted.

#### NEW ROAD

Councillor Hadden moved that the Borough Surveyor be asked to examine and report on the possibility of constructing a road from John St. to Croke Avenue and from Croke Avenue to George St. Alderman Corish seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed to and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott seconded by the Mayor the following were appointed as a Committee to inspect the Area with Mr. McNally:- Namely:- Councillors Jas. Morris, Flusk, Alderman Corish.



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#### WINTER RELIEF SCHEMES

Alderman Corish asked if any sanction had yet been received for the commencement of the Winter Relief Schemes and was informed that the Inspector had been around during the afternoon and had inspected a draft proposal submitted by the Corporation but that no sanction had yet been received. It was unanimously decided, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the Town Clerk should communicate with the Department before the end of the week if no sanction was received.

#### DISTILLERY ROAD

Councillor Cullimore referred to the condition of the Distillery Road, and it was decided to ask the County Engineer when he intended to re-surface it.

#### FIREPLACES

Alderman Gaul raised the question of a fire place in a house at Roche's Terrace occupied by Haughton and asked the Housing Repairs' Committee to give favourable consideration to it. Reference was also made to the need for a fireplace in Lacey's, Hill Street and Doyle's Dovereaux Villas and the present Meeting unanimously recommended the Housing Repairs Committee to deal with the three applications at their next Meeting.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Alderman Corish drew attention to the need for lights at Emmet Place, Trinity Place, Seaview Avenue, Tuskar View and St. Ibar's Villas, and it was decided to obtain an estimate from the E. S. B. for the provision of these four lights. It was also decided to ask the Electricity Supply Board to adjust the now light at Keyser's Lane so that it would throw more light to the west side of the lane. Complaint was also made that a light had recently been changed at the Redmond Road without any authority from the Corporation, and the Town Clerk was asked to take up this matter with the Board. It was also decided to ask the Board to adjust the bracket containing the light at Well Lane, Faythe, so that it would show more light in the lane-way.

#### REDMOND MONUMENT

Councillor Hadden referred to the condition of the railings around the Redmond Monument and it was decided to ask the Redmond Memorial Committee to have them repaired.

#### FOUNTAIN AT BULLRING

On the motion of Councillor Hadden seconded by Councillor Flusk it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to report on the cost of replacing the fountain in the Bullring.

#### NEW SEWER

Arising out of the opening of tenders for the construction of a sewer from John Street to Stonebridge River Alderman Corish and Sinnott raised the question of the employment of only local Trade Union Labour and the Borough Surveyor replied that such a clause would not be permitted by the Local Government Department but a Clause was inserted in the Conditions of Contract that all employees should enjoy the same rate of wages and Conditions of Employment as obtained in the area where work was being carried out. This question gave rise to some discussion at the end of which neither of the Aldermen were satisfied and reserved themselves the right to raise the matter on another occasion.

The Meeting then terminated.

*J. B. Morris*



6th December, 1954.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past 7 o'clock p.m.. The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor K. Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish, Gaul and Sinnott.

Councillors: Flusk, Hadden, Howlin, James Morris.

#### HIGH MASS

At the outset it was unanimously agreed to accept an invitation from the Administrator for the Corporation to be present at Solemn High Mass on 8th December, 1954 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception for the close of the Marian Year.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A letter was read from His Lordship, The Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Staunton, acknowledging receipt of the vote of sympathy passed with himself and the Clergy of the Diocese on the death of Fr. O'Connor.

A further letter was read from the Minister for Industry & Commerce acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's Resolution concerning the conditions existing at Dunlaoire and Holyhead for the transport of visitors and about possible Irish participation in the Cross Channel Passenger Trade.

#### V. E. C. COMMITTEE

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Gaul moved that the Rev. M. J. O'Neil, A.M., be appointed a member of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee in lieu of Rev. T. Murphy, R.C.M., resigned.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously adopted.

#### ACQUIRED PROPERTY

The next business was to fix the rents of acquired property and a statement *showing* issuing the annual charges together with the rents necessary to meet these charges had already been submitted to the members. At the outset Councillor Howlin congratulated the Officials on the statement submitted but thought that tenants of houses the Corporation proposed to acquire should be made aware of the position beforehand and advised that if the Corporation acquired and repaired them an increase in rent would obviously be necessary.

Alderman Sinnott referred to the question of the 16 houses at Trinity St. and thought that most of the Tenants there would be agreeable to purchase the dwellings on the Tenant-Purchase Scheme and eventually it was agreed that a decision on the rents for the Trinity St. houses should be adjourned to 1955 to enable a Circular to be issued to the tenants informing them of what the rent would be if a Tenant-Purchase Scheme was adopted and requesting their observations on such a Scheme. The next rents were in respect of two houses at Talbot St. The statement submitted by the Officials showed that with basic rents of 8/3d. per week a loss of £2. 2. 8. per house per annum would occur and it was unanimously agreed that basic rents of 8/3d. should be fixed.

In respect of three houses at Temperance Row it was reported that these houses were primarily acquired with the eventual object of street widening and it was not thought that there should be any increase in the basic rents but the tenants would be held responsible for the increase in rates since the houses were acquired which would mean approximately 3d. per week. This recommendation was also unanimously agreed to.

In respect of two houses at the Faythe basic rents of 6/- each per week were unanimously agreed to.

In respect of three houses at the Faythe basic rents of 11/- each per week were also agreed and rents of 12/6d. per week for two houses at Parnell Street. Rents of 8/- for three houses and one house at 8/3d. were agreed to for 4 houses at Wygram Place. The final Scheme of 16 houses at Abbey St. and Cornmarket gave rise to a lengthy discussion but it was finally decided to adjourn consideration of the fixing of rents in respect of these 16 houses until early in 1955.



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It was also unanimously agreed that the increased rents should not operate until 1st April, 1955.

Councillor Flusk raised the question of the purchase of the Gerrard Estate at John Street and was informed by the Town Clerk that this was inter-connected with the Boyle Estate and certain properties between the two, and the Borough Surveyor had been requested to report to him on what property was necessary in addition to the Boyle and Gerrard Estates, to make a comprehensive Housing Scheme in the Area.

#### TRALEE U.D.C.

A Resolution from the Tralee U.D.C. requesting the Minister for Industry & Commerce to consider the feasibility of building a Trans-Atlantic Liner was marked "read."

A further Resolution from the Tralee U.D.C. calling on the Minister for Local Government to insert a clause in the Local Government Bill at present before the Oireachtas to enable Urban Councils to be independent of the County Councils was also marked "read."

#### ROAD AT MAUDLINTOWN ETC.

Alderman Sinnott referred to the condition of the roadway at the junction of Maudlintown and the Faythe and it was decided to draw the attention of the County Engineer to this matter.

Reference was also made to the condition of the road-way approaching the Church at John St. and the County Engineer was to be requested to have this matter attended to.

It was also decided to request the County Engineer to take steps to re-surface the Distillery Road.

It was further decided that the attention of the County Engineer be directed to defective road gullies outside the house in King St. occupied by a man named Waters and on the Quay outside Messrs. McCormack & Hogarty and Messrs. Hugh McGuire & Co.

Alderman Corish referred to the decision at Last Meeting to appoint a Committee to inspect a suggestion that a road be made from John Street to Croke Avenue - George St. and stated he considered this suggestion impracticable and after a short discussion it was decided that Alderman Corish was correct and that no further action be taken in the matter.

#### RELIEF WORKS

A discussion arose regarding the commencement of Relief Works and Alderman Byrne, who raised the matter, stated that 10 men had started this day and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should communicate by telephone with the Department of Local Government with a view to having the remaining Relief Grant Schemes sanctioned.

The Meeting then terminated.

*R. L. Morris*

3rd January, 1955.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m., The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Morris, in the Chair,

Aldermen: Byrne, Gaul, Sinnott.

Councillors: Flusk, Hadden, Howlin, James Morris, Kehoe.

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin the minutes of previous Meetings, copies of which had been circulated to the members with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### SYMPATHY

Before the business of the Meeting commenced the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Robert Banville employed in the Town Clerk's Office on the death of his brother. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

His Worship, The Mayor moved also that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Fr. Thomas Roche, a former member of the Council, on his ordination to the Priesthood. Alderman Gaul seconded this motion which was supported by all the members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and unanimously adopted.

Alderman Gaul moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Fr. Michael Sinnott, son of the former County Manager, on his ordination to the Priesthood. This motion was seconded by Alderman Sinnott, supported by all the members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and also unanimously adopted.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Letters were read from Very Rev. John M. Butler, P.P. Cushinstown, Rev. M. J. O'Neill, Adm. and Rev. Thomas Murphy R.C.A. returning thanks to the Corporation for their message of congratulations on their recent appointments.

#### TENDERS

Two tenders were submitted for the proposed extension to the Corporation Fire Station and on being opened it was seen they were from Mr. Patrick Tobin, Edermine, Mills, Enniscorthy who quoted £2,100. and Messrs. Larkin Bros. Cornmarket who quoted £2140. Tenders were referred to the County Manager for suitable action.

#### I. T. A.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association asking for a contribution from the rates in the year 1955/6, and on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne the matter was referred to the Annual Rates Estimates Meeting.

#### LOAN - SPAFIELD HOUSES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously decided to raise a Loan of £8,400. from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of financing a Scheme of 6 houses at Spafield Avenue.

#### RENTS - 16 HOUSES AT CORISH PARK

Estimates were submitted of rents necessary to finance the 16 Housing Scheme at Corish Park. The first Estimate was based on a weekly tenancy. If the 16 houses were let at a basic rent of 27/6d. per week there would be a loss of £140. 13. 10. per annum and if let at 30/- per week the loss would be £36. 13. 10. per annum.

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The second Estimate was based on a Tenant-Purchase System at an average estimated all-in-cost of £1900. per house. From this should be deducted the State Grant of £275. 0. 0. and deposit by the purchaser of £25. leaving £1600. to be re-paid over a period of 35 years. To repay this would cost £91. 4. 0. per annum and the collection, Insurance, etc. would amount to £6. 6. 0. making a total of £97. 10. 0. or a Rent charge of 37/6d. per week. In addition the Tenant-Purchasers would be required to pay the Legal costs of transfer estimated at approximately £60.

A discussion took place as to the best method of disposing of these houses and it was eventually decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Sinnott to notify each of the applicants that the Corporation were contemplating a Tenant-Purchase System and inquiring if they were interested in acquiring the dwellings on the terms set out above. It was also decided that a further advertisement should be inserted in the Local Press inviting applications for the houses on this system.

#### CALVARY - ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

Estimates and illustrations were submitted by the Borough Surveyor for the provision of a Calvary at St. Ibar's Cemetery. Some of the members thought that the Calvary recently erected by Very Rev. P. Doyle, Kilmore, should be inspected by the Officials and particulars of the cost, etc. obtained from Fr. Doyle, and it was thought that the Calvary in Kilmore would be ideally suited to the needs of Crosstown Cemetery.

#### POST MORTEM EXAMINATIONS -

A letter was read from the Secretary, Wexford County Council, intimating that the County Manager had agreed that the bodies of persons on whom post-mortem examinations were to be held could be brought to the morgue at the County Hospital, and it was unanimously decided to notify the Coroner, the Garda and the various Doctors concerned of this arrangement.

#### INCREASE IN TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government conveying sanction to the payment from a date not earlier than 1st November, 1952 of an increase in temporary allowance already sanctioned with effect as from 1st April, 1953, subject to the Council providing the necessary Funds. It was thereupon agreed, on the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the payment of the arrears of bonus be authorised and that the sum of £250. be made available for the purpose.

#### MR. P. B. PIERCE - SUGGESTION

The Borough Surveyor submitted a report on a suggestion from Mr. Philip B. Pierce that the Redmond Monument at Wellington Place be removed to a more suitable site to provide a round about for cars, and as a quid pro quo he would make available at a nominal figure the necessary land to allow the Corporation to provide a right of way from St. Aidan's Crescent to Distillery Road. After some discussion it was agreed that this matter should be considered by the County Manager, County Engineer, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk and a report submitted to the Council.

#### DRINKING TROUGH

A letter addressed to His Worship, The Mayor was read from the Secretary, Wexford Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals regarding the condition of the Animal trough at Trinity St., and it was decided that the Borough Surveyor should be instructed to have it repaired.

#### DISTILLERY ROAD

The Mayor raised the question of the condition of the Distillery Road and it was decided to take up this matter with the County Engineer and request him to have it resurfaced as soon as possible.

#### RADIO EIREANN

His Worship the Mayor and other members complained of the very bad reception in Wexford from Radio Eireann, particularly after 6-0 p.m. in the evening and it was decided that this matter should be taken up with the Director of Broadcasting. The Mayor further complained that the transmission of the recording of the Wexford Festival could not be heard on the night of the broadcast owing to interference and suggested that the Director of broadcasting be directed to move the broadcasting to some suitable afternoon when there would not be the same amount of interference with the transmiss

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Councillor James Morris complained of the late hour at which he had received Notice for the present Meeting and the County Manager and Town Clerk promised to take up this matter with the Town Sergeant and assured him that the Agenda would be delivered in ample time for the future.

MAYOR'S SALARY

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Gaul moved that the salary of the Mayor for the half-year ended 31st December, 1954 be fixed at £275. and for the half-year to the end of June at £75. The motion was seconded by Ald. Byrne and unanimously adopted. S.

The Meeting then terminated.

*Kevin L. Morris*



17th January, 1955.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Municipal Buildings at half-past 7 o'clock p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor K. C. Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Corish, Sinnott, Byrne.

Councillors: J. J. Morris, Hadden and Flusk.

Mr. H. Doyle, Assistant Town Clerk was also in attendance.

#### SYMPATHY

His Worship, The Mayor moved a vote of sympathy with Mr. Thomas F. Broe, Co. Manager on the death of his father, the late Mr. Patrick Broe, Naas. In moving the motion Councillor Morris said that he did not know Mr. Broe personally, but the Corporation knew his son, their Co. Manager, and the splendid qualities he possessed and if his late father possessed similar qualities then he must have been a grand gentleman and a good Irishman. The Co. Manager had been only in Wexford a short while, but in that period he had endeared himself to everybody, and on behalf of the citizens of the town, and on his own behalf he wished to tender sympathy to the Co. Manager on his great bereavement, and also proposed that the Meeting adjourn as a mark of respect.

Alderman Sinnott seconded the vote of sympathy which was supported by all the members present.

Mr. H. Doyle, Assistant Town Clerk, said on behalf of the Town Clerk (Mr. J. J. Byrne), members of the Staff and on his own behalf, he would like to join in the vote of sympathy extended to Mr. Broe by the members of the Corporation on this very sad occasion.

The Meeting then adjourned as a mark of respect.

*K. C. Morris.*

24th January, 1955.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Morris (in the Chair.)

Aldermen: Byrne, Gaul and Sinnott.

Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, Flusk, Haddon and James Morris.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### SYMPATHY

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott seconded by Alderman Byrne the sympathy of the Corporation was extended to Mr. Patrick Lacey on the death of his brother.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The County Manager returned thanks to the members for their vote of sympathy and the adjournment of the last Meeting on the death of his father.

An acknowledgment of the Resolution of sympathy passed with him on the death of his brother was received from Mr. Joseph Crosbie, Newtown.

An acknowledgment of congratulations passed with the crew of the Rosslare-Harbour Life-Boat, "Douglas Hyde", on their heroic service to the Tanker "World Concord" was received from Coxswain Richard Walsh.

#### 36-HOUSE SCHEME AT NEWTOWN

The Town Clerk intimated that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government had been received to the erection of 36 additional houses at Newtown at an estimated cost of £55,965. 8. 6. In his letter of sanction the Minister stated that the figure quoted for site and development works was considered high and that the Engineer should be requested to revise his estimate of cost for this work. In this connection the Town Clerk intimated that the cost of site and development works amounted to £9,233. 8. 6. and when the houses were erected very little of this work would be seen. Alderman Sinnott referred to the cost of development and once again intimated that in his opinion the Corporation should be permitted to use monies allocated from the Employment Schemes Vote towards the development of Housing Sites and thus reduce the rents which at present had to be charged as a result of the development costs being included in the all-in cost of the houses. Most of the members favoured this course and it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the Minister for Local Government be requested to seek authority to enable grants for the relief of unemployment to be devoted to the development of housing sites without any reduction in subsidy or other housing Grants. As regards the financing of the Scheme it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Alderman Sinnott that a rent of £56,000. be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for a period of 50 years with interest at the rate of  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  for the erection of 36 houses at Newtown.

#### SEWERAGE

The Town Clerk also intimated to the Meeting that the necessary extension to the sewerage system at Newtown had been approved by the Minister for Local Government to be carried out by Direct Labour.

#### NEW FIRE ENGINE

On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Alderman Gaul it was unanimously agreed to raise a Loan of £6,200. from the Treasurer for a period of 15 years to finance the purchase of a new fire engine, an extension to the fire station and the provision of additional equipment.



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L. A. W. ACT-- AGREEMENT

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne, an Agreement between the Wexford County Council and the Corporation for the execution of works by the Corporation, on behalf of the County Council, under the Local Authorities Works Act, was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

HOUSE AT GIBSON ST.

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor regarding a ruinous house at Gibson Street and it was decided to ask the Surveyor if it would be worth while acquiring it under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940.

CASSIDY'S HOUSE

Arising out of this matter reference was made to the ruinous condition of a house at Monck Street formerly occupied by Cassidy and it was decided that the Borough Surveyor should take steps to deal with it under the Towns Improvement Act.

STONEBRIDGE LANE

Councillor Cullimore asked what was the position regarding the site at Stonebridge Lane and the Town Clerk replied that although a Preliminary Order had been made sometime ago no Vesting Order had been made, and the County Manager now proceeded to make a Vesting Order.

APPLICATION FOR HOUSES

Alderman Byrne asked the County Manager to give sympathetic consideration to the following applicants for houses:-

T. Mahoney, Emmet Place : T. Byrne, High St.

SCARCITY OF WATER

Complaint was made by Alderman Byrne that no water was available in houses at Roche's Terrace for the past week and that no water was available in houses 11-113 Bishopswater and it was decided that these matters be referred to the Engineers to deal with immediately.

FOOTPATH AT ANNE ST.

Councillor James Morris asked that an estimate be prepared for replacing approximately 30 yards of footpath at Anne St. - from the Post Office Gate to Mr. Lambert's.

FOOTPATHS - GENERALLY

Arising out of this matter it was decided that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a survey of all the footpaths in the Town with an estimate of the cost of replacing them so that application could be made for a special grant to deal with them.

PILOT LIGHT

Complaint was made that no pilot light existed from the Bank of Ireland to Fisher's Row and that this was a considerable inconvenience for people coming to work in the Star Ironworks, the Bacon Factory, Springs, etc. in the early hours of the morning. The Town Clerk intimated that he did not think it was possible but promised to investigate the matter and see what could be done to remedy the defect if it existed.

Councillor Dr. Hadden asked that a warning light be placed at the end of the Talbot Garage so as to indicate to motorists and other traffic coming from Trinity Street that they should bear to the left as on foggy nights it was quite possible for strangers to go straight over the Quay. It was also pointed out that a railing or barrier should be erected at the end of the Talbot Garage on the sea-side so as to prevent persons walking on the sea-side footpath stepping on the railway line in the dark where they were liable to be hit by traffic coming from the South which they could not see and it was decided to take this matter up with the C.E.B.



E.S. B.

It was decided to request the E.S.B. to alter the light opposite the well Lane at the Faythe - to the North.

The Mayor again raised the question of the lighting at Keyser's Lane and stated that he had received no reply yet from the E.S.B. and promised to take it up with them again.

GALVANISED HOARDING AT FISHER'S ROW

The Mayor intimated that in his opinion the galvanised hoarding at Fisher's Row was dangerous and it was decided to refer this matter to the Borough Surveyor for his attention.

RAILING - 6, WHITEROCK VIEW

The Mayor also complained that the railing at 6, Whiterock View was projecting out on the footpath and asked to have it repaired.

CONDITION OF DISTILLERY RD.

Alderman Sinnott referred to the condition of the Distillery Road, and the Manager stated he was aware that the County Engineer was at present preparing an Estimate for this work.

The Meeting then terminated.

ALLOCATION OF 6 HOUSES AT SPAFIELD

At the close of the above Meeting the Manager had a discussion with the members regarding the allocation of the 6 houses at Spafield Avenue. He informed the Meeting that the Town Clerk had received a telephone call from the Department of Local Government to the effect that a Tenant-Purchase Scheme for these dwellings would be sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government. The Manager then read a List of Applications and intimated to the Meeting that he proposed to transfer Mr. Bernard Quirke of 5, St. Enda's Terrace to one of these houses which would leave a good house available at a rent of 7/9d. per week, and this suggestion of the Manager's was unanimously agreed to. The Manager intimated, however, that there were some applications for transfers from Tenants of Bishopswater and as the granting of these would not give any cheap houses to the Corporation he did not propose to do so. In addition he had carefully examined the incomes of the various applicants and from that point of view all but one satisfied him that they would be in a position to meet the rent charge of 27/6d. per week. In the one case he was aware that the person in question should normally be re-housed soon in a cheaper house, the rent of which the family would be in a better position to pay and it was his intention to delete this person from the list.

The members referred to the application of Miss E.M. Phillips, the Officer in charge of the Housing Section. All the members of the Corporation thought that she should be given preferential treatment as an Officer of the Council for a number of years, and Councillor Flusk proposed that she be granted one of the houses. This proposal met with general favour amongst the members but the County Manager intimated that he was not prepared to give preferential treatment to any person in the allocation of houses and it was his intention to suggest that when the applicants Forms had been examined and recorded as suitable from every point of view that the five remaining houses should be drawn for. The members then intimated that if a draw was to take place they thought that it should be confined to natives of Wexford, and it was eventually decided that the 14 names should be put forward and a draw take place for the 5 dwellings left after the transfer of Mr. Quirke. The list of names selected were then numbered and 14 slips of paper bearing the numbers 1-14 inclusive were written by the Town Clerk and folded by His Worship The Mayor. Before the actual draw took place the Town Clerk suggested that it might be as well to draw more than 5 in case any of the first 5 should refuse the allocation, and it was unanimously agreed that 10 numbers should be drawn in the hat. The numbered slips were then placed in a hat which was held aloft by the County Manager and the numbers drawn by His Worship The Mayor. As a result the following 10 were drawn for:-  
(1) Jas. Curran, 8, School St., Wexford, 9, Douglas St., 10, Collopy, 16,



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Lr. George St. (4) John Atkins, Rathgar, Dublin: (5) Philip Kehoe, Postmaster, Wexford. (6) James O'Neill, Menapia Ave.: (7) Denis Duggan, 19, Carrigeen St. Wexford. (8) J. G. Byrne, 3, Parnell St., Wexford: (9) Patrick Redmond, 8, William St.: (10) John Roche, Folly House.

The first five in addition to Bernard Quirke were accordingly declared the Tenant-Purchasers of the 6 houses at Spafield Ave, subject to the formal Order of the County Manager.

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*R. b. Morris,*

17th February, 1955:

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor K. C. Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

Councillors: Flusk, Howlin and James Morris.

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

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flusk the minutes of previous meetings, copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present Meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

An acknowledgment was read from Mr. Robert Banville, acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with him at the last Meeting on the death of his brother.

A letter was also read from C.I.E. regarding the sea-side footpath at Trinity Street.

The Director of Radio Eireann acknowledged the representations made regarding the Radio reception in Wexford and intimated that everything possible was being done to improve matters. He further intimated that a repeat broadcast of the Wexford Festival programme would be arranged for the near future. In this connection it was decided to request the Director of broadcasting to send someone to Wexford to investigate the unsatisfactory conditions here.

#### TENANT-PURCHASE 16 HOUSES CORISH PARK.

The next business was to consider the number of applications received for the Tenant-Purchase of 16-houses at Corish Park on the terms agreed to on the 3rd ultimo and to finally decide whether they should be disposed of on the Tenant-Purchase System or let as weekly tenancies. It was reported that only 8 applications had been received for Tenant-Purchase and it was suggested that those wishing for Tenant-Purchase should be given the option. As regards this suggestion it was pointed out that this would make the financial provisions difficult inasmuch as a Loan for Tenant-Purchase would only be for 35 years whereas for weekly tenancies the Loan would be for a period of 50 years. It was also considered by some of the members that the Legal charge to £60, for the transfer of the property had deterred some of the people from applying as Tenant-Purchasers, and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk should embody the Legal costs, in the capital sum and fix the rent-charge to cover all. When this was done a fresh Circular should be issued to the applicants with a view to ascertaining if any more would apply for Tenant-Purchase on the Revised Conditions.

#### BYE-LAWS

The next business was to provisionally approve the adoption of Bye-Laws proposed to be made with respect to houses intended or used for occupation by members of the Working Classes, and, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Sinnott the draft Bye-Laws, a copy of which had been circulated to the members with the Agenda for the present Meeting were approved, and issue of the necessary Notice intimating that the Corporation proposed, after the expiration of one month from the publication of the Notice, to apply to the Minister for Local Government for the confirmation of the Bye-Laws, was authorised.

#### V. E. C. COMMITTEE AUDIT

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The report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee was submitted, and on the



motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship, The Mayor, adopted.

#### ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

Tenders for the provision of a Calvary for St. Ibar's Cemetery were submitted and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously decided to recommend the County Manager to accept the tender of Messrs. Bernardi of Cork in the sum of £150. together with the cost of providing Cross and Pedestal £50. and incidental expenses of £25. making the total cost £225.

As regards the financing of the project Alderman Sinnott proposed that a loan of £235. be raised from the Treasurer for a period of 5 years. Alderman Corish seconded the proposition. The Mayor, however, proposed, that the project be financed by way of public subscription, but there was no seconder for this proposition. Alderman Sinnott's proposal that a Loan be raised from the Treasurer was adopted with the Mayor dissenting.

#### SUMMER FUEL SCHEME

On the motion of His Worship, The Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed to request the Minister for Social Welfare to re-introduce the Summer Fuel Scheme.

#### GAS COOKERS IN HOUSES

A letter was read from the Wexford Gas Consumers Co. requesting the Corporation to provide Gas cookers for the new houses proposed to be erected at Corish Park, and to request the consent of the Minister for Local Government to the installation of Gas Cookers in the houses previously erected there. In this connection it was pointed out that when the Minister previously agreed to the provision of Gas cookers in the 128-H ouse Scheme at Bishopswater he intimated that he would not be prepared to do so again as, in his opinion, one method of cooking only should be provided in Corporation houses. It was therefore unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne

1. That gas cookers and boiler grates be provided in the new Scheme of 36-houses now proposed to be erected at Corish Park.
2. That the Minister for Local Government be requested to approve of the installation of gas cookers in the existing houses at Corish Park on a repayment basis.
3. That for the future a gas cooker and boiler grate be provided as standard equipment in all Corporation houses being erected.

#### RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions from Sligo Mental Hospital Board and from Longford U.D.C. were submitted and, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne both Resolutions were marked "read." In this connection it was, however, unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Flusk, seconded by Councillor Howlin that for the future such resolutions received from outside Bodies be not placed on the Agenda by the Town Clerk unless after consultation with His Worship, The Mayor they both agreed that such Resolutions contained matters of importance to the Corporation or Town.

#### ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish moved that steps be taken to acquire land for the extension of St. Ibar's Cemetery. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to. It was also unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin that the Borough Surveyor report to the Estimates' Committee on the cost of putting the walks at St. Ibar's Cemetery into a proper condition.

#### LOANS

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed that a Loan of £5,250. be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme No. (3) that is the provision of electric pumps, chlorinator, etc.



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LACK OF WATER SUPPLY

Complaint was made regarding the lack of water supply to the house at Parnell St. occupied by Miss May Delaney and it was unanimously agreed that a report should be obtained from the Health Inspector thereon.

BARRY MEMORIAL

Alderman Byrne raised a question regarding the Barry Memorial and the Town Clerk intimated that he was in constant correspondence with the Chief Architect of the Board of Works in this matter and had supplied him with Plans, etc. prepared by the County Architect and Mr. Patrick Doris, Engineer. He further intimated that at the last Meeting of the Memorial Committee it was decided to adjourn until an intimation was received from the Department of External Affairs regarding who was to finance the cost of erecting the Memorial, but up to the present, he, Town Clerk, had not received definite information and as soon as he would receive something definite he would convene a Meeting of the Committee.

MAHON'S O'CONNELL AVE.

Alderman Corish called the attention of the Borough Surveyor to the condition of the flat roof of Michael Mahon's house, O'Connell Avenue, and the Borough Surveyor promised to investigate the matter.

OVERDRAFTS

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Gaul the following Overdraft Resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

1. "That overdraft accommodation on capital account be authorised in a sum not exceeding £30,000. in respect of the Corporation Waterworks and sewerage schemes, the provision of a public convenience and fire engine during the period 1st April, 1954 to 31st March, 1955."
2. "That Overdraft accommodation on capital account be authorised in a sum not exceeding £100,000. (One Hundred Thousand Pounds) in respect of the Corporation Housing programme during the period 1st April, 1954 to 31st March, 1955."
3. That Overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account be authorised in the sum of £25,000. for the period 1st July, 1954 to 31st March, 1955."

INCREASE IN SALARY OF HOUSING  
ENGINEER.

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government approving a proposed increase of 30/- per week in the salary of the Housing Engineer, subject to the Council making available the necessary funds, and on the motion of Ald. Byrne, seconded by His Worship, The Mayor, the increased expenditure of £180. was approved for the year 1954/5 to cover the increase.

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*Levin B. Morris*



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A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m., The members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris (in the Chair).

Alderman: Thomas Byrne:

Councillors: Michael Flusk, James Morris, Patrick Kehoe;

Mr. T. F. McDermott, Deputy County Manager, Mr. Patrick K. McNally, Borough Surveyor and the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF HARBOUR

The Town Clerk reported that the Corporation had been called upon to pay to the National Bank the sum of £57. 2. 8. on foot of the Guarantee given in respect of a Loan for the improvement of the Harbour, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Morris it was unanimously agreed that this account be paid.

#### SPAFIELD HOUSES

The next business was to draw for the 6 houses at Spafield Avenue:

The names of the 6 Tenant-Purchasers were placed in a hat and a slip of paper was drawn by each of the members with the following result:-

Counting from the St. John's Road end:-

1. James Curran; 2, James O'Neill; 3, John Beale; 4, Philip Kehoe; 5, J.G. Byrne; and 6, John Roche.

#### DISTILLERY ROAD SEWER

There was submitted to the Meeting a Deed of Mortgage in respect of a Loan of £7,000. to be advanced by the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of providing a new sewer at Distillery Road, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £7,000 (Seven Thousand Pounds) proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1948. The mortgage Deed was thereupon duly sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

#### TWO HOUSES AT PARNELL STREET

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship, The Mayor, the Corporate Seal of the Corporation was affixed to a Deed of Conveyance from James Williams to the Corporation, in respect of two houses at Parnell Street.

#### ST. ENDA'S TERRACE

It was agreed that the Corporation would meet the Tenants of the houses at St. Enda's Terrace to discuss a proposed Tenant-Purchase Scheme for their dwellings at a Meeting on Monday, March, 2nd.

#### C.P.O. FOR JOHN STREET PROPERTY

On the motion of His Worship, The Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed that a Compulsory Purchase Order be made in respect of property at John Street.

#### MATTERS RAISED BY ALDERMAN BYRNE

Alderman Byrne raised the following matters:-

1. The condition of the Corporation outside offices on Davitt Road, etc.

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- (2) That a three day dust bin service be provided for the Tenants at Mokenk St.
- (3) Dumping at the rear of Mahon's Lane.
- (4) Shortage of water at the Bishopswater Housing Scheme.

As regards No's 1. and 2 it was agreed to ask the Borough Surveyor to report to the next Meeting.

As regards No. 3 Alderman Byrne intimated that he would intimate to the Borough Surveyor the name of the person who had dumped behind the hoarding at ~~Ilmahon's~~ Mahon's Lane.

As regards No. 4 the Borough Surveyor stated it was proposed to make a new connection from Distillery Road to Brion's Hill which with a normal consumption of water would improve the situation on the Housing Scheme at Bishopswater, but at the present time the consumption was abnormal and he was to do his utmost to have it cut down.

SEAVIEW AVE.- TRINITY ST.

His worship, The Mayor complained that surface water was flowing from Seaview Avenue on to Trinity Street and at time flooded a house at the junction and he asked the Borough Surveyor to examine and report as to who was responsible for this matter.

WINDMILLS' HILL

Councillor Flusk raised the question of the condition of the roadway in front of a few houses at Windmills' Hill and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had included this in the Relief Grant proposals for this year but that it had been cut out by the Department. He had now no money at his disposal to carry out the work but would submit an Estimate for it to the Estimates' Meeting.

McGRATH - DAVITT RD, NTH.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was agreed that a fire place be installed in the house of Mrs. McGrath, Davitt Road North.

SAND AND GRAVEL

A number of tenders were opened and initialled by His worship, The Mayor for sand and gravel, plumbing and hardware goods and mild steel required for Corporation Housing Schemes.

The Meeting then terminated,

*James C. Morris.*



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A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Morris (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish, Gaul and Sinnott.

Councillors: Broadors, Flusk, Howlin, James Morris and Kehoe.

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

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne the minutes of previous Meetings, copies of which had been circulated to the members with the Agenda for the present Meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Acknowledgments of resolutions passed at previous Meetings were read from the Minister for Social Welfare on the subject of a Winter Fuel Scheme; from the Minister for Local Government on the use of grants from the Employment Scheme Veto for the development of Housing Sites.

#### ST. ENDA'S TERRACE HOUSES

A deputation was received from the Tenants of the St. Enda's Terrace houses on the subject of the proposed purchase of their dwellings. The Deputation consisted of:- Mrs. O'Leary, Messrs. John J. O'Leary, J. Reice and P. Larkin. The tenants had been informed that the Corporation were prepared to dispose of the houses for the sum of £200. which could be spread over a period of 10 or 15 years. The tenants, however, asked that the sale of the houses be based on the minimum price set out by the Minister for Local Government in Circular N o. H. 6/53 of 11th July, 1953 which would make the purchase price approximately £125. Mr. O'Leary raised the question of repairs and was informed that the sum of £200. fixed by the Corporation included £50. per house for necessary repairs before they were handed over to the tenants. The Deputation then withdrew after thanking the members for receiving them and the Corporation considered the points raised. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne that the Corporation adhere to the price of £200. already fixed for this matter.

#### NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR BLIND

An invitation was received from the National Institute of the Blind for the members of the Corporation to attend their annual Meeting in the Talbot Hotel on the 14th March, and it was unanimously agreed that any member available should attend the Meeting.

#### TRAFFIC IN WEXFORD

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Corish moved that owing to the serious congestion of traffic in Wexford, especially in the Main Street, this Corporation agrees to put into operation the Traffic Regulations suggested by the Garda Authorities. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion and after some discussion it was agreed to convene a Meeting of interested Bodies for the 21st instant.

#### COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL

A Memorandum was submitted from the Association of Municipal Authorities on the provisions of the City and County Management (Amendment) Bill and it was unanimously decided that the question of amendments be left in the hands of the Emergency Committee of the Association who were considering the Bill.

#### LOAN - HOUSES AT TRINITY STREET

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Sinnott moved that a previous Resolution to raise a Loan of £2,000. for the repair of houses at Trinity Street be rescinded. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to. Arising out of this motion the matter of necessary repairs was left in the hands of the Housing Repairs Committee but it was decided that the Committee should submit a monthly report on repairs necessary and work to be done on Artizan's dwellings.



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### ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE

In accordance with Notice given Councillor Howlin asked if Engineering Assistance had been provided for the Borough Surveyor and on being informed that part-time assistance had been provided in connection with certain housing surveys the Councillor, in accordance with Notice given, asked the following questions:-

- (a) What was the position regarding:- the survey and acquisition of Moore's field, Talbot Street and was informed that a comprehensive survey of the Grogan's Road, Talbot Street and Green Street area was at present in hands and would be completed within the next few months. The Council was satisfied with this reply.
- (b) The survey and acquisition of lands at Whitonill from Messrs. Hickey, Kirwan, Cullimore, Maloney and Browne, and was informed that sanction to the purchase of the necessary lands had been received from the Minister. In addition a Conference had been held between the Deputy County Manager, the Borough Surveyor, Town Clerk and Local Government Department Architect on the Planning of the area. The necessary transfer of the lands was being arranged and the survey was being carried out.  
The Councillor was also satisfied with this reply.
- (c) What was the position regarding the commencement of work on the site acquired at the Faytho last year. In this connection the Councillor was informed that the original lay-out Plan submitted by the Corporation Officials had not been approved by the Department of Local Government, and an amended Plan had been submitted which required the purchase of 4 houses in order to make a proper entrance to the site. The necessary reports had now been received on these houses and negotiations for their acquisition would be opened up as soon as possible.
- (d) What was the position regarding the purchase and acquisition of property at John Street. The Councillor was informed that the necessary C.B.O. would be made during the coming week and this was considered satisfactory. The Councillor also asked what was the position regarding derelict sites generally and was informed that derelict sites in any area in which the Corporation building unit was working would be dealt with simultaneously with the building.

### SAND AND GRAVEL CONTRACT

In accordance with Notice given Alderman Byrne asked the County Manager why the sand and gravel Contract was re-advertised after tenders had been opened and prices disclosed, and in reply the Deputy County Manager gave his reason that he considered the price of 8/9d. altogether too high as against the price at which sand and gravel was being delivered at the present time. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Deputy County Manager and Housing Engineer should meet His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Byrne and Councillor Howlin at 7-0 p.m., on the 11th instant to examine the entire question.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship, The Mayor it was unanimously agreed:-

1. That a Loan of £1,400, be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purchase and repair of two houses at Parnell Street, and
2. On the motion of His Worship, The Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed that a Preliminary Order under the acquisition of derelict sites Act, 1940 be made in respect of a derelict site at Monk Street,

Arising out of this matter Councillor James Morris referred to a derelict site at Commarket and the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine and report thereon.

### E.S.D .

An estimate was submitted from the E.S.D. for alterations and additions to Public Lighting as follows:-

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|----------------------|---------|------------------------|------------|
| 1. Well Lane, Faytho | 12/-    | 3. Tripple's Lane East | £13. 5. 0. |
| 2. Keyser's Lane     | £14. 0. | 4. Southview Avenue    | £24. 8. 0. |

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5. T rinity Street.....£15. 17. 0.      6. Tuskar View....£15. 5. 0.

In view of the heavy initial costs asked for by the Board it was unanimously decided that the only alterations that could be made were those at Well Lane, Faythe and Keyser's Lane.

WEXFORD HARBOUR BOARD LOAN

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, it was unanimously agreed that the sum of £54. 18. 0. due in respect of Interest and Instalment on the Wexford Harbour Board Loan to the 31st December last be paid.

The Meeting then terminated.

*Kevin C. Morris*

11th March, 1955.

A Meeting of the Special Committee consisting of His Worship, the Mayor, Alderman Byrne and Councillor Howlin met the Deputy County Manager, Housing Engineer and Town Clerk this evening at 7.30 p.m. to discuss the question of SAND AND GRAVEL Contract for Corporation Housing Schemes.

In reply to a query it was stated that the present prices paid for sand and gravel were 6/3d. and 7/5d. and that the tendered prices of Messrs. Brady, Wilson and Molloy was 8/9d. per cubic yard. This matter was discussed at length and eventually the Deputy County Manager agreed with the members - to pay the sum of 7/9d. per cubic yard and to divide the Contract if the three tenderers were agreeable.

The Town Clerk was instructed to communicate with the tenderers immediately and if they were prepared to accept the Deputy County Manager's offer of 7/9d. per ton the Corporation was to be recommended NOT to open the second set of tenders received.

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Kevin B. Morris.



14th March, 1955.

A Meeting of the Corporation as an Estimates' Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven O'Clock p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, in the Chair with Aldermen Byrne and Sinnott.

Councillors: Flusk, Kehoe and James Morris.

The Town Clerk and County Manager were also in attendance.

Copies of the estimated receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1956 were submitted to the members with the Agenda for the present Meeting. The first estimate taken was that of ROADS and the amount included for the Maintenance of Roads, streets and footpaths was £650. the same as last year, but the members pointed out that in the previous year this sum had been allowed as a special concession to enable St. John's Road and St. John's Drive to be resurfaced, and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously decided to reduce this Estimate to £500. The remaining items in the Estimate were unaltered leaving the total estimated expenditure for ordinary Road maintenance in the coming year at £1480.

The next Item was the estimate for special Grant work. In this connection it was pointed out that in the current year a Grant of £5,400. had been received subject to a Local Contribution of £780. making the total available for Employment Schemes £6,180. For the ensuing year the sum of £6,000. had been estimated for special Grant Works and a Local Contribution of £700. approved. No alteration was made in this Estimate.

The following Estimates:- £1,080. for Burial Grounds: £1,600. Domestic Scavenging; £2,525. for Public Scavenging; £6,704. for waterworks and £4,050. for miscellaneous sanitary services; were approved.

The next estimate was Housing of the Working Classes: The estimated expenditure was £37,195. and included £3,000. for maintenance of Corporate property and £2,000. for County Council Rates on Artizans' Dwellings outside the Borough.

The proposed increase of £500. for the maintenance of Artizans' Dwellings gave rise to a very lengthy discussion at the end of which Councillor Flusk proposed that £2,500. be allowed and His Worship, The Mayor, seconded. Alderman Corish, however, proposed that £3,000. be allowed and Alderman Sinnott seconded. On a show of hands 4 members voted for £2,500. and two for £3,000., one member not voting. Accordingly the Estimate was then reduced by £500.

On the Estimate for General Urban Purposes a discussion arose out of an Estimate of £500. for the maintenance of Corporate property. Councillor Flusk held that the Town Sergeant could be housed in the Municipal Buildings and thus do away with the services of another person as Caretaker, but no final decision was taken on this point until the Estimates Meeting. Arising out of a sum contributed to Bands Councillor Flusk asked that the Bands be requested to revive the old Manchester Martyrs Parade. On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Kehoe the sum of £100. included in this Estimate for contingencies was deleted.

Eventually Alderman Corish proposed that the Corporation be recommended to adopt a rate of 36/- in the £. Alderman Byrne seconded. The Mayor, however, proposed that the Corporation be recommended to adopt a rate of 35/10d. in the £. the same as in the current year, and Councillor Kehoe seconded. No vote, however, was taken on these propositions but it was decided to ask the County Manager and Town Clerk to again examine the Estimates with a view to either reducing expenditure or increasing Receipts, so that a rate similar to the current year might be adopted as against the Estimated rate of 36/7½d. in the £.

The Meeting then terminated.

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Levin B. Morris.

21st March, 1955.

A Meeting of the General Committee regarding Traffic Regulations was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Gaul, Byrno, Cerish and Sinnott.

Councillors: Cullimore, Breaders, James Morris and Kehoe.

Representing the Wexford Chamber of Commerce: Messrs. E. McCarthy and P. O'Connor.

Representing Wexford Trades Council: Messrs. James Browne and M. Fitzpatrick.

Representing the Drapers' and Bootmerchants' Association: Messrs. H. Scott, E. Sutton & E. McGrail.

The Traffic problem was once again discussed at length but it was eventually decided to request the Commissioner of the Garda to send a representative of the Corporation to meet the General Committee with a view to reconciling the difference of opinion between the Garda Authorities and the Committee on the question of Traffic Regulations in the Main Street.

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Kevin B. Morris



23th March, 1955.

A Meeting of the Corporation as an Estimates Committee was held this day at half-past seven o'clock p.m. the Members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor K. C. Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Corish, Byrne, Gaul and Sinnott.

Councillors: Flusk, Cullimore, Broaders, James Morris, Howlin and Kehoe.

A further discussion took place with a view to reducing the County Manager's Estimate of 432.66d. in the £. and the Manager intimated that in conjunction with the Town Clerk he had again examined each item in the Estimates but was not in a position to make any reduction in expenditure or increases in the Estimated Receipts. If, however, the members proposed a reduction in any particular Service he would be willing to fall in with their wishes provided such reduction would not impair the administration of the Council's functions during the coming year. Thereupon His Worship, The Mayor, proposed that the allowance for the maintenance of Corporate property be reduced by £200. and a rate of 35/10d., the same as in the current year, was recommended to the Corporation. Alderman Byrne seconded, Councillor Howlin, however, proposed that the Committee recommend a rate of 36/- and Alderman Corish seconded, but it was eventually agreed that the rate of 35/10d. (Thirty-five Shillings and Tenpence) the same as in the current year be recommended to the Estimates Meeting.

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*Kevin C. Morris*

28th March, 1955.

The Annual Estimates Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 8-0 p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor K. C. Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Corish, Byrne, Gaul and Sinnott.

Councillors: Flusk, Cullimore, Broaders, James Morris, Howlin and Kehoe.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

Before the Meeting commenced Councillor Broaders asked what was the valuation of the Borough. The Town Clerk replied that the valuation as certified by the Commissioner was £29,080. 13. 0. but before arriving at the sum which a ld. in the £. would realise allowance had to be made for discount, new buildings, land, railways, Corporate property, destitutes and other irrecoverable rates which amounted to £900. leaving the net assessable valuation £28,180.

The Estimates for the year ended 31st March, 1956 were then taken up, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Alderman Gaul Table A. providing for an expenditure of £102,501. was unanimously adopted.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris Table B. providing for estimated receipts of £52,190. was unanimously adopted.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne Table C. determining the rate of 430d. or 35/10d. in the £. was unanimously adopted.

When the rate had been adopted all the members unanimously joined in congratulating the County Manager and Town Clerk and other Officials for the capable manner in which the Estimates had been submitted for their consideration.

Alderman Gaul proposed that the Corporation extend to their colleague, Councillor Dr. Hadden, their sincere wishes for a speedy recovery from his illness. The Mayor seconded the motion which was supported by all the members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

Alderman Sinnott moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of Mr. John J. Cosgrave, Editor of the People Newspapers, who had recently died. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present.

The Meeting then terminated.

*Kevin B. Morris*



B O R O U G H   O F   W E X F O R D

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,

WEXFORD.

MARCH, 1955.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses  
of the Borough of Wexford.

A Chairdo,

In accordance with the provisions of the County Management Acts and Public Bodies Order you have already been furnished with Estimates of Expenditure and receipts and the rate required to meet the estimated commitments of the Borough Council for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1956, and I now wish to report on these estimates which will formally come before you for consideration at the Estimates Meeting to be held on the 28th instant.

The rate of 35/10d. levied for the current Financial Year was made up as follows:-

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate in the £.</u>		
	£.	s.	d.	
For services directly administered by the Council	27,685.	19.	8.	45.
For services rendered by precepting authorities:				
(a) Wexford County Council	19,654.	14.	0.	00.
(b) Vocational Education Committee	1,983.	1.	5.	00.
(c) Department of Social Welfare	1,000.		8.	55.
	<u>£50,322.</u>	<u>35.</u>	<u>10.</u>	<u>00.</u>

The Estimates as originally prepared for 1955/6 called for a net sum of £51,422. to be raised by a rate of 36/7½d. in the Pound. You have, however, made reductions in the estimated expenditure of £800. which is equivalent to Sevenpence in the Pound and the Estimates now presented for your consideration in respect of the ensuing year based on the reduced expenditure are segregated hereunder:-

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate in the £.</u>		
	£.	s.	d.	
For services directly administered by the Council.	27,259.	19.	4.	97.
For services rendered by precepting Authorities:				
(a) Wexford County Council	20,323.	14.	5.	690.
(b) Vocational Education Committee	2,040.	1.	5.	450.
(c) Department of Social Welfare	1,000.		8.	550.
	<u>50,622.</u>	<u>35.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>56.</u>

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The Poundage increase in respect of County Council Service is 5.69. and for Vocational Education .45 while Unemployment Assistance remains at the same figure. The rate for services directly administered by the Corporation shows a reduction of 3.48 leaving the net increase 2. 66.

The following table shows the sums allowed in the Current Year under the Statutory headings; the actual expenditure to the 28th ultimo; the estimated Expenditure for March, 1955; and the Estimated Expenditure for 1955/6.

Head of Estimate .	Amount Allowed 1954/55. £.	Expenditure to 28/2/55. £.	Expenditure (Estimated ) for March, 1955. £.	Total for 1954/5. £.	Estimated Expenditure 1955/56. £.
Ordinary Road Works.	1570.	1500.	100.	1670.	1480.
Special Grant Works.	5000.	3435.	1575.	5000.	6000.
Sanitary Services	15130.	13022.	2000.	15022.	16059.
Housing Services	34230.	34038.	1000.	35038.	37705.
General Purposes.	39517.	29300.	10000.	39300.	41568.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The Rate Collection for 1953/54 again amounted to approximately 99 per cent and it is pleasing to record that all the present indications show that the 1954/5 collection will maintain the present high standard.

#### RENT COLLECTION.

The total Rent for collection in 1952/3 amounted to £21,809. and of this sum 97.8. was collected. In 1953/4 the total for Collection was £26,179. and 96.3 was collected. This shows an arrears increase of 1.5% which is partly attributable to the high rents of new houses, a small number of which being in arrear would contribute considerably to the over-all arrears picture.

While the arrears at 31st March, 1954 were £996. the arrears at 28th February, 1955 amounted to £910. and there is reason to believe that the arrears at 31st instant will be further reduced.

#### ESTIMATES FOR 1955/6.

##### ROADS

The Estimated Expenditure for the maintenance of roads, streets footpaths in the ensuing year amounts to £1480. as against £1570. in the current year. You will recall that in the current year's estimate an extra sum of £150. was allowed to enable surface dressing to be carried out at St. John's Road which allowed £650. for ordinary road maintenance. You have already reduced this sum to £500. and the remaining items under this heading are approximately the same as in previous years.

##### EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

In the current year a grant of £5,400. was made from Central Funds under the Employment Schemes Vote subject to a Local contribution of £780. making the total amount available for employment Schemes £6,180. In the ensuing year an estimate of £6,000. is provided for Special Grant Works making the Local Contribution £700. In the current year it was found very difficult to find works with



a sufficient labour content to justify the making of the Grant and it is now recommended that the works to be carried out in 1955/6 should be prepared without delay so that Schemes carrying the highest possible labour content are available when the proposals of the Corporation are requested by the Central Government.

#### SANITARY SERVICES

The Amount estimated for sanitary services in the ensuing year is £16,059. compared with £15,130. during the current year. The burial ground service remains the same with the exception of a small increase for the proposed provision of a calvary; Domestic Scavenging is down by £165. due to the loan charges in respect of the Scavenging Cart having been paid off, and Public scavenging remains the same at £2525.

The waterworks service shows an increase of £554. due to loan charges in respect of the waterworks improvements carried out in the last few years. Under the heading of miscellaneous sanitary services loan charges for sewers are increased by £330. due to the construction of the Distillery Road sewer and the proposed sewer from John Street to the Quays. In addition Loan charges in respect of Public conveniences have increased by £50. due to the provision of a second public convenience and Public lighting has been increased by £250. The increase in the estimate for this service is a result of additions made by the Corporation during the year bringing the cost to £1400. and it is considered that at least a further £100. will be required during the coming year to provide for the lighting of the Corish Park Housing Site as the dwellings there are completed and occupied.

#### HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES

In the current year the sum of £33,720. was provided under this heading and in the ensuing year it is estimated that £37,195. will be required. Loan charges are increased by £1300. Insurance by £40. and Collectors' Commission by £100. In addition an estimated amount of £2,000. is included in respect of rates payable to the Wexford Co. Council but this amount is credited on the Receipts side in the rents so that it does not affect the actual rate. During the year two Schemes of 40 and 36 houses were commenced at Newtown. Compulsory Purchase Orders have also been made for the acquisition of property at Batt St./William St./Fisher's Row and John St. and an Order is in course of preparation for the Talbot St./Green St. and Grogan's Road Area. As soon as this latter Order is made and the legal formalities completed Inquiries will be held by an Officer of the Minister for Local Government into the propriety of confirming the Orders. Confirmation of the Faytho Compulsory Purchase Order has been received and your Town Clerk has been instructed to negotiate with certain owners for the purchase of houses which are necessary to make a roadway into the site. Further land has also been acquired at Whitereck North and South, Newtown and Distillery Road for the erection of houses and Conference held between your Officials and the Architect of the Department of Local Government as regards the Planning of this area so that when it is finalised the Corporation could concentrate their building activities in the existing limits of the Borough. As regards the land acquired at Distillery Road it is proposed to recommend that bungalows of the Thomas Street type be erected thereon. When these proposals have been completed it is confidently expected that sufficient houses will have been provided to meet the needs of the Borough in accordance with the survey made some years ago.

#### GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

Under this heading the Demand of the Wexford County Council has increased by £669. and that of the Wexford Borough Council by £137. which is



an approximate increase of  $6\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the £. The Fire Brigade Account is increased from £800. to £900. due to the purchase of a new fire engine and proposed extension of the existing Fire Station but on the other hand the receipts have been increased by a similar amount as the Wexford County Council have agreed to pay the loan charges on £1000. in respect of the new fire engine. In so far as the Fire service is concerned further proposals will be submitted to you during the year to increase equipment by the purchase of a small portable pump which will relieve the work on the existing pump at Rural fires, and is hoped that the Wexford County Council will agree to bear a considerable portion of the cost of this pump which will be located in Wexford as a result of a proposed re-arrangement of the Fire Services in the County.

Salaries show an increase of £800. due to under-estimation last year and normal increments and increases during the current year. Other items included in this account are practically the same except that you have taken out £100. for contingencies.

#### CONCLUSION

The original estimated expenditure amounted to £103,612. with estimated receipts of £52,190. leaving a net amount to be raised by rates of £51,422. and requiring a rate of  $36\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the £. This estimate was considered by your Estimates Committee on the 14th instant when the Expenditure was reduced by £800. leaving the net estimated sum to be raised by rates at £50,622. which would require a Poundage of 432.66. I have in mind a request that a rate of  $35\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the £., the same rate as in current year would be agreed in the ensuing year. The estimated expenditure has already been tightly pruned by your Committee, and having regard to the fact that there has been a substantial debit balance for some time past I consider that unless services are to be further restricted during the coming year, a reduction is not feasible, and will result only in increased charges for Bank Interests in the future.

Finally I should like to record my appreciation of the manner in which the members and officials of the Corporation have co-operated with me since I came to Wexford as County Manager, in the administration of the affairs of the Borough and the preparation of the Estimates now presented for your consideration.

Mise, le meas,

T. F. BROE,

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PARTICULARS OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS  
FOR THE YEARS 1954/5 and 1955/56.

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EXPENDITURE

Item No.	Sum Allowed for 1954/55. £.	Service	Estimate For 1955/56. £.
1.	650.	Ordinary <del>Road works</del> <sup>URBAN ROADS</sup>	650.
2.	520.	Salaries	610.
3.	20.	Tree Planting	20.
4.	50.	Parking &c. signs	50.
5.	230.	Loan charges	200.
6.	100.	Contingencies	100.
7.	5000.	Special Grant Works	6000. <span style="color: blue;">7930</span>
<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>			
8.	1150.	Burial Grounds	1180.
9.	1765.	Domestic Scavenging	1600.
10.	2525.	Public Scavenging	2525.
11.	6150.	Waterworks	6704.
12.	620.	Sewers - Loan charges	950.
13.	350.	Sewers - Maintenance	350.
14.	100.	Food & Drus Acts	100.
15.	300.	Salaries	300.
16.	150.	Bathing place	150.
17.	150	Public Convenience - Loans Charges	200.
18.	300.	do. do. wages	300.
19.	1300.	Public Lighting	1500.
20.	100.	Contingencies	100.
21.	220.	Superannuation.	100.
<u>HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES</u>			
22.	29,720.	Loan charges.	31,055.
23.	400.	Rents, rates, Taxes & Insee. (including Co. Council rates on houses.)	2,440.
24.	2,500.	Maintonance of Houses	3,000.
25.	1,100.	Collectors' Commission	1,200.

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Item No.	Adopted 1954/5.	Particulars	Estimate 1955/6.
	£.	<u>ROADS</u>	£.
1.	4,400.	Special Grant Works	5,300.
2.	90.	Estate Duty Grant	90.
		<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>	
3.	1700	Water Rents	1,500.
4.	305	Scavenging Main Roads	305.
5.	400	Burial Ground Fees	400.
6.	75	Public Convenience	120.
7.	----	Sewerage Schemes (State Contribution)	200.
		<u>HOUSING</u>	
8.	20,500	Rents	23,000.
9.	9,840.	State Grants	11,340.
10.	----	County Council Rates Collectible	2,000.
11.	500.	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	500.
		<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>	
12.	610.	Vocational Education	610.
13.	300.	Fire Brigade	400.
14.	4,500.	Cheap Fuel Schemes	4,500.
15.	100.	Refund of Fees.	75.
16.	600.	Government Rates	600.
17.	800.	Town Hall & Corporate	800.
18.	235.	School Meals	250.
19.	170.	Market Rents	200.
		TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	£52,190.

SUMMARY

Estimated Expenditure	...	...	£103,612.
Estimated Receipts	...	...	<u>52,190.</u>
Estimated amount to be raised by rates			<u>£51,422.</u>

which will require a rate of 36/7½d. in the £.

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Item No.	Sum allowed for 1954/55. £.	Service	Estimate for 1955/56. £.
26.	510.	Loan Charges - Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	510.
		<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>	
27.	19,654.	County Council Demand	20,323.
28.	1,000.	Unemployment Assistance	1,050.
29.	20.	Tourist Development	20.
30.	500.	Maintenance of Corporate property	500. - 200
31.	2,593.	Vocational Education	2,650.
32.	800.	Fire Brigade	900.
33.	905.	Rents, Rates, Taxes & Insc.	905.
34.	5,700.	Salaries	6,000.
35.	450.	Printing, Stationery & Advertising	450.
36.	260.	Telephone, Office requisites, Postage, Rate Receipts and Paying Orders.	260.
37.	100.	Fuel and light	100.
38.	4,500.	Cheap Fuel Schemes	4,500.
39.	200.	Legal & Audit Expenses	200.
40.	1,000.	Overdraft Interest	1,000.
41.	30.	Travelling Expenses	30.
42.	20.	Uniform & Boots for Town Sergeant	20.
43.	60.	Subscriptions to Associations and Bands	60.
44.	475.	School Meals	500.
45.	150.	Rate Refunds	150.
46.	300.	Loan Charges	500.
47.	650.	Materials, machinery & Stores	650.
48.	550.	Superannuation allowances	600.
49.	--	Local Elections, 1955	250.
50.	100.	Contingencies	100.

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ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND DETERMINATION  
OF THE RATES IN THE POUND BY AN URBAN  
AUTHORITY

- W E X F O R D   C O R P O R A T I O N   -

TABLE A.  
EXPENDITURE -

Service  (1)	Purpose of Expenditure  (2)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED	
		Estimated by Manager. (3)	Adopted by Council. (4)
Urban Roads	Ordinary Road Works	£ 1480.	£. 1480.
	Special Grant Works	6000.	6000.
TOTAL		7480.	7480.
Sanitary	Sanitary	16059.	16025.
TOTAL		16059.	16025.
Housing	Housing of the Working Classes	37195.	37195.
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	510.	510.
TOTAL		37705.	37705.
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:			
County Council Services:			
Main Roads	Main Roads	3290.	3290.
Public Assistance	Public Assistance	2447.	2447.
Mental Hospital	Mental Hospital	4102.	4102.
Health (County)	Health (County)	8669.	8669.
General Purpose (County)	General Purpose (County)	1815.	1815.
Separate charges	Separate charges	-----	
Unemployment Assistance	Unemployment Assistance	1000.	1000.
Other Urban Purposes:	Tourist Development	20.	20.
	Vocational Education	2650.	2650.
	Other Purposes	16925.	16648.
	Materials, machinery & Stores	650.	650.
		41568.	41291.



TABLE B.

SERVICE  (1)	NATURE OF RECEIPTS  (2)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED	
		Estimated by Manager. (3)	Adopted by Council. (4)
		£.	£.
Urban Roads	State Grant	5,390.	5,390.
	TOTAL	5,390.	5,390.
SANITARY	State Grants	200.	200.
	Other Sanitary Receipts	2,325.	2,325.
	TOTAL	2,525.	2,525.
HOUSING:	Housing of the Working Classes:		
	Rents:	23,000.	23,000.
	State Grants.	11,340.	11,340.
	Other Receipts:	2,000.	2,000.
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	500.	500.
	TOTAL	36,840.	36,840.
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:	State Grants	5,960.	5,960.
	Other Receipts.	1,475.	1,475.
	Materials Expense (balance)		
	Machinery expense (balance)		
	TOTAL	7,435.	7,435.

TABLE C.

## CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND

Nature of Service  1.	Estimated Gross Expenditure  2. £.	Estimated Receipts (Table B)  3. £.	Net Estimated Expenditure  4. £.	Calculation of Sum to be raised			Rate in the Pound on the Valuation of the Area £28,080.)  Pence. 8.
				Estimated Credit Balance (if any) 5. £.	Estimated Debit balance (if any). 6. £.	Amount Leviable. 7. £.	
URBAN ROADS	7480.	5390.	2090.			2090.	17.86.
SANITARY SERVICES	16025.	2525.	13500.			13500.	115.39.
HOUSING	37705.	36840.	865.			865.	7.39.
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:							
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES:							
ROADS	3290.	----	3290.			3290.	28.12.
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	2447.	----	2447.			2447.	20.92.
MENTAL HOSPITAL	4102.	----	4102.			4102.	35.04.
HEALTH (COUNTY)	8669.	----	8669.			8669.	74.10.
GENERAL PURPOSES	1815.	----	1815.			1815.	15.51. <i>173.69</i>
SEPARATE CHARGES	-----	-----	-----			-----	-----
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	1000.	----	1000.			1000.	8.55.
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES	19968.	7435.	12533.			12533.	107.12.
	<i>102501</i>					<i>50311</i>	
						TOTAL GENERAL RATE	430.00.

## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Corporation held this 28th day of March, 1955, the Council did by resolution adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables, A.B. & C. and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said Estimate the rates set forth in Column 8 of Table C. to be the rates in the Pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said Estimate for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1956.

Dated this 28th day of March, 1955.

Countersigned: *[Signature]*

Signed *[Signature]*

(Mayor of Wexford)

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28th March, 1955.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at the close of the above Meeting.

The members present being:- His Worship, The Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Corish, Byrne, Gaul and Sinnott;

Councillors: Flusk, Cullimore, Breaders, James Morris, Howlin and Kehoe.

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### BYE-LAWS FOR HOUSES

With reference to minutes of 7th February last when provisional approval was given to draft Bye-Laws proposed to be made with respect to houses intended or used for occupation by members of the Working Classes the Town Clerk intimated that the necessary calendar month's Notice of intention to apply to the Minister for Local Government for confirmation of the Bye-Laws had been given in the Local Press and it was now open to the Corporation to make application to the Minister for Local Government for confirmation of the said Bye-Laws. It was thereupon unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship, The Mayor, that the Bye-Laws as submitted be adopted; sealed with the common seal of the Corporation; and the Minister for Local Government requested to confirm them.

#### SAND AND GRAVEL

The next business was to receive a report from the special Committee appointed to consider the question of the supply of sand and gravel to the Corporation. The Committee reported that following a lengthy Conference with the Deputy County Manager and the Housing Engineer the Deputy Manager had agreed to offer the three tenderers a price of 7/9d. per cubic yard. This offer had been conveyed to the three persons concerned by the Town Clerk but they had countered the offer with an alternative one of 8/6d. per cubic yard which the Manager was not prepared to agree to. The question then arose as to whether the second set of tenders received should be opened, and on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was agreed that the fresh tenders should now be examined. The tenders were thereupon opened, initialled by His Worship, The Mayor, and referred to the County Manager and Housing Engineer for necessary action.

#### EASTER COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

It was unanimously agreed to accept an invitation from the Easter Commemoration Committee to attend the 110'clock Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street on Easter Sunday.

The Meeting then terminated.

*James B. Morris*

2nd May, 1955.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 9 O'clock p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Morris (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Corish, Gaul, Byrne, and Sinnott.

Councillors: Broaders, Haddon, Howlin, James Morris and Kehoe.  
The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Gaul, the minutes of previous Meetings, copies of which had been circulated amongst the members with the Agenda for the present Meeting, were taken as having been read, approved, and signed by the Mayor.

#### MUNICIPAL RATE

The first business was to formally make a Municipal Rate of 35/10d. in the £. for the year ending 31st March, 1955 as agreed to on 20th March last, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris it was unanimously resolved that such a rate be made, and the rate Book was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

#### ANNUAL MEETING IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSCE.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris it was unanimously agreed that Alderman James Gaul should represent the Corporation at the annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances to be held in Dublin on the 5th instant.

#### SYMPATHY

At this stage His Worship, the Mayor, moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Robert Moran who for a number of years had served both as an Alderman and Councillor of the Corporation, and asked that the present Meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect to his memory. Alderman James Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

Alderman Gaul moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Cyril Ross who was also a member of the Corporation for some considerable time. This motion was also supported by the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

The Meeting then adjourned.

*Kevin J. Morris*



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A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 9 O'clock p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

Councillors: Broaders, Cullimore, Flusk, Haddon, Howlin, Kehoe:

The County Manager and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

#### E. S. B. CHARGES

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin a Resolution was unanimously adopted protesting against the action of the Electricity Supply Board in charging for Rental purposes a scullery in which a cooker is installed and calling on the Board to modify their rental system in that respect. During the course of the discussion on this resolution a suggestion was made that the Corporation should seek legal advice on the legality of the Board's action but it was eventually agreed that the Board should be first written to protesting against the charges and requested to forward a copy of the Regulations on which such charge was based.

#### HANDBALL ALLEY

In accordance with Notice given His Worship, The Mayor moved that the Corporation take steps to provide a handball alley in Wexford. Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion. In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that he had been in touch with the Town Clerk, Kilkenny, who informed him that handball alleys had been provided by the Kilkenny Corporation out of monies provided by the Employment Schemes Vote, and that the Alleys were constructed in public parks maintained by the Kilkenny Corporation. In this connection the Town Clerk gave it as his opinion that Grants would not be made available from the Employment Schemes Vote unless the alleys were to be erected on property under the control of the Corporation and it was eventually decided to ask the Minister for Local Government for a ruling on whether or not monies from the Employment Schemes Vote could be devoted for this purpose.

#### SWIMMING POOL

In accordance with Notice given His Worship, The Mayor moved that steps be taken to provide a swimming pool for the Town and produced a Circular letter addressed to the Mayors and Chairmen of Local Sanitary Authorities from the Irish Amateur Swimming Association. In this connection it was decided to set up a special Committee consisting of His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Sinnott, Cllrs. Haddon and James Morris to examine this question and this Committee agreed to meet on Friday the 13th instant at 9-0 p.m.

#### TRAFFIC      REGULATIONS

A letter was read from the Chief-Superintendent of the Garda Síochána requesting the Corporation to meet and give him an opportunity of placing before the members the views of the Commissioner of the Garda on proposed traffic regulations for the Borough and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by His Worship, the Mayor, to invite the Chief to attend at the Municipal Buildings on Monday, the 16th instant at 7.30 p.m. for a discussion on the proposed Traffic Bye-Laws.

#### CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCES.

Applications were submitted for renewal of Cinematograph Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1908, in respect of the Capitol, Palace and Abbey Cinemas, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was agreed that the Licences should be renewed. Alderman Corish, however, raised the question of overcrowding and seats in the passages in a certain cinema especially on Sunday nights and the County Manager intimated that he had received a report to the effect that one of the passages in the Palace Cinema was obstructed by having permanent



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seats fixed in same. This question gave rise to a lengthy discussion during which the Town Clerk pointed out that the function of the Corporation in this matter was merely to grant or refuse a Licence and if a Licence were granted the County Manager would see that the Law was observed. The three Licences were renewed.

#### V. E. C. COMMITTEE

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer, Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee intimating that the Rev. P. Roche, C. C. had ~~lapsed~~ as a member of the Committee. This letter was noted and it was agreed that no purpose would be served by filling the vacancy as a new V.E.C. Committee would be appointed after the Local Elections to be held next month.

#### EXPENDITURE

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Corish excess expenditure of £2, 141. on the Corporation General Purposes Account was authorised for the year 1953 /54.

#### INCREASE OF 7/- PER WEEK

A letter was read from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union applying for an increase of 7/- per week for their members with effect as from 1st April last. The County Manager had directed that this letter be placed before the Corporation with a view to ascertaining if they were prepared to make available the necessary extra funds for the year 1955/56 which would amount to approximately £278. and on the motion of Councillor James Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed to make the necessary Funds available.

#### 16 HOUSES AT CORISH PARK

The next business was to consider by what method - Tenant- Purchase or otherwise - the 16 houses at Corish Park were to be disposed of. An examination of the applications showed that approximately 8 people would be interested in them on the Tenant-Purchase System, and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin to make available for Tenant-Purchase eight houses; and for normal tenancies eight houses.

#### LOANS

It was agreed on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Alderman Byrne that the following Loans be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government,-

1. £15,120. for a period of 35 years to finance the erection of 8 houses at Newtown proposed to be sold on the Tenant-Purchase System, and
2. £15,120. for a period of 50 years to finance the erection of 8 houses at Newtown proposed to be let to weekly tenancies.

#### SUMMER FUEL SCHEME

At the request of the Mayor it was decided to write to the Department of Social Welfare inquiring if it was the intention to make available a Summer Fuel Scheme.

#### TREE AT SELSKAR AVENUE

The Mayor referred to the cutting down of a tree at Selskar Avenue and stated that the residents had objected to the tree being removed by the Corporation employees and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor on whose authority the tree had been removed.



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DEAD TREE STUMP

It was also decided to instruct the Borough Surveyor to remove a dead tree stump at St. John's Road.

STONEBRIDGE RIVER

Councillor Howlin raised the question of the Stonebridge River, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked for a report.

DISTILLERY RD.

The Mayor raised the question of the resurfacing of Distillery Road and was informed by the members of the Corporation, who were also members of the County Council, that they had raised the matter with the County Council that day and were informed that the work would commence in the near future.

FOOTPATH AT END OF BRIDE STREET

Councillor Broaders raised the question regarding the condition of a footpath at the end of Bride Street where it had fallen away from the house occupied by James Kavanagh, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to submit a report.

DUMPING OF RUBBISH - MANN'S LANE

The Borough Surveyor was also to be asked to submit a report regarding the dumping of rubbish at Mann's Lane against the gable end of the premises occupied by Mrs. Murphy.

SEWER AT JOHN

In reply to Councillor Howlin the Town Clerk gave a resume regarding the provision of a sewer at John Street - to-date and intimated that the second lowest tender had been accepted and forwarded to the Minister for Local Government for approval.

The Meeting then terminated.

*Kevin C. Morris.*

13th May, 1955.

A Meeting of the Special Committee appointed on the 9th instant to examine the question of the provision of a swimming pool for the Town met this day at the Municipal Buildings at 9-0 p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Sinnott: Councillors Hadden and Jas. Morris.

After examining the various suggestions as to sites of swimming pools

it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to examine that portion of

Ferry Bank between two piers there and submit a report:-

1. As to the depth gradient.
2. If it would be out of line of the sewerage flow.

The Meeting then terminated.

*Rev. C. Morris,*



16th May, 1955.

A Meeting of the General Purposes' Committee of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, the Mayor, in the Chair, Councillor K. C. Morris.

Aldermen: Byrne, Corish, Gaul and Sinnott.

Councillors: Broaders: Cullimore, Flusk, Hadden, Howlin, James Morris, Kehoo.

The Meeting had been convened to meet Chief Superintendent of the Garda who wished to lay before the Corporation the Commissioner's views on proposed Traffic Regulations for the Borough.

Chief Superintendent Collins explained that the Commissioner was anxious to have agreement with the Corporation and the proposed Bye-Laws had been carefully examined in the light of local Conditions and experience gained in other Towns where such Bye-Laws had been operated. The main point of difference between some members of the Corporation and the Commissioner was that waiting was prohibited on the Main Street except for the purpose of loading or unloading goods or setting down or taking up pedestrians, and in reply to queries by various members Chief-Superintendent Collins stated that it would be useless making Bye-Laws if waiting were allowed on the Main Street, and that even if waiting could be allowed with a specified time limit it would be absolutely impossible to operate it. The Chief also pointed out that if at any time any part of the Bye-Laws were found to be workable there was nothing whatever to prevent them being amended.

After some discussion Alderman Corish proposed that the Corporation be recommended, at the June Statutory Meeting, to approve of the draft Bye-Laws submitted by the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána, and Councillor Howlin seconded.

Councillor Cullimore, however, proposed and Councillor Howlin seconded the motion that the Corporation consult with the other Bodies they had previously consulted with on this matter before coming to the Corporation and it was eventually agreed that the representations of the Chamber of Commerce, the Drapers and Bootmerchants' Association and the Trades Council should be asked to meet the General Purposes' Committee at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, May, 31st.

At the conclusion of the Meeting the Mayor and all the other members thanked Chief-Superintendent Collins for his attendance and for the able advice he had given them on the matter of proposed Bye-Laws, for which the Chief returned thanks.

The Meeting then terminated.

*Kevin C. Morris,*

24th May, 1955.

At a Meeting of Wexford Corporation held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, Municipal Buildings, His worship, The Mayor (Councillor K. C. Morris referred to the death of the late Mr. Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross.

His worship the Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Ald. Nicholas Corish, his brother, and the Corish family, and that the Meeting adjourn as a mark of respect.

Councillor Howlin in seconding referred to the late Mr. Corish as a very charitable and unassuming gentleman who had played his part in the fight for the freedom of this Country. He resigned his position under an alien Government as a protest against its occupation of this Country and since the establishment of the State had acted as District Court Registrar of New Ross. With his passing the people of New Ross had lost a good friend. Ald. Sinnott said the late Mr. Corish was a credit to the Nation and would be missed by the people with whom he laboured.

Councillor James Morris also regretted the sudden passing of Mr. Corish who had been an energetic worker for the Irish Red Cross Society particularly the Water Safety Section.

Ald. Byrne, Councillors Kehoe, Cullimore, Broaders and Hadden also tendered their sympathy.

The Town Clerk, on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf also joined in the expression of sympathy.

The Meeting then adjourned.

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*K. C. Morris*



6th June, 1955.

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:-

Councillor K. C. Morris (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Gaul, Byrne, Corish and Sinnott.

Councillors: Flusk, Cullimore, Broaders, Kehoe, James Morris, Hadden and Howlin.

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Gaul seconded by Alderman Byrne the minutes of previous Meetings (copies of which had been circulated to the members with the Agenda for the present Meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### SYMPATHY

Alderman Gaul moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. Elizabeth O' Connor, North Main St. who had acted on various Bodies during her lifetime. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

#### TRAFFIC BYE- LAWS

A motion in the name of Alderman Corish that Traffic Bye-Laws for the Borough, as prepared by the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána, be approved was the next business and in reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that no decision had yet been received from the Commissioner of the Garda regarding the representations made to have the proposed Bye-Laws amended to permit Waiting on the Main Street. In view of this it was decided to leave the matter open to the new Corporation to be elected on the 28th instant.

#### HANDBALL COURTS

Arising out of a letter from the Minister for Local Government intimating that no objection would be raised to the provision of handball alleys out of monies allocated under the Employment Schemes Vote it was decided, on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin that the waste ground at Trinity Street should be cleaned up and Estimates for the provision of handball courts there prepared in connection with the Winter Relief Schemes.

#### CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY

A letter from the Electricity Supply Board re room charges for electricity was read and it was decided to take this matter up with the Association of Municipal Authorities.

#### LEASE OF JULIAMOUNT

On the motion of Councillor James Morris seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed to grant a lease on the premises known as Juliamount to Col. Wm. Martin for a period of 31 years at a rent of £11. 0. 0. per annum the previous rent being £5. 10. 0. per annum.

#### STONEBRIDGE RIVER

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor regarding the condition of the Stonebridge River and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Cullimore to forward proposals for cleansing to the Minister for Local Government with a request for a Grant under the Local Authorities Works Act.

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SALE OF HOUSES AT O'CONNELL AVENUE TO MR.  
WILLIAM BOLGER.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously decided that the house at O'Connell Avenue in the occupation of William Bolger be sold to him on the terms laid down in the Department's Circular letter of 11th July, 1953 No. H. 6/53.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES - O'CONNELL AVE.

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the houses at O'Connell Avenue occupied by Alfie Keating and it was decided to have an inspection made of this.

Alderman Corish raised the question of a leaking roof in the house occupied by Mahon O'Connell Avenue and this was referred to the repairs Committee with a recommendation that the repairs be carried out.

HOUSE AT ABBEY ST. - MURPHY'S

Councillor Flusk referred to the condition of the house at Abbey Street occupied by Murphy and this was referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

REDMOND MONUMENT

The County Manager reported that as requested by the Corporation he had inspected the Redmond Monument accompanied by the County Engineer, the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk to consider a suggestion that it should be moved from its present position and a Traffic Island provided there.

CURRENT YEAR'S RELIEF GRANT

The question of suggesting works for the current year's Relief Grant was adjourned for the new Corporation.

MARIAN ROW

Alderman Corish raised the question of walls and gates for the houses at Marian Row and it was decided to ask the Housing Engineer if there was any money available to carry out these alterations.

WATER SUPPLY - BISHOPSWATER

Councillor Flusk raised the question of the water supply to the Bishopswater Housing Scheme and was informed by the Borough Surveyor that the necessary pipes to make an alteration to the system were on order.

SWIMMING POOL

Councillor Hadden reported on behalf of the Committee appointed to consider the provision of a swimming pool and intimated that it was impossible to get a bathing place at the Town side of the river and suggested that the Borough Surveyor should examine that portion of the River at Ferrybank between the abutment of the old Bridge and the jetty opposite Bann -Aboo.

WINTER FUEL SCHEME

On the motion of the Mayor seconded by Alderman Byrne it was decided to request the Minister for Social Welfare to introduce the Winter Fuel Scheme in September.

ASSEMBLY ROOMS FOR TOWN HALL

Councillor Hadden suggested that the Corporation should request the old name of Assembly Rooms to the old Town Hall at Cornmarket but this did not meet with favour.



8th June, 1955.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS

The Abstract of Accounts for the Corporation for the year ending 31st March, 1955 was laid before the Meeting and initialled by the Mayor.

POST OF STAFF OFFICER

On the motion of Alderman Gaul, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed that the post of Staff Officer be created for the Accounts Section of the Corporation and that a further post of Clerical Officer be created in connection with the Direct Labour Housing Schemes.

It was explained that the creation of these posts did not mean any increase in the Corporation Staff as the work in the Accounts' Department was at present being carried out by an Accounts' Clerk and a Clerical Officer was employed on the Direct Labour Housing Sites to assist the Housing Engineer but this Officer was only seconded from the Wexford County Council which was considered a most unsatisfactory situation.

THANKS OF MAYOR TO CORPORATION

As this was the last Meeting of the Corporation prior to the Elections the Mayor thanked the members, the County Manager and Officials for their courtesy and help to him during his period of Office as Mayor.

The other members also thanked the Officials for their help during their period of Office ; and the Meeting then terminated.

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Nicholas T. Conish

8th July, 1955.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Wexford was held this day at the Municipal Buildings, Belvedere Road at 12-0 noon, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1927. The Town Clerk called the roll of those elected and they answered their names as follows:-

Alderman Nicholas P. Corish, Alderman Kevin Morris, Alderman Thomas Byrne, Alderman John Cullimore:

Councillor Michael Flusk, Councillor Frank Cullimore, Councillor James Morris, Councillor James Sinnott, Councillor James Gaul, Councillor John O'Flaherty, Councillor Edward Hall, Councillor John Howlin.

#### ELECTION OF MAYOR.

The first business of the Meeting was to elect a Mayor who would hold Office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held not earlier than 23rd June and not later than 1st July, 1956 and until his successor was appointed and had made a Statutory Declaration accepting Office.

Councillor John Howlin proposed that Alderman Nicholas P. Corish be elected Mayor.

Councillor Sinnott seconded.

Alderman Kevin Morris (Existing Mayor) proposed Councillor Edward Hall.

Councillor Frank Cullimore seconded.

On a Poll being taken the vote was for Alderman Corish:

Aldermen: Corish, Byrne, Cullimore (John); Councillors: Sinnott, Gaul, Howlin.....(6)

For Councillor Hall:

Alderman K.C. Morris, Councillors: Flusk, Cullimore (Frank), James Morris, O'Flaherty and Hall.....(6)

It was then decided, in accordance with the Local Government Acts to place the names in a hat and the Corporation Solicitor who was in attendance called the youngest girl in the room and the name of Corish was drawn from the hat, and he was accordingly declared Mayor of Wexford by the outgoing Mayor, Alderman Morris, and after signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Alderman Corish was formally installed as Mayor with the robes and chain of Office. Alderman Corish thanked his proposer and seconder and those who had voted for him and all his supporters and referred to various matters which the incoming Corporation would have to deal with during their term of Office. Alderman Corish also thanked the outgoing Mayor for his courtesy and civility in the Chair during the last 12 months as did all the other members of the Corporation including the Wexford County Manager and Town Clerk.

#### THREE QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The next business was to fix the days and hours of three Quarterly Meetings to be held prior to 23rd June, 1956, and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was agreed to hold these meetings on the 3rd October, 1955; 2nd January, 1956 and 2nd April, 1956.

#### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The 3rd item on the Agenda was to appoint a Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee to consist of fourteen members of which not less than five nor more than eight shall be members of the Wexford Corporation.

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At the outset Councillor Howlin proposed that the Corporation appoint seven members. Alderman Byrne seconded.

Councillor O'Flaherty proposed that the Corporation appoint eight and Councillor James Morris seconded.

Before a vote was taken it was unanimously agreed that the Very Rev. Adm. and Chancellor Hazley, or his successor, (as Chancellor Hazley was expected to leave Wexford in the near future) would be appointed; that left twelve members to be appointed.

Voting on Councillor O'Flaherty's amendment was then taken the result being 6 for and 6 against whereupon the Mayor gave his casting vote against the amendment which was declared lost. By a similar vote the original proposition of Councillor Howlin was declared carried.

The following were nominated for the 7 seats:-

Alderman Byrne, Alderman Corish, Councillor Cullimore, Alderman Cullimore, Councillor Flusk, Councillor Gaul. On a vote being taken for the 7 Corporate members the following was the result:-

Alderman Byrne: 11 : Councillor Sinnott: 9 : Councillor O'Flaherty: 9 :  
Alderman Corish: 8 : Alderman Cullimore: Councillor Gaul : Councillor  
James Morris: and Alderman Kevin C. Morris: 7 each.

Councillors: Frank Cullimore, Flusk; Howlin, 6 each.

No vote was cast for Councillor Hall as he had intimated he would not be in a position to attend.

The following were declared elected as Corporate members:-

Alderman Byrne: 11 : Councillor O'Flaherty: 9 : Councillor Sinnott: 9:  
Alderman Corish: 8 : Councillor Gaul: 7 : Councillor James Morris: 7 :  
Councillor John Cullimore: 7 : Alderman Kevin C. Morris: 7: The latter  
four members had each 7 votes. Alderman Kevin C. Morris,  
however, withdrew and the remaining three members with 7 votes each were declar-  
ed elected.

The following non-Corporate members, in addition to the Administrator and the Rev. Chancellor Hazley were appointed on the Committee:-

Mrs. A. Ryan, St. John's Road.  
Mrs. A. M. Sinnott, Michael St.  
Miss Lily Moore, Old Pound.  
Mr. John Biernoy, Duncannon Road.  
Mr. Leonard Browne, Corish Park.

#### OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE:

It was unanimously decided to appoint the whole Corporation as an Old Age Pensions Committee and the General Purposes Committee for the Borough of Wexford.

#### ESTIMATES COMMITTEE:

The final business was to appoint, if considered desirable, an Estimates Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and, on the suggestion of the Mayor it was decided to adjourn the appointment of this Committee until the Town Clerk was in a position to provide copies of the Act to the members.

The Meeting then terminated.

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*Handwritten signature: P. Corish*



25th July, 1955.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. the members present being:

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Corish (in the Chair).

Aldermen: K. C. Morris, Thomas Byrne, John Cullimore.

Councillors: Michael Flusk, Frank Cullimore, Edward Hall, James Morris, James Sinnott, John Howlin, James Gaul.

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

Before the Meeting commenced His Worship, The Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Very Rev. John Canon Sinnott, P. P. VF. former Administrator Wexford on the death of his brother, Very Rev. Fr. James Sinnott, P. P. Taggart. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Acting County Manager and Town Clerk, on behalf of the Staff of the Corporation. The motion was adopted in respectful silence.

#### HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

The business of the Meeting was to appoint, in accordance with Section 10 (1) (a) of the Harbours Act, 1946 two members of the Wexford Corporation to act as Harbour Commissioners. Alderman Byrne proposed Councillor Gaul and Cllr. Howlin seconded. Councillor Cullimore proposed Alderman K. Morris and Alderman Byrne seconded. As there were no other nominations Councillor Gaul and Alderman K. C. Morris were declared members of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners.

#### CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL

With reference to Quarterly Meeting on the 10th instant the Town Clerk informed the members that he had laid before them copies of the City and Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 in respect of which matters relating thereto had been adjourned for submission of the Act to the members.

The business of the Corporation was then concluded but the Town Clerk asked that the members form a General Purposes Committee as he had a few other matters of importance to deal with.

The members agreed, and those related to proposed increases in prices of the Wexford Timber Co. on timber and sanitary goods for the various Housing Schemes in course of construction.

Letters from the Housing Engineer were read by the Town Clerk and at the conclusion the Mayor suggested a small Committee of three to consider the position. It appeared that if the Timber Co. insisted on the proposed increases the Contract would not be placed in Wexford, and the Corporation felt that any money spent by them should, if possible, be used in the Town of Wexford. Alderman Byrne seconded the Mayor's proposition which was supported by Councillor Howlin, Alderman K. C. Morris, Councillor Sinnott and all the members, and it was agreed that a Committee of three be set up to meet on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. with the Housing Engineer to consider the whole position and, if necessary, make representations to the Timber Co. to reduce their proposed increase. The Committee appointed was His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Kevin C. Morris and Councillor Howlin.

#### DEFECTIVE DRAIN AT MAUDLINTOWN

Reference was made to a defective drain at Maudlintown on the premises of Miss B. Nolan and it was pointed out to the meeting by the Town Clerk that she was responsible for the maintenance of the drain.

#### PUBLIC CONVENIENCE

Reference was also made to Notices regarding the new sanitary convenience and it was suggested that such Notices should be put up in the new convenience at South Main Street pointing out "Ladies" and "Gents".

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The Town Clerk drew attention to the fact that when the 34 and 6 houses were named "Corish Park" reference was made to the fact that only the 34 & 6 should be "Corish Park". It now appeared that the 16 Better-Class houses had been numbered causing difficulty to Postmen and others in delivering letters and parcels as the numbers corresponded with the 40 "Corish Park"

It was accordingly decided, on the motion of Alderman Kevin Morris seconded by Councillor James Sinnott that the 16 houses should be included in Corish Park and re-numbered from 41-56.

#### GULLY TRAPS

Attention was directed to the condition of the gully traps in the Town and it was left to the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk to arrange to have them examined and disinfected during the present warm weather.

#### ROAD AT WINDMILLS' HILL

Alderman Cullimore raised the question of the road in front of the few houses at Windmills Hill and it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to have this road repaired, although it was pointed out that when it was included in a Relief Grant Scheme last year it had been turned down by the Department of Local Government.

#### PARADISE ROW

The Mayor raised the question of the condition of Paradise Row and it was decided that this should be sealed off.

#### BEACH GUARDS

The question was also raised regarding the question of Beach Guards at Ferrybank but as this was a matter for Wexford County Council it was suggested that the members of the Corporation on the County Council should raise the question at their next Meeting.

#### NO. 25, DEVEREAUX VILLAS

The question of defective boards at No. 25, Devereaux Villas was raised and was referred to the Housing Committee.

#### PERMANENT HEALTH INSPECTOR

The question of the appointment of a permanent Health Inspector was again raised and referred to the Wexford County Council.

#### GRASS ON MAIN ROADS

The question was also raised regarding grass on the main Roads under the jurisdiction of the County Council and it was pointed out that a man was at present engaged in cleaning this up and it was decided to refer the matter to the County Engineer.

#### HOUSING REPAIRS COMMITTEE

It was unanimously decided that the Old Housing Repairs Committee should be re-appointed.

#### TRINITY PLACE

Councillor Hall raised the question of the sanitary condition of Trinity Place and it was decided to ask for a report from the Health Inspector.

#### SAUNDERS - JOHN ST.

The question was also raised regarding the condition of the house of Saunders, John Street and this was also referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report.

The Meeting then terminated.

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*W. Corish*



29th August, 1955.

A special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Nicholas Corish (in the Chair).

Aldermen: Cullimore, Byrne and K. Morris.

Councillors:-

Flusk; James Morris; Hall; Cullimore Frank; O'Flaherty; Sinnott and Howlin.

#### SYMPATHY

Before the Meeting commenced His worship, The Mayor, proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the parents of Patrick Duggan and Desmond McDonald who both lost their lives by drowning during the past week. Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk; and adopted in respectful silence.

#### RESCUING EFFORTS

His Worship, The Mayor also proposed that the Corporation recommend Patrick Lett of Batt Stroot to Comhairle na Mire Gaile for his heroid efforts in rescuing a brother of Patrick Duggan and then proceeding in a further attempt to rescue Patrick Duggan; and James O'Neill, The Faytho, for his efforts in trying to rescue Desmond McDonald at Curracloe after rescuing a second companion. .

Alderman Corish moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to James Byrne, Solicitor on the death of his mother, widow of a former Mayor and member of Wexford Corporation.

#### ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

On the motion of Alderman Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was unanimously agreed that Aldermen Byrne and Morris be appointed as delegates to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities.

#### TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS

A letter was read from the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana intimating that he was not prepared to make Traffic Bye-Laws for the Borough providing for 20 minutes Waiting in the North and South Main Streets as he was of opinion that such a provision would render the Bye-Laws impracticable. Councillor Howlin gave notice that he would move at the next Statutory Meeting that the Corporation would approve of the Bye-Laws framed by the Commissioner.

#### 1955/6 GRANTS

The next business was to consider suggestions for the utilisation of the 1955/6 Grant from the Employment Schemes Voto, and the following suggestions were made for examination by the Borough Surveyor:-

Surfacing of Davitt Road, North & South. Cleaning of derelict sites - the various sites considered to be handed in at the next Meeting. Completion of Davitt Road - Waterloo Road. Footpaths at Anne Street/Monck Street/John's Gate Street/John Street and King Street. the County Council to be asked to delegate their powers in regard to the latter two items of the Corporation.

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Clean and level derelict site at the rear of Trinity Street and provide handball Court or Courts thereon.

#### CIVIC WELCOME TO HURLERS

It was unanimously decided that a Civic Welcome should be extended to the Wexford Hurling Team on their return to Wexford on the 5th prox.

#### SAFETY-FIRST ASSOCIATION

A letter was read from the Safety-First Association of Ireland and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Sinnott that full co-operation be given to the Association for their Road Safety Week this year.

#### BARRY-MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The next business was to arrange for the appointment of a Barry-Memorial Committee and a Meeting thereof, and it was unanimously decided that the Committee should consist of the members of the Corporation and the outsiders already appointed on the Committee and that a Meeting of the Committee be called as soon as possible. It was also decided to request the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs to issue a special Barry Memorial Stamp when the statue will be formally unveiled at Wexford.

#### POST BOX - WOLFE TONE VILLAS

A letter was read from the Postmaster intimating that it was intended to remove the Post Office Box at Wolfe Tone Villas owing to the number of times it had been maliciously damaged, but on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Sinnott it was decided to request the Postmaster to defer for some time the removal of the box until it could be ascertained whether or not the box could be removed opposite the premises of a person who would look after it.

#### MORTGAGE DEEDS

The next business was to execute mortgage Deeds for the following Loans:-

- (a) 40 houses at Corish Park .....£58,960.
- (b) 6 houses at Corish Park ..... 9,146.
- (c) 10 houses at Thomas St. ....£10,200.
- (d) 6 houses at Spafich Avenue ..... 7,050.
- (e) Waterworks Improvement Scheme No. 2 ..... 3,080.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul seconded by Alderman Byrne the following five Resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £58,960, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts."

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £9,146, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts."

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £10,200, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts."

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £7,050, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts."



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"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £3,080. proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878."

The mortgage Deeds were thereupon duly sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

#### RAISING OF LOANS

The next business was to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the raising of a number of Loans from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland and the National Bank.

Arising out of the execution of the Mortgage Deed for a Loan in respect of the 10 houses at Thomas Street reference was again made to the absence of gates and railings to these dwellings and it was decided to ask the Housing Engineer to prepare an Estimate for a twisted steel bar gate and for the provision of two extra blocks on the wall.

Alderman Byrne intimated that he would propose a Resolution at the next Statutory Meeting calling on the Minister for Local Government to make Grants available for the maintenance, etc., of Urban Roads as was made at the County Council for the maintenance of main roads.

#### HOUSING REPAIRS COMMITTEE

The appointment of a Housing Repairs Committee was then proceeded with, and after some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by Alderman Cullimore that the Committee consist of the entire Corporation and that a special night be set aside for Meetings. His Worship, The Mayor congratulated the former Repairs Committee on the excellent work they had done over the past few years. Alderman Byrne moved that a Consultative Letting Committee be appointed to consult with the Manager on the letting of houses, and in moving this motion stated that in doing so he did not cause any reflection on the Manager or the Staff in regard to the letting of the houses but felt that the advice of the members would be of assistance to the Manager in the task of letting houses. Councillor Sinnott seconded the appointment of the Committee. Councillor Hall stated the letting of houses was a racket and that houses were allocated not to the most deserving cases but to people with the most influence. The County Manager strongly objected to the remark of Councillor Hall and quoted the relevant Sections of the Housing (Management and Letting) Regulations 1950 and 1953 which laid down the procedure to be followed in the first and subsequent lettings of Corporation houses. The Manager intimated that all lettings were made on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer and he was prepared to investigate any individual complaints which members thought fit to bring to his notice. The Manager further intimated that he would welcome the appointment of such a Committee. Alderman Morris and Councillor Sinnott congratulated the Manager and the Officials on the manner in which houses had been let in the past. In reply to a query as to the powers of the Corporation in this matter the Town Clerk read Section 16/3 of the County Management Act, 1940 and intimated that under this Section the Minister could transfer, as a reserve function, to the Corporation the reserve function of letting houses at present being let by the Manager if the Corporation passed the Resolution requesting the Minister to do this and he agreed. The members, however, did not seem anxious to take over the complete letting of the houses, and after some further discussion Alderman Byrne withdrew his motion in favour of the one proposed by Councillor Sinnott seconded by Councillor Hall and unanimously agreed that the full Corporation act as a Consultative Committee. When this Resolution had been adopted the Manager asked the Committee to meet as soon as possible to examine the priority lists prepared by the C.M.O. and to lay down the procedure to be followed so that no undue delay would follow after a vacancy occurred, and it was decided that the Committee meet on Wednesday, September, 7th at 7.30 p.m.

#### ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

The attention of the members was directed to Section 7 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 which set out that a Local Authority may by



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Resolution appoint an Estimates Committee to fulfil the functions assigned to such Committee by the Act. It was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Morris that no such Committee be appointed.

SPAFIELD AVENUE HOUSES

A question on the Agenda by Councillor Hall inquiring the position of the pathway at the rear of Spafield Avenue houses was withdrawn as it was stated that the occupiers of both end houses objected to a large entrance. Councillor Hall also asked if it was proposed to renovate the TOWN HALL, Cornmarket in view of loss of revenue through its non use for dancing at the present time. All the members agreed that the Town Hall needed renovation and the following special Committee were appointed to examine the Hall on Thursday, 1st prox. at 4-0 p.m. with the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk and submit a report to the next meeting of the Corporation, namely,

Alderman Morris and Byrne; Councillor Hall.

RE-SURFACING OF DISTILLERY ROAD

Alderman Morris raised the question of the re-surfacing of the Distillery Road and was informed that the work of re-surfacing would start within the next few weeks.

REPORT- SPAFIELD AVENUE HOUSES

Alderman Byrne asked for the report of the Department Inspector on the Spafield Avenue houses. This report was read which indicated certain minor defects which the Alderman was informed the Housing Engineer was at present remedying.

MAHON - O'CONNELL AVENUE

His Worship, The Mayor again raised the question of the house occupied by Mahon at O'Connell Avenue and requested the County Manager to make the necessary Order directing the Borough Surveyor to have the repairs carried out.

EXTENSION OF FIRE BRIGADE

Councillor Howlin asked if there was a Clause in the Contract for the extension of the Fire Brigade Station that only local labour be employed and the County Manager promised to examine the Contract to see if such existed.

ARREST OF CYCLISTS IN ITALY

Alderman Morris proposed that the Corporation request the Minister for External Affairs to protest against the action of the Italian Police in arresting 4 Irish Cyclists at Rome and to demand their immediate release. The motion was seconded by Councillor Hall, supported by the other members and adopted, and it was decided that a telegram should be sent to the Minister the following morning.

CALVARY - ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

Councillor Sinnott raised the question of the provision of a Calvary at St. Ibar's Cemetery and the Town Clerk intimated he understood this was on order but that he would take the matter up with the Borough Surveyor after his holidays.

WATER LEAKS

Complaints were made about water leaks at Mahon's Lane; Marian Row; St. Aidan's Crescent; and the Borough Surveyor was to be directed to attend to these matters. Complaint was also made about the condition of Roche's and Scallan's, St. Aidan's Crescent.

SIGN POST AT BISHOPSWATER

The attention of the County Engineer was to be directed to the condition of a sign post at Bishopswater which apparently had been twisted indicating wrong directions.

### APPLICATION FOR SANCTION TO LOANS

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be sought to the raising of the following loans:-

A. From the Commissioners for Public Works in Ireland.

£

9,360 for 35 years	for erection of 6 houses at Newtown
19,050 for 50 years	for erection of 10 houses at Newtown
5,000 for 35 years	for Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts
4,900 for 25 years	for a sewer from Newtown to Distillery Road
1,615 for 25 years	for a sewer at Newtown
2,130 for 25 years	for erection of a Public Convenience at South Main Street
24,800 for 25 years	for New Sewer at John Street, etc.
1,400 for 20 years	for Purchase and Repair of Two Houses at Parnell Street.
56,000 for 50 years	for erection of 36 Houses at Newtown.

B. From the Treasurer, The National Bank Limited.

£

1,875 for 5 years	for provision of Gas Cookers in Corporation Houses
1,360 for 5 years	for Acquisition of Derelict Sites (£470) wiring Corporation houses for Electricity (£880) and Mortgage Costs £10.
1,470 for 5 years	for payment of Architects fees on abortive Public Park Schemes (£273) Demolition of Air Raid Shelters (1,011) and very old dormant debit balance on Sewers and Watermains Account (£176) mortgage deed £10.
700 for 5 years	for purchase of land to construct Road from Davitt Road South to Waterloo Road under Employment Schemes Vote.
230 for 5 years	for provision of a Calvary at St. Ibar's Cemetery.



SEWERAGE - TRINITY PLACE

Councillor Hall raised the question of sewerage at Trinity Place and was informed that this matter was being dealt with.

PURCHASE - ST. ENDA'S HOUSES

Councillor Flusk raised the question of the purchase of the St. Enda's Terrace houses and was informed that only two of the tenants had replied and in both cases they asked for certain concessions which the County Manager was not prepared to grant, but if any of the tenants decided to purchase the houses on the terms laid down by the Corporation no delay would take place.

SCALLAN'S; NO. 7, JOHN ST.

Councillor Flusk also requested that the Health Inspector visit Scallan's, , Upper John St. where a H.C. was out of order.

DAMAGE TO HAY SHED - RESULT OF  
BLASTING OPERATIONS

Councillor Flusk also raised the question of damage to a hay shed at Furlong's, John Street when blasting operations took place last year and Councillor Hall referred to damage to a bungalow at St. John's Road. The Town Clerk promised to look up those matters.

GULLY TRAPS

Councillor O'Flaherty asked that steps be taken to seal the gully traps in the Town and was informed that instructions had already been given to the foreman to do this.

FIXED CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY

Councillor Flusk also referred to fixed charges for electricity and was informed that a Committee of the Corporation had met a representative of the E.S.B. some time ago but no agreement was reached as to the fixing of charges as the representative had no authority to do this. He promised, however, to place the views of the Corporation before the Board.

The Meeting then terminated.

*W. Flusk*

5th September, 1955.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. the members present being:

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Nicholas P. Corish (in the Chair).

Aldermen: John Cullimore, Kevin Morrish and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: Michael Flusk, John O'Flaherty, James Morris, James Sinnott, James Gaul and John Howlin.

#### MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the Minutes of previous meetings, copies of which had been circulated to the Members with the agenda for the present Meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

Before the business of the Meeting commenced the Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the County Wexford Hurling Team on their magnificent achievement in winning the All-Ireland Hurling Final and also to Galway on the magnificent fight they put up.

The Mayor also moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to John Ryan and John Doyle who had, the same day, won the All-Ireland Senior Hand-Ball Championship.

Councillor Sinnott seconded the votes which were supported by all the Members present, by the County Manager and The Town Clerk and adopted with acclamation.

While proposing the votes of congratulations the Mayor mentioned that he had received telegrams of congratulations from the Lord Mayor of Dublin and the Mayors of Waterford and Kilkenny.

#### SYMPATHY.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of Mr. John Butler, Newbawn, who was Registrar of the G.A.A. for a number of years and whose death had taken place under tragic circumstances the previous day. Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion which was supported by all the Members present and adopted in respectful silence.

#### TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Howlin moved that the Corporation approve of the Bye-Laws drafted by the Commissioner and the Garda Síochána entitled - "Wexford Traffic (Parking and Waiting) Bye-Laws, 1953" - proposed to be made by the Commissiondr to regulate traffic in Wexford. Councillor Sinnott seconded the motion.

Councillor Gaul intimated that he would vote against the adoption of these Bye-Laws as in his opinion they would unduly interfere with trade in the town. Councillor O'Flaherty complained that he was not familiar with the approved Bye-Laws and suggested adjournment to enable copies to be circulated amongst the members. Alderman Byrne agreed with Councillor O'Flaherty and proposed that the matter be adjourned until the October Statutory Meeting to enable new members of the Corporation to familiarise themselves with the Code and Councillor O'Flaherty seconded.

On a show of hands five Members voted for adjournment and six against.

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A vote was then taken for or against approval of the Draft Bye-Laws when there voted

For approval: Aldermen Cullimore and Byrne;  
Councillors Flusk, Hall, Sinnott, Howlin and The Mayor...7 votes

Against approval: Alderman Kevin Morris;  
Councillors James Morris and Gaul.....3 votes

Not voting: Councillor O'Flaherty.....1 vote

The motion to approve of the Draft Bye-Laws was then declared carried.

#### GARAGES ON DERELICT SITES

In accordance with notice given Councillor Hall moved that this Corporation consider the advisability of erecting garages for letting on derelict sites in the town which are unsuitable for the erection of houses thereon. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was supported by Alderman Byrne and Councillor Sinnott who also suggested that some of the derelict sites at present in the possession of the Corporation should be offered for sale. Councillor Howlin thereupon suggested that consideration of Councillor Hall's motion be adjourned to enable enquiries to be made to the Minister for Local Government as to whether or not the Corporation would be permitted to implement Councillor Hall's motion if it were carried and that two derelict sites at Cornmarket and Stonebridge be advertised for tender before the next Meeting, and this was agreed to.

#### ROAD GRANTS.

In accordance with notice given Alderman Byrne moved that we call on The Minister for Local Government to make available grants towards the cost of maintaining, repairing and improving the Urban Roads on the same basis as grants were made to County Councils in respect of main roads.

The motion was seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty and unanimously agreed to.

#### TOWN HALL CORNMARKEt.

The following report was submitted on behalf of the Committee appointed to inspect the Town Hall. The Committee made the following recommendations:-

1. OUTSIDE OF BUILDING: Paint windows and doors. Provide electric light sign indicating that public dancing was taking place therein. Replace defective protective net wiring on Windows with a non-corrosive netting.
2. HALL AND LANDING: Clean, repair and distemper walls and paint woodwork.
3. DANCE HALL: Brush down walls; provide air purifiers or extractors. Provide coloured lights to be operated independently from the existing lighting system. Provide eight mirrors for the walls.
4. REST ROOM: FORMER COUNCIL CHAMBER: Remove presses and shelving and provide proper counter with the materials therefrom. Clean, repair and distemper walls. Paint doors and woodwork. Repair existing stove or provide another so that heating may be available for the preservation of the room.
5. FIRST OFFICE LEADING FROM COUNCIL CHAMBER: Re-hang doors on opposite side. Distemper walls and paint woodwork. Remove coat hangers to small room formerly used by the Town Clerk as an Office.
6. FORMER TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE: Clean, distemper and paint. Erect coat hangers, remove from No. 5. above and provide additional hangers, if necessary. Provide two mirrors, one of which should be full length.

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7. LADIES' TOILET: Distemper toilet attached to ladies' cloak-room.
8. MALE SANITARY ACCOMMODATION: Provide two further toilets and urinal stall on ground floor.
9. GENERAL: Provide chairs for the ladies cloak-room and rest room.

The Borough Surveyor intimated that to carry out the repairs suggested would amount at £600 and Councillor Howlin proposed that the work should be carried out by the Corporation Staff and the sum necessary provided by loan. Councillor Sinnott seconded.

Alderman Kevin Morris proposed that the work be offered for contract and Councillor Hall seconded and on a vote being taken three voted for contract and six for direct labour by way of Corporation Staff. The motion that the work be carried out by Direct Labour was thereupon carried.

As regards financing the work the following resolution was adopted:-

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, a loan of Six Hundred Pounds (£600) be raised from the National Bank for a period of five years with interest at  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  below Irish Bank's Rate to carry out alterations, repairs and decoration of the Town Hall, Cornmarket.

#### PUBLIC LIGHTING.

In accordance with notice given Councillor Howlin moved that the Wexford County Council be asked to provide two or three public lights from the Borough Boundary to the Marian Year Grotto at Rocklands. Councillor Gaul seconded the motion which was agreed to.

Councillor Howlin also referred to the condition of the Public Lights at St. Ibar's Villas and this matter was adjourned to enable some of the members to inspect them.

*W.P. Corish*



7th September, 1955.

A Meeting of the Housing Consultative Committee was held at the Municipal Buildings this evening at half-past eight o'clock p.m. the members present being:

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Nicholas P. Corish in the Chair.

Aldermen:

Thomas Byrne, John Cullimore and Kevin Morris.

Councillors:

Flusk, Gaul, Hall, Howlin, James Morris, O'Flaherty and Sinnott.

Before the Meeting commenced an appeal was made by the Mayor on behalf of James Tottenham, 49 Hantoon Road, Wexford, to the County Manager to grant him the tenancy of the dwelling of which he had been the sub-tenant to the owner who died sometime ago.

Alderman Byrne joined in the appeal and the Manager was recommended by the Committee to grant the tenancy to Tottenham, it being understood that this was not to be taken as a precedent and that all future cases would be taken on their merits with a minimum residence period of twelve months.

The Members then referred to the housing needs of the following people:-

Patrick O'Brien, Commercial Quay;  
John Walsh, 68 South Main Street;  
Laurence Crosbie, The Faythe;  
Michael Fitzpatrick, Talbot Street;  
Mrs. Duggan, John's Gate Street;  
Mrs. Roche, 78 The Faythe;  
Patrick O'Rourke, Abbey Street.

It was considered that John Walsh, Laurence Crosbie and Patrick O'Rourke were very deserving cases and the County Manager was asked to have their names placed on the Priority List for cheap houses.

In the case of Mrs. Duggan John's Gate Street, she had been offered at least three houses and refused them.

A recommendation was made that Mrs. Togher in the Back Row of Bishopswater be transferred to the Front Row to a house recently vacated by Mr. Elliot and that Mrs. Duggan, Harbour View be transferred to Corish Park.

As the Members had now to proceed to grant a Civic Reception to the Wexford Hurling Team the Meeting was adjourned until half-past seven o'clock p.m. on Monday next the 12th instant.

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*W.P. Corish*

12th September, 1955.

A Meeting of the Housing Consultative Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Nicholas P. Corish, in the Chair.

Aldermen:

Byrne, Cullimore and Kevin Morris.

Councillors:

Frank Cullimore, Flusk, Gaul, Hall, Howlin, James Morris, O'Flaherty and Sinnott.

With reference to the Meeting of the 7th instant when a recommendation was made to the County Manager to grant the tenancy of a house at 49 Hantoon Road to the sub-tenant James Tottenham the Manager intimated that having considered this matter he found that to grant the request of the Corporation would be a breach of the Housing (Management and Letting) Regulations 1950 and 1953 and suggested that the only way for the Corporation to deal with the matter would be to invoke the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and formally direct him to grant this tenancy.

Councillor Howlin thereupon intimated that he would take the necessary steps to have Section 4 of the act above referred to invoked and it was also decided that the resolution proposed to be adopted would include Michael Grace, 7 Wolfe Tone Villas and John Bergin, 2 Roches Terrace, Wexford.

In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that the Members would be surcharged if the subsidy was lost on these houses through there being let outside of the Regulations.

The Rent Collector was to be asked if any of the Dungalows at Marian Row were sub-let. A recommendation was made to the County Manager that Mrs. Togher be transferred from the Back Row to the Front Row of Bishops-water if he was satisfied, on investigation, that she was capable of paying the rent of the Front Row Houses.

It was also agreed that the position of John Culleton should be examined with a view to having his name placed on the Priority List.

The Meeting then examined the Priority Lists available and after suggesting some minor corrections left the lists for further examination when houses would be available for letting.

LOAN RESOLUTION:

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was agreed that the part of the Resolution of 29th August, authorising the borrowing of £9,360 from the Commissioners of Public Works for 35 years for the erection of six houses at Newtown be amended to read £9,999.

*N P Corish*



19th September, 1955.

A Meeting of the Housing Consultative Committee was held this day at the Municipal Buildings at 7. 30. p.m. the members present being:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Nicholas P. Corish (in the Chair).

Aldermen:

J. Cullimore and K. C. Morris.

Councillors:

Gaul, Sinnott, Flusk, Hall, J.J. Morris and F. Cullimore.

The Acting Town Clerk, Mr Henry F. Doyle, and the County Manager were also in attendance.

The purpose of the Meeting was to consider a letter received from the Minister for Local Government requesting rent proposals for the Seventy- Six Houses in the course of construction at Corish Park and to adopt rents for the dwellings. The Acting Town Clerk read the letter and attached a memorandum from the Minister after which a general discussion took place on the suggestion that a system of differential rents should be adopted but this did not meet with favour.. A number of suggested basic rents ranging from 5/-d per week to 20/-d per week were put before the Meeting and examined at length but did not find favour with the members until eventually the following basic rents were unanimously adopted on the proposition of Councillor Sinnott seconded by Councillor K. C. Morris i. e.

Thirty-eight houses at a basic rent of 9/-d per week;

Thrity-four houses at a basic rent of 18/-d per week;

Four houses at a basic rent of £1 per week.

#### WAGES - BUILDING WORKERS.

A letter was read from the Wexford Trades Council pointing out that at a Conference held in Waterford the previous week it had been agreed to increase the wages of all buildings workers in the area by 3d per hour to become operative as from Monday the 19th September, 1955, and requesting the Corporation to give effect to this increase as from that date. On the proposition of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor K. C. Morris, this was agreed to.

The Meeting then terminated.

*UP Corish*

3rd October, 1955.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day at 8.45 p.m.  
The Members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor (Alderman Nicholas P. Corish) in the chair.

Aldermen: John Cullimore, Thomas Byrne and Kevin Morris.

Councillors: Michael Flusk, Edward Hall, John Howlin, James J. Morris, John O'Flaherty, Frank Cullimore and James Sinnott.

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

#### MINUTES

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Byrne the Minutes of previous meetings (copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting) were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

#### DIRECTION TO COUNTY MANAGER

The next business was to consider a notice signed by three members of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, of intention to move a resolution in the following terms, viz:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, this Corporation require the Wexford County Manager, as Manager for the said Wexford Corporation, to appoint the following persons as tenants of the houses in which they at present reside and of which they were formerly sub-tenants, namely:-

JAMES TOTTENHAM OF 49, HANTOON ROAD, WEXFORD.  
MICHAEL GRACE OF 70 WOLFE TONE VILLAS, WEXFORD.  
JAMES BERGIN OF 2, ROCHES TERRACE, WEXFORD.

A copy of the foregoing resolution was furnished by the County Manager to each member of the Council within the period required by the Statute.

Councillor Howlin thereupon moved the resolution which was seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

Before the resolution was put to the meeting the Town Clerk warned the members that if any loss occurred as a result of the implementation of the Resolution those voting in favour of it were liable to be charged with such loss.

The Resolution was then put to the Meeting and on a poll being taken there voted:-

For the Resolution: Aldermen: Byrne, Kevin Morris, <sup>Sh. 7.</sup> Cullimore and the Mayor.

Councillors: Hall, Howlin, James Morris, O'Flaherty and Sinnott.....9 Votes.

Against the Resolution: Councillors: <sup>all 9</sup> Frank Cullimore and Flusk....2 Votes.

The Resolution was accordingly declared carried.

#### WEXFORD FESTIVAL.

Dr. T. Walsh and Mr E. McCarthy representing the Council of the Wexford Festival of Music and the Arts attended and requested the Corporation to once again assist in the decoration of the Town for the Festival Week and on the motion of Councillor Sinnott seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation should extend the lighting in the town provided for the floodlighting of Public Buildings, Churches etc. during the week.

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DERELICT SITES.

It was reported that as decided at a previous meeting, two derelict sites, the property of the Council, had been advertised for sale, and that two offers had been received for one at Stonebridge Lane, there being no offer for the site at Cornmarket.

The offers were:-

Miss Mary Cullimore, 111 Main Street, Wexford.....£25.  
Mr Michael Broaders, 95 South Main Street, Wexford.....£10.

As the disposal of such property required special notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, it was agreed that this notice should be given.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES 1955/6.

The Borough Surveyor submitted the following proposal for Employment Schemes:-

Scheme No. 1	Concrete Davitt Road North	£3,000.
Scheme No. 2	Provision of Footpaths at Anne Street, John's Gate Street and Main Street.	238.
Scheme No. 3	Levelling Site at Emmet Place and erection of Handball Court.	£2,252.
Total.....		£5,490

Reference was made to the need for resurfacing a short piece of Roadway at Windmills Hill and the Borough Surveyor was requested to submit an estimate for this work as it had previously been rejected by the Central Authority for inclusion in Employment Schemes.

The proposals as submitted were unanimously approved.

FIRE BRIGADE LOAN.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the National Bank Ltd. for a Loan of £6,200 proposed to be advanced by them to the Corporation for the purchase of a Fire Engine and alterations to the Fire Station.

There upo the following Resolution was unanimously adopted on the Motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin:-

Resolved "that pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Minister for Local Government dated the 24th day of August, 1955 the sum of £6,200 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Wexford, to defray expenditure on the purchase of a Fire Engine and extra equipment and the erection of an extension to the Fire Station, said sum to be repaid within a period of ten years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances the said loan and all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the rates and that the Seal of the Corporation be affixed to said Mortgage to the National Bank Limited."

SITE FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD.

It was unanimously agreed that permission be granted to the Electricity Supply Board for the erection of a 10kV Substation in the Market premises at the Bullring on payment by the Board of a fine of £150 at a special rent of 1/- per annum for the use of the site by the Corporation. It was also to be suggested to the Board that a derelict site in Cornmarket might be more suitable for their purpose.

GARAGES.

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that he was not aware of any power which would enable the Corporation to erect garages for letting on derelict sites.

ROAD FUND.

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's resolution requesting that grants be made available from the Road Fund for the maintenance and improvement of urban roads. The Minister regretted that there was no immediate prospect of grants being made available from the Road Funds for this purpose.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Councillor Howlin raised the question regarding the supply of water for the purpose of watering cattle to premises outside the Urban District and the County Manager promised to investigate the matter.

Councillor Cullimore raised the question of water supply to the premises of Pierce Roche and Busher No. 35 St Aidan's Crescent and these were referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

The Meeting then terminated.

Nicholas P. Conish