

2nd January, 1967.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas F. Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: K.C. Morris and J. Cullimore.

Councillors: E. Hall, T. Larkin and J. Bierney.

In Attendance: County Manager and Town Clerk.

M I N U T E S:

On the motion of Alderman Morris seconded by Alderman Cullimore, the Minutes of previous Meeting, a copy 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 Alderman Cullimore of the vote of sympathy passed with him on the recent death of his brother.

A letter was also read from The Superior, House of Missions, Enniscorthy, thanking the Corporation for their vote of congratulation on their Centenary.

SYMPATHY:

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. H. F. Doyle, of the Town Clerk's Office, on the death of his Aunt; Mr. Miles Redmond of the Town Clerk's Office on the death of his Father; and to Mr. Tony Crosbie, Foreman, on the death of his Uncle.

The three motions were seconded by Councillor Larkin, supported by all the members and officials and adopted in respectful silence.

126 HOUSES AT SLIPPERYGREEN:

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting when the Manager intimated that he would obtain a Progress Report from the Housing Engineer for the present Meeting, the following letter from the Engineer to the County Manager was read -

"Dear Mr. Broe,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant re progress on the above scheme, for which I thank you. In reply I submit the following report on progress to date -

On 12th April, 1964, I had 2 labourers and one carpenter erecting sheds on the site. On the 17th May, 1964, 5 labourers were employed on excavations. On 18th October, 1964, 3 masons were employed. The number of men gradually increased and on the 3rd April 1965, 6 masons, 2 apprentice masons, 2 carpenters and 19 labourers were employed. At present there are 8 masons, 2 apprentice masons, 14 carpenters, 2 apprentice carpenters, 6 plasterers, 2 apprentice plasterers, 1 painter, 1 apprentice painter, 1 plumber, 1 apprentice plumber, 1 foreman, 2 watchmen, 32 labourers and 1 boy, making the total of 74 employed on the scheme. I should like to mention that 7 masons left to take up other employment - 2 of those left because I was debarred from taking their sons to serve their apprenticeship, those boys are now employed by the Contractors employing them elsewhere.

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On 17th August, 1965, application was made to the Department of Local Government, asking for permission to allow the workers on the scheme to work overtime (which would definitely have speeded up the work) but this was refused.

During the progress of the scheme 13,728 hours were lost owing to inclemency of weather. This represents a loss of 1 working year for 6 men.

It is impossible at present to give a definite date for completion as the number of tradesmen available is the governing factor.

The position of the scheme is as follows -

16	No. Houses	complete and occupied.
4	do.	painting to be completed.
6	do.	painting and plumbing to be completed.
4	do.	roofs tiled.
4	do.	ready for roof tiles.
26	do.	externally plastered.
8	do.	ready for roof timbers.
28	do.	superstructure 5'0" high.
6	do.	concrete laid to foundation.
4	do.	ready for concrete.
20	do.	foundations part excavated.

The roads have been excavated, part of main sewers laid, also part of watermains.

With reference to employment of painters, at present I have one painter and one improver and this is sufficient to keep the scheme going economically".

Despite this report, the members were still of opinion that more Painters could be employed on the work, but in view of the observations of the Housing Engineer on this complaint, it was seen that nothing further could be done.

HOUSING SCHEMES AT JOHN STREET/DAVITT ROAD NORTH & SOUTH:

The Town Clerk submitted the following reports on three Housing Schemes :

1/ 30-House Scheme (subsequently increased to 34) at John Street.

Original estimated all-in cost for 30 houses	-	£55,800
Wages increases	£4,377	
Extra for rock excavation	717	- 5,094
		<u>£60,894</u>

The actual cost of 34 houses amounted to £63,550 leaving £7,750 to be borrowed to cover increases and erection of 4 houses.

2/ 24-House Scheme at Davitt Road North.

Original estimated all-in cost.	-	£47,000
Wages increases	£1,850	
Extra for rock excavation	1,289	- 3,139
		<u>£50,139</u>

The actual cost of the 24 houses amounted to £47,730, leaving £730 to be borrowed to cover increases.

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3/ 34-House Scheme at Davitt Road South.

Original estimated all-in cost	-	£65,700
Wages increases	£5,124.	
Rock excavation	1,022	- 6,146
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		£71,846
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The actual cost of the 34 houses amounted to £69,230, leaving a balance of £3,530 towards which £150 from the sale of a school site was available and £3,380 to be borrowed.

It was thereupon agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, that subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government, the following sums be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland -

(a) For the completion of 34 houses at John Street	-	£7,750
(b) For the completion of 24 houses at Davitt Road Nth.	-	730
(c) For the completion of 34 houses at Davitt Road Sth.	-	3,380

and undertake that the instalments of the loans now proposed, as well as of any existing loans, will be punctually remitted at the dates on which they become due, viz: 1st May and 1st November in each year.

PARKING - SOUTH MAIN STREET:

His Worship the Mayor referred to double parking on South Main Street and intimated that on that morning (Monday) at 10.40 a.m. a funeral had considerable difficulty in traversing that portion of South Main Street, from Bride Street to King Street, and it was decided to draw the attention of the Superintendent of the Guards to this double parking.

REFUSE COLLECTOR:

With reference to Minutes of 5th ultimo when the Borough Surveyor intimated that he was investigating the tenders received for the supply of a Refuse Collector and would shortly report to the County Manager, such a report was now submitted.

The report dated 25th ultimo recommended the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. North End Garage for the supply of a "Ramillies" machine for the sum of £4,859. Although this was not the lowest tender, which was £4,350.

He based his recommendation on the following points :-

1. Greater maneouverability;
2. Continuous loading process and crushing capabilities versus interim compaction;
3. Minimum amount of moving parts requiring detailed maintenance.
4. Suitable loading height.
5. Purpose-built machine by an old and reputed manufacturer.

The County Manager also intimated that in view of the Surveyor's recommendation that the "Ramillies" vehicle was the most suitable, he proposed to accept the tender, even though it was not the lowest.

It was thereupon unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, that the proposal of the County Manager to accept the tender of Messrs. North End Garage for the supply of a Refuse Collector, be approved.

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LOAN FOR REFUSE COLLECTOR:

On the proposal of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed, subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government, that the sum of £5,000 be borrowed from the National Bank of Ireland, Ltd., to finance the purchase of a Refuse Collector, the loan to be repaid within five years, at the usual rate of interest.

TRINITY PLACE:

Councillor Hall raised the question of the provision of a light at Trinity Place and the Town Clerk promised to get an estimate from the Electricity Supply Board.

WATERLOO ROAD:

Reference was also made to the painting of the triangle at Waterloo Road and the Town Clerk intimated that he understood from the Borough Surveyor that this was being done.

Nicholas P. Corrin.

The Meeting then terminated.

6th February, 1967.

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

Aldermen: Nicholas P. Corish, John Cullimore and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: Edward Hall, Thomas Larkin, John Howlin, Patrick Doran and James J. Morris.

In Attendance: Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

CHAIRMAN:

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Howlin moved that Alderman Corish take the Chair. Councillor Larkin seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

MINUTES:

On the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the Minutes of Meeting of 2nd January, 1967, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present Meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

A letter was read from Mrs. Philis O'Kelly, acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's expression of sympathy, on the death of Sean T. O'Kelly.

A letter was also read from Mr. Henry F. Doyle, acknowledging the vote of sympathy with him on the death of his Aunt.

A letter was also read from Mr. Myles Redmond, acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his Father.

CHAIRMAN:

At this stage His Worship the Mayor attended the Meeting and took the Chair.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Before proceeding with the remainder of the Agenda, His Worship the Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Christian Brothers School Boxing Team on their recent wins in the Boxing World.

Alderman Morris seconded this motion which was supported by all the members and officials present and adopted with acclamation.

WARDS SYSTEM:

A letter was read from the Secretary, Department of Local Government, intimating that the Minister had decided not to divide the Borough into local electoral areas.

Arising out of this, the Corporation recorded their appreciation of the work of the Deputation from the Association of Municipal Authorities, which had visited on the Minister in this connection.

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DEMISE OF PLOT OF GROUND TO E.S.B.:

A recommendation was submitted from the County Manager that approximately twenty-eight square yards of land situated at Slippery Green, Wexford, be demised to the Electricity Supply Board, for a period of 100 years at a rent of 1/- per annum.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, Notice of the proposed demise of the land was given to each member of the Council on the 6th December, 1966.

It was explained to the Meeting that the proposed land was for the provision of a transformer station and was being exchanged for the Electricity Supply Board removing their overhead 10KV line which crossed the Slippery Green Housing Site and placing the said line underground without cost to the Corporation.

It was therefore unanimously agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Howlin, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, that the recommendation of the County Manager be approved.

POST OFFICE COLLECTION BOX:

In accordance with Notice given, Alderman Corish moved that the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs be requested to replace the Collection Box at, or near, Summerhill Cross.

Councillor Howlin seconded this motion. This Collection Box had been removed as a result of the collapse of a wall during the October storm last year and as there was no Collection Box within reasonable distance of the area, it was missed by the residents.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Arising out of this matter, Alderman Cullimore raised the question of the provision of a Telephone Kiosk at Bishopswater and after some discussions, it was agreed to request the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs to provide a Kiosk at Bishopswater and another at St. Peter's Square.

It was also suggested that, in the event of the Minister not being in a position to provide these Kiosks at present, he might examine the existing Kiosks with a view to removing one that might not be paying to one of the sites above-mentioned.

Alderman O'Flaherty attended at this stage.

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCES:

On the proposal of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Howlin, Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, were executed in respect of the Capitol and Abbey Cinemas.

DEVELOPMENT AT TEMPERANCE ROW:

Councillor Doran asked the Borough Surveyor what he envisaged as the final development of Temperance Row and was informed that it was his intention to open up the views of Selskar Abbey and to re-surface the ground and use this as a Car Park.

Councillor Morris suggested that houses might be built on the site but this did not meet with favour.

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DIRECT LABOUR:

Councillor Hall referred to a statement in the Press following the last Meeting which appeared to imply that he was opposed to Direct Labour. He (Councillor Hall) wished it to be clearly understood, that he was in no way opposed to Direct Labour but he had supported the suggestion of giving some of the houses to Contractors with a view to expediting the provision of much-needed dwelling.

KING STREET FLOODING:

The Town Clerk explained what steps had been taken as a result of the deputation recently received on the subject of the flooding, and informed the Meeting exactly what queries had been sent to the Consulting Engineer for answer by the 28th instant.

The Meeting decided to inform the Residence Committee in King Street what had been done.

Arising out of this, His Worship the Mayor moved that the thanks of the Corporation be extended to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their magnificent services in the disbursement of the funds collected for the relief of the people who had suffered during the King Street flooding.

CRANE AT CRESCENT QUAY:

Alderman O'Flaherty referred to the danger of a partly dismantled crane at Crescent Quay and the Town Clerk informed him that he would take the matter up with the Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners the following morning.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Alderman O'Flaherty also raised the question of water supplies to rural areas adjacent to the town and the position in this regard was explained to him by the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

OVERDRAFT:

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £60,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £20,000, up to 31st March, 1967, was approved.

Liam O. J. Reymond

The Meeting then terminated.

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A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings at 8.15 P.M.

The members present being -

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas F. Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Nicholas P. Corish, John Cullimore,
Kevin C. Morris and John O'Flaherty.

Councillors: John Howlin, Thomas Larkin, Edward
Hall, Patrick Doran and James J. Morris.

In Attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk and Borough
Surveyor.

M i n u t e s:

On the proposition of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, the Minutes of 6th ultimo, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present Meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S:

The Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Council be extended to Alderman O'Flaherty, Branch Secretary of the National Graphical Association, on being awarded a Scholarship to undergo a special course of study in Economics and Trade Unionism. Councillor Howlin seconded the motion which was supported by all the members and officials present.

Alderman O'Flaherty thanked the members and officials for their congratulations.

The Mayor also moved that congratulations be extended to Noel Hendrick on his splendid performance in the senior athletic championships at Naas on Sunday last.

The motion was seconded by Councillor James J. Morris and unanimously adopted.

D E U T A T I O N R E F E R R Y B A N K:

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish, His Worship the Mayor, Councillor P. Doran, the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor were appointed to form part of a deputation to meet the Parliamentary Secretary and Officials of the Department of Local Government, to discuss the proposed development at Ferrybank.

E A S T E R C O M M E M O R A T I O N:

On the proposal of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Alderman K.C. Morris, it was agreed to accept an invitation from the National Graves Association to attend 11.00 o'clock Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, on Easter Sunday.

S T . P A T R I C K ' S D A Y:

It was agreed on the motion of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Larkin, to attend the 12.00 o'clock Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on St. Patrick's Day.

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I. P. B. INSURANCES:

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor John Howlin should represent the Council at the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

COURTS:

A letter was read from the Committee on Court Practice and Procedure requesting the views of the Council on the number and location of the Courts in the Borough. The Committee also requested views on any aspect of the Council's position under the Courthouses (Provision and Maintenance) Act, 1935.

As regards the first question, the Council decided they were satisfied with the number and location of the Court's fittings but as regards the second question, it was unanimously decided to inform the Committee that in the opinion of the Council, the provision and maintenance of Courthouses should be taken over by the Department of Justice.

VALUATIONS:

The Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland forwarded a Summary of the recommendations of the Interdepartmental Committee on Local Finance and Taxation and requested the views of the Council thereon.

The main recommendation of the Committee was that there should be a general revaluation of the Country, excluding agricultural land, but the present meeting unanimously decided to oppose any attempt at revaluation.

TENDER FOR HOUSES:

The next business was to open tenders for the erection of six houses at Faythe/William Street and four at Davitt Road South.

In reply to a question from Councillor Howlin, the Town Clerk intimated that four tenders had been received from Contractors and one from the Direct Labour Unit. The Councillor then said he understood that it was intended to restrict these tenders to outside contractors with a view to having the dwellings erected quickly as the Direct Labour Unit could not erect them for some time to come.

The County Manager agreed that this was also his view and it was agreed that the Direct Labour tender would not be opened at least for the present.

It was also agreed, before the tenders were opened, that a clause should be inserted in the Contract providing for labour conditions to be as advantageous as existing in the area and that local labour should be employed as far as possible.

On the tenders being opened they were found to be as follows :-

<u>TENDERER:</u>	<u>FOUR HOUSES:</u>	<u>SIX HOUSES:</u>
	£	£
J. Ferguson & Sons.	- 9,236. 0. 0.	14,456. 0. 0.
Redmond Brothers.	- 9,240. 10. 0.	13,431. 7. 0.
Doyle & Cleary.	- 9,111. 0. 0.	14,010. 0. 0.
McGoff & Co.	- 9,920. 0. 0.	15,078. 0. 0.

The tenders were referred to the County Manager and officials for examination and authority was given the County Manager to open the Direct Labour Tender if he considered it necessary or desirable.

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LEASING OF TOWN HALL:

On the proposal of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish, a recommendation from the County Manager that the Town Hall, Cornmarket, be leased to the County Council for Civil Defence purposes for a period of five years at a rent of £400 per annum, was unanimously approved.

In this connection, the members made an appeal to the general public to support the Civil Defence Organisation.

GROUND RENTS ACT:

Councillor Hall referred to the Landlord & Tenants Ground Rent Act, 1967, which became law on 1st instant, and asked who would be responsible for the legal costs of purchasing such ground rents. The Councillor was informed that the purchaser would be responsible for all legal costs and that the minimum cost apart from Stamp Duty, would be £7. 10. 0d.

The Councillor and other members felt that the legal costs would defeat the object of the Act, particularly in relation to small ground rents such as were charged on Corporation houses sold to the tenants.

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE:

On the proposal of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Doran, a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, was issued to the Cinema Palace, up to 30th April, 1968.

USE OF COAT OF ARMS:

An application from the Irish Union of Distributed Working Clerks to use the Wexford Coat of Arms on the cover of their Magazine at the Annual Delegate Conference to be held in Wexford, was unanimously granted, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

LIGHT AT TRINITY PLACE:

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that he had just received an estimate from the E.S.B. of approximately £28. for the provision of a light at Trinity Place and it was decided to defer a decision on this matter until the Estimates Meeting.

ESTIMATES MEETING:

It was unanimously decided that the Estimates Meeting of the Corporation be held on Wednesday, 29th March, 1967, at 7.30 p.m.

It was also agreed that a Meeting for a preliminary examination would be held on Monday, 13th instant.

IRISH SAILORS:

Councillor Morris referred to a recent article in the Press on the work of Irish Shipping during the War and suggested that the 150 such sailors who had lost their lives during the Second World War should be honoured as national heroes.

Arising out of this, reference was made to the plaque which had been erected at Crescent Quay some years ago to honour the Wexford Sailors who lost their lives during that War and it was asked when it was proposed to have this re-erected. It was then agreed that the plaque should be re-erected as soon as a suitable site was available.

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WASTE GROUND AT BRIDE STREET:

Councillor Larkin referred to a railed-in site at the end of Bride Street which was at present being used as a dump and asked who were the owners. As nobody was able to inform him of who the owners were, the Town Clerk was asked to look up the matter and, if necessary, to use the Derelict Sites Act, to have the premises either cleaned up or acquired by the Corporation.

30 M.P.H. SIGN:

Councillor O'Flaherty raised the question regarding the 30 M.P.H. sign at Newtown Road and thought it was too near the Town and the Borough Surveyor promised to take this matter up with the proper authorities.

POLE AT CORNER OF MARY STREET/JOHN STREET:

Reference was also made to the electricity pole at the corner of Mary Street/John Street and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he hoped to prevail on the E.S.B. to remove this, in the very near future.

PARKING IN SOUTH MAIN STREET:

Reference was made to the parking of vehicles in the South Main Street for lengthy periods and the Garda were to be asked to enforce the 1-hour Regulation there.

WASTE GROUND AT FISHER'S ROW:

Reference was made to the piece of waste ground at Fisher's Row now being used as a dump and it was suggested that this be cleaned up and surfaced.

The Meeting then terminated.

Liam J. Byrne

13th March, 1967.

A Meeting of the Corporation as a Finance Committee to make a preliminary examination of the Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the Financial Year 1967/68, was held this day in the Municipal Buildings.

The members present being :

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.

Alderman John Cullimore.

Councillors: John Bierney, Thomas Larkin, James J. Morris and Patrick Doran.

In Attendance: Town Clerk and Borough Accountant.

The Meeting carefully examined the detailed Estimates prepared by the County Manager and submitted to the members with the Agenda for the present Meeting and decided on the motion of Councillor Doran, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, to recommend the Estimates Meeting to increase the contribution to the South Eastern Regional Organisation to £100 for the coming year.

Thomas J. Byrne

23rd March, 1967.

A further Meeting of the Corporation as a Financial Committee was held this day to again examine the Estimates for the Financial Year 1967/68.

The members present being :

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Cullimore, Corish and Morris.

Councillors: Hall, Doran, Larkin and J. Morris.

With reference to the decision of the last Meeting to recommend that the contribution to the Tourist Association be increased to £100 Alderman Morris stated that he wished to record his objection, in principal, to this increase. He had no objection to the increased contribution to the Tourist Board, he did, however, object to any increase that could be avoided during the coming year.

After a further lengthy examination of the Estimates, which showed a rate of 75/3d in the £, it was unanimously decided that if the County Manager could see his way to reduce the Rate to 75/= the Committee would recommend that to the Estimates Meeting due to be held on the 29th instant.

Thomas J. Byrne

29th March, 1967.

The Estimates Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings at half-past eight o'clock p.m., the members present being :

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Kevin C. Morris, John Cullimore, John O'Flaherty and Nicholas P. Corish.

Councillors: Edward Hall, Thomas Larkin, John Howlin, James J. Morris and Patrick Doran.

In Attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

At the outset, His Worship the Mayor reviewed the estimates for the coming Financial Year which had been considered by the Finance Committee on two occasions, when they recommended that a Rate of 75/- in the £ should be adopted. He intimated to the Meeting that following representations by the Finance Committee the County Manager had been able to reduce the estimate from 75/3d to 75/- in the £, which the Finance Committee considered was the very best that could be done in all the circumstances. This reduction had been achieved by increased Revenue as it had been pointed out on previous occasions that it would be impossible to reduce the estimated expenditure. The Mayor also explained that this Rate included a sum of £100 for the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation which the Finance Committee recommended should be included.

Alderman Morris, however, objected in principle, to any item of expenditure being increased beyond what was absolutely necessary and whilst he had no objection to the Tourist Organisation, he objected to the increase.

Whereupon Councillor Howlin moved that the estimated expenditure of £225,888 and the estimated receipts of £98,953, be approved. Alderman Corish seconded this motion. Councillor Howlin also moved that a rate of 75/- in the £ in respect of the year 1967/68 be agreed to.

This resolution was also seconded by Alderman Corish and both resolutions unanimously adopted.

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Cllr. Hall, over-expenditure on the Roads Account in the sum of £900 and on the Housing Account in the sum of £2,500 in the current financial year was unanimously approved, after it was explained to the Meeting that these sums had been saved on other headings of the Estimate.

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Corish, Overdraft Accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £60,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £20,000, was approved for the quarter ending on 30th June, 1967.

Before the Meeting terminated His Worship the Mayor expressed his appreciation of the co-operation of the Officials and thanked the County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Accountant and Borough Surveyor for their help in the preparation of the Estimates just adopted.

Lennox T. Byrne

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The Meeting then terminated.

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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Estimate of Expenses and Determination of Rates in the Pound FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31st DAY OF MARCH, 19.4.2...

TABLE A.—EXPENDITURE

Service (1)	NATURE OF EXPENDITURE (2)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
		Estimated by Manager (3)		Adopted by Council (4)	
Urban Roads	Ordinary Road Works	2833	.	2833	.
	Special Grant Works	5073	.	5073	.
	TOTAL	7906	.	7906	.
Sanitary	Sanitary	30380	.	30380	.
	TOTAL	30380	.	30380	.
Housing	Housing of the Working Classes	79900	.	79900	.
	Local Assistance Schemes	-	-	-	-
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	5390	.	5390	.
	TOTAL	85290	.	85290	.
General Urban Purposes					
County Council Services					
Main Roads	Main Roads	7357	.	7357	.
Public Assistance	Public Assistance	2415	.	2415	.
Health (County)	Health (County)	43753	.	43753	.
General Purposes (County)	General Purposes (County)	7983	.	7983	.
Separate Charges	Separate Charges	42	.	42	.
Unemployment Assistance	Unemployment Assistance	1200	.	1200	.
	Public Libraries				
	Tourist Development	20	.	100	-
	Town and Regional Planning				
Other Urban Purposes	Vocational Education	4674	.	4674	.
	Other Purposes	26188	.	26188	.
	Materials Expense (Balance)	6000	.	6000	.
	Machinery Expense (Balance)				
	TOTAL	99632	.	99712	.
Main Roads (Maintained by Urban Authority) (Note)					

TABLE B.—RECEIPTS

Service (1)	NATURE OF RECEIPTS (2)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED					
		Estimated by Manager (3)			Adopted by Council (4)		
	State Grants (to be specified) ...						
URBAN ROADS	<i>Employment & Emergency Schemes</i>	3,000	.	.	3,050	-	-
	<i>Urban Roads Improvement</i>	1573	.	.	1573	-	-
	Other Receipts ...	150	.	.	150	-	-
	TOTAL ...	4723	.	.	4773	-	-
	State Grants (to be specified) ...						
SANITARY	<i>Subvention to Sanitary Service Loans</i>	1500	.	.	1500	-	-
		-	.	.			
		-	.	.			
	Other Receipts ...	5250	.	.	5400	-	-
	TOTAL ...	6750	.	.	6900	-	-
	Housing of the Working Classes ...						
HOUSING	Rents ...	38,250	.	.	38,380	.	.
	State Grants ...	26,400	.	.	26,400	.	.
	Other Receipts ...	-	.	.			
	Local Assistance Schemes ...	-	.	.			
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts ...	5,400	.	.	5400	-	-
	TOTAL ...	70,050	.	.	70,180	-	-
	State Grants (to be specified) ...						
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES	<i>Cheap Fuel Schemes.</i>	4,500	.	.	4500	-	-
	<i>Rates</i>	1500	.	.	1500	-	-
	<i>Vocational Education</i>	600	.	.	600	.	.
	Other Receipts ...	3500	.	.	3650	.	.
	Materials Expense (Balance) ...	6850	.	.	6850	.	.
	Machinery Expense (Balance) ...						
	TOTAL ...	16,950	.	.	17,100	-	-

TABLE C.—CALCULATIONS OF RATES IN THE POUND

Nature of Service (1)	Estimated Gross Expenditure (Table A) (2)	Estimated Receipts (Table B) (3)	Net Estimated Expenditure (4)	CALCULATIONS OF SUM TO BE RAISED			Rate in the Pound on the Valuation of the Area (£.33.840.....) (8)
				Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5)	Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (6)	Amount Leviable (7)	
URBAN ROADS	7,906 . . .	4773 . . .	3133 . . .		1100 . . .	4233 . . .	30.0
SANITARY	30,380 . . .	6900 . . .	23480 . . .	4800 . . .		18,680 . . .	132.4
HOUSING	85,290 . . .	70180 . . .	15110 . . .	3300 . . .		11810 . . .	83.7
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES							
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES							
MAIN ROADS	7357 . . .		7357 . . .			7357 . . .	52.2
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	2415 . . .		2415 . . .			2415 . . .	17.2
HEALTH (County)	43,753 . . .		43,753 . . .			43,753 . . .	310.3
GENERAL PURPOSES (County)	7983 . . .		7983 . . .			7983 . . .	56.6
SEPARATE CHARGES	42 . . .		42 . . .			42 . . .	0.3
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	1200 . . .		1200 . . .			1200 . . .	8.5
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES ...	36,962 . . .	17100 . . .	19862 . . .		9,600 . . .	29462 . . .	209.8
TOTAL GENERAL RATE ...							900.0

CERTIFICATE

I hereby Certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Urban District Council held this 29th day of March 1967, the Council did by resolution adopt the estimate of expenses set forth in Tables A, B, and C, and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said estimate the rates set forth in Column (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, 1968.

Dated this 29th day of March 1967.

Signed Thomas J. Byrne Mayor or Chairman.

Countersigned [Signature] Town Clerk.

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17th April, 1967.

A Meeting of the Council in committee was held this day in the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 P.M.

The members present being :

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Kevin C. Morris, John O'Flaherty, John Cullimore and Nicholas P. Corish.

Councillors: James J. Morris, Patrick Doran, Edward Hall, Thomas Larkin and John Bierney.

In Attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

Alderman Corish asked the reason for the dismissal of Tradesmen on the Housing Scheme at Slippery Green and was informed by the County Manager that the Housing Engineer found these men were redundant at the moment.

QUANTITY SURVEYOR:

This gave rise to a discussion on the general housing position and, on the suggestion of the County Manager, it was unanimously decided that a Quantity Surveyor be employed for the preparation of a Bill of Quantities for 118 houses proposed at Slippery Green as the Manager felt that keener competition would be obtained for a large number of houses if a Bill of Quantities were available.

LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR HOUSES:

The Meeting was especially convened to examine an up-to-date list of applicants for houses. This showed that there was still 172 applicants, apart from those to be rehoused from the Grogan's Road/Talbot Street/Green Street Areas, in respect of which a Compulsory Purchase Order had been made.

This list was examined in detail and the members expressed their views on the various applicants, as far as they knew them.

FERRYBANK:

The Town Clerk referred to the March Meeting when a deputation was authorised to meet Officials of the Department of Local Government regarding the Ferrybank Development. Such a Deputation, he stated, had been received in Leinster House on 9th ultimo and consisted of representatives of the Corporation, the T.D.'s for the County, representatives of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce and Officials of the Department of Local Government. During this Meeting it was agreed that the Caravan Site should be taken as Stage 1, of the Scheme and as a result of this, he, Town Clerk, had had various telephone conversations with the Department from the 9th to 23rd ultimo. As a result of these conversations he had written to the Architect on 23rd March asking him for a revised Estimate of the Caravan Site, to bring it up to present-day prices.

Following a letter received on 13th April from the Department intimating that the development of the Caravan Site as Stage 1 of the Scheme had been approved, and stating that the Grants could not be intimated until the revised Estimate was received, he had written a further letter on the 13th to the Architect again asking for this information, but up to present date he had not received a reply.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the Town Clerk should again try and contact the Architect by 'phone and if he was not successful in getting the information to convene a Site Meeting in Wexford of all the technical people concerned with the Ferrybank Development.

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TOWN HALL - CORNMARKEt:

The County Manager referred to the recent decision of the Corporation to lease the Town Hall, Cornmarket, to the County Council and the Department of Defence for Civil Defence purposes, and intimated that since then he had been contacted by Col. Price and Mr. Desmond Guinness of the Georgian Society who were anxious that the present Town Hall, which they regarded as a Georgian Building, should be preserved, and Mr. Guinness intimated that he would be prepared to obtain a sum of approximately £300 from the Georgian Society towards its renovation.

Col. Price was also anxious, the Manager stated, to make sure that the Town Hall would be available for the week of the Wexford Festival and it was also mentioned that the Hall was used annually by the National Blood Transfusion Association. The present Meeting unanimously decided to recommend the County Council that these two organisations should be facilitated during the term of the lease, as they had been facilitated by the Corporation in the past.

As regards the renovation of the Building with aid from the Georgian Society, it was agreed, on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor Doran, that Mr. Desmond Guinness and Col. Price be invited to the May Meeting of the Corporation to discuss this matter further.

ST. SELSKAR CHURCH YARD:

Complaint was made regarding vandalism in St. Selskar Churchyard and it was unanimously decided that the Garda be asked to take an interest in this Churchyard and that a trespass notice be placed there.

HOUSE LOANS:

The County Manager referred to the position regarding the making of loans by the Corporation for the erection of, and purchase of, houses. He pointed out that there were few sites in Wexford on which a person could build a house which would qualify for a loan under the Housing Act, 1966, and it was the present policy of the Government not to make money available for the purchase of houses.

In a recent circular from the Department, it was suggested that the Urban Districts should consider handing over their powers in regard to the making of loans to County Councils and he now asked the Corporation to consider this course but it was decided to leave this matter over until the May Meeting when the members would give their decision.

WALL AT MAUDLINTOWN:

A letter was read from Mr. Scallan, Celtic Laundry, regarding the erection of a wall at Maudlintown and it was unanimously decided that the Borough Surveyor now ask for fresh tenders from various people for the erection of this wall.

The Meeting then terminated :

Liam J. Doyle

1st May, 1967.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings at quarter-past eight o'clock p.m.

The members present being :

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas F. Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Nicholas P. Corish, John O'Flaherty, John Cullimore and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: Edward Hall, Thomas Larkin, Patrick Doran and James J. Morris.

In Attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Accountant.

M I N U T E S:

On the motion of Councillor Doran, seconded by Alderman Corish, the minutes of meeting of 17th ultimo, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY:

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the widow and family and the citizens of Cork on the unexpected death of the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sean Casey.

Councillor Doran seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present and by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

Alderman Corish moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Myles Redmond of the Town Clerk's Office and his wife, on the death of her father. Councillor Larkin seconded this motion which was also supported by the members present and officials.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

LETTERBOX AT SUMMERHILL:

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs intimating that the letterbox at Summerhill would be replaced when the wall was being rebuilt. The Corporation's request for the provision of telephone kiosks had been forwarded to the Telecommunication Branch, Hammam Buildings, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin for consideration.

TOWN HALL. CORNMARKE:

The next item was to receive a Deputation regarding the future use of the Town Hall, Cornmarket. Before the deputation came before the meeting, the County Manager explained the position which led up to this deputation. For some years the Town Hall had only been used as a dance hall and for some time past the revenue from this had been very small.

He had recently secured the consent of the County Council and the Department of Defence to lease the Town Hall for a period of five years as a Civil Defence Headquarters at a rent of £400 per annum. Since that decision was arrived at, and approved by the Corporation, he had received representations from Col. Price of the Wexford Festival regarding its use during Festival Week, and from Mr. Desmond Guinness of the Georgian Society who wished to have the structure preserved as a Georgian Building.

The deputation consisted of the Hon. Desmond Guinness of the Georgian Society, Mr. Joyce of the Tourist Development Committee of Wexford Chamber of Commerce.

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In introducing the deputation, Col. Price said that he felt that something should be done to make the Town Hall more viable for the citizens, and Mr. Guinness intimated that as far as it could be ascertained the building was erected about 1760 and still has all its original features. The Georgian Society was prepared to contribute the sum of £300 towards the cost of restoration and decoration and Mr. Joyce said the Tourist Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce were anxious to have it used as a building for a permanent marine exhibition.

When the deputation had finished, the Mayor intimated that the Corporation had already entered into an agreement with the County Council to lease the premises at a rent of £400 per annum and the loss of this revenue would be a serious matter for the rates of the Town, but intimated that the Corporation were prepared to examine every facet of the case and try and reach agreement, if possible.

After the deputation had retired the members considered this matter very carefully and unanimously decided that they could not alter the agreement entered into with the Wexford County Council. It was felt that the preservation of the structure as a Georgian building was not incompatible with its use as Headquarters for Civil Defence, but the use of part of the building for a permanent marine exhibition would render the building useless as a Headquarters for the Civil Defence Organisation.

It was, therefore, agreed to inform the three members of the deputation that the Corporation could not alter their original decision to lease the premises for Civil Defence purposes with provision for its use by the Wexford Festival during Festival Week, and as regards the preservation of the Building, the Council was prepared to consider any suggestions or recommendations from the Georgian Society as to what should be done and to supplement the proposed contribution from the Society towards renovation.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

The report of the Local Government Auditor on his examination of the Accounts of the Corporation for the two years ending 31st March, 1966, was the next business of the Council. A copy of the Auditor's report had been circulated to the members sometime ago and the Town Clerk now intimated that the Rate Collection for the year ended 31st March last had amounted to 98.78%. Since the 31st March, a further sum of £500 had been collected which increased the % by .52.

The Rent collection for the year ended 31st March last amounted to no less than 99.72 % and the members considered the collection of Rates and Rents during the past year very creditable and congratulated the Collectors, the Ratepayers and the Tenants.

As regards the Auditor's report, this was also considered a very satisfactory document, and Alderman Corish referred to the final paragraph which stated " whilst the Accounts are well kept I have recommended to the Town Clerk that he investigate the feasibility of installing some degree of mechanised accounting".

The Alderman asked the Town Clerk if he had, in fact, carried out the Auditor's suggestion and the Town Clerk replied that he had examined the audited accounts for 1965/66 and found that their Revenue and Capital, Receipts and Expenditure had amounted to no less than £594,199 and the Subsidiary Accounts such as Rates, Rents, Loan repayments, Wages, P.A.Y.E. etc. had amounted to £234,291 making the total accounting figures for the principal items dealt with by the Corporation £824,490.

He, Town Clerk, had also examined the estimated accounts for the current financial year and found that the Revenue and Capital Receipts and Expenditure would amount to £751,776, while the Subsidiary Accounts would amount to £263,100 making the total estimated accounting figures in the current financial year £1,014,876.

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He, Town Clerk, also pointed out that the total number of Paying Orders issued was approximately 12,000 to 14,000 per annum. He was also very surprised when he had gone into this matter and found that the accounting figures had reached such enormous proportions and he was making further inquiries into the matter of Accounting Machines.

Alderman O'Flaherty thereupon proposed that the Corporation approve in principle, the mechanisation of the accounting system and that the Town Clerk proceed with further investigations into the matter with the object of installing a mechanised system, as soon as possible.

The motion was seconded by Councillor James J. Morris and unanimously adopted.

His Worship the Mayor said he wished to place on record their appreciation of the County Manager, Town Clerk and Accounting Staff, for the excellent report which they had received from the Auditor.

HOUSES FOR OLD PEOPLE.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor James J. Morris moved, that houses be erected for aged couples on the derelict sites at Upper John Street, Abbey Street and Temperance Row".

Arising out of this the Town Clerk pointed out that if Councillor Morris referred to the site adjoining Reilly's Lane at John Street, that they had opened negotiations some time ago with the owner of the adjoining property with the object of erecting houses there, but that the type had not yet been decided. As regards the sites at Abbey Street and Selskar, to erect houses on these would now be contrary to the proposed development plan. A proposal some years ago to erect houses on the Abbey Street site had been turned down by the Department of Local Government.

It was then that the only site mentioned by Councillor Morris was the one at John Street and that this was being examined with the object of erecting houses thereon, and no further action was taken on the motion.

RATES MEETING.

It was unanimously decided to hold a Meeting of the Council on Monday, 19th June, 1967, when the Rates for the year 1967/8 would be formally made.

SALE SCHEME FOR M. DERMOTT TERRACE HOUSES:

Alderman O'Flaherty referred to the houses at M. Dermott Terrace and Monahan Place and complained that tenants of these houses had been refused an opportunity to purchase them.

In replying, the Town Clerk pointed out that in 1965 in response to a request from one of the tenants, a draft purchase scheme had been prepared and forwarded to the tenant in question on 30th October, 1965. The draft scheme provided for a sale price of £1,400 but it was pointed out that this scheme was subject to the consent of the Council and approval of the Minister for Local Government. In his letter the Town Clerk also informed the tenant "If you are interested in purchasing under the above conditions, please let me know and I will seek the necessary approvals".

Under date of 30th December, 1966, the tenant had applied to purchase the house on the terms sent to her in October, 1965, and this letter was received in Town Clerk's Office on 1st January, 1967.

The Town Clerk pointed out to the applicant that under date of 23rd December, 1966, the Minister for Local Government had intimated that no further purchase schemes should be made or submitted for his approval and in the circumstances, the tenant could not purchase the house on the terms set out in the draft of 1965.

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The members considered this was a severe hardship on these tenants who had accidentally delayed in making application for a purchase scheme and they requested the Manager to prepare and submit a Scheme on the lines of the draft scheme of 1965 for the sanction of the Minister.

The Manager pointed out that the Minister's direction to him and the other officials was very specific - that no further purchase Schemes should be prepared or submitted for his approval - and in the circumstances he (The Manager) was not prepared to make and submit a Scheme for the purchase of these dwellings.

After some discussion, it was unanimously decided, on the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, that the Town Clerk formulate a Scheme on the lines of the draft Scheme of 1965 and submit same for the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

HOUSING LOANS:

With reference to minutes of last meeting when the County Manager discussed with the Council a suggestion by the Minister for Local Government that Urban Authorities should arrange with the County Council that the latter body would be responsible for making house-purchase loans in the entire County including the Urban Districts, this matter was next on the Agenda.

The loans referred to were those made under Section 39 and 40 of the Housing Act, 1966, which replaced the former Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

It was felt that if this course was adopted it would have the effect of channelling all loans inquiries through one Office, to which members of the public could apply. As well, the lending Authority would have available to them the combined allocation of Capital for house-purchase loans for the entire County, thus giving them greater freedom of action than any of the separate Authorities would have within their individual allocations.

This matter was considered at length but eventually it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Doran, seconded by Alderman Morris, not to transfer the Council's powers to make loans for the erection or acquisition of houses to the County Council.

PURCHASE SCHEMES:

The Town Clerk intimated that all the existing purchase schemes for houses owned by the Council which had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government would cease on the 30th September next when new schemes based on market or replacement value would have to be prepared, in respect of the dwellings.

RECEPTION FOR AN TAOISEACH:

Alderman Morris complained that the Taoiseach had visited the Town over the weekend and he felt he should have received a Civic Reception, but it was pointed out that the Taoiseach was the guest of another body and that the Corporation were not invited as such, to the function which the Taoiseach was attending.

TREE AT FAYTHE:

Councillor Larkin complained about a tree in the Faythe which needed to be pruned and this matter was referred to the Borough Surveyor.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER FURNITURE

Once again Alderman Flaherty referred to unsatisfactory furnishing of the Council Chamber, and asked the Town Clerk if he had yet been able to do anything about replacing the existing institutional looking tables etc. there.

The Town Clerk replied that as previously intimated to the Council, he was on the look out for two mahogany tables and suitable chairs for the purpose. Although he had inspected several that were offered, none in his opinion, was suitable. He would continue to look however, and if he found what he considered suitable, he would report to the Council.

It was felt however, that the time factor in reporting to the Council could lose the purchase of suitable articles of furniture, and on the proposal of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk be authorised to purchase suitable furniture as he found it available.

SURFACE AT KING STREET AVENUE

Councillor Doran referred to the condition of the surface at King Street Avenue and this matter was also referred to the Borough Surveyor.

PROTECTIVE BARRIER

Councillor Doran also asked that a protective barrier be erected at Paul Quay, opposite the Custom House to prevent motorists who were strangers to the Town driving over the Quay at this point.

ROSSLARE HARBOUR

Alderman Flaherty referred to the improvements carried out at Rosslare Harbour for use as a Car Ferry and thought that as a result of these improvements the use of the Harbour as an import and export harbour would cease, but was informed by His Worship the Mayor that a meeting would be held in the coming week to deal with this matter.

RIGHT-OF-WAY

A recommendation from the County Manager that Mr. Thomas O'Leary, John Street, be granted a right-of-way over part of the Corporation property at Mannix Place to the rear of houses owned by him (Mr. O'Leary) at John Street, was unanimously agreed to on the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Byrne

19th June, 1967.

A special meeting of the Council (as agreed to on 1st May, 1967) was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m., the members present being :

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Nicholas P. Corish, Kevin C. Morris and John Cullimore.

Councillors: Thomas Larkin, James Morris, Patrick Doran and Edward Hall.

In Attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

MINUTES:

On the motion of Alderman Cullimore seconded by Alderman Corish, the Minutes of meeting of 1st ultimo, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY:

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late David O'Neill. Mr. O'Neill was elected a member of the Corporation on the 15th January, 1920, the first Election held under proportional representation.

Councillor Hall seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Officials and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Acknowledgments were read from the relatives of the late Thomas J. Troy, acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with them in their recent bereavement.

Letters were also read from the Cork Borough Council acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with them and the citizens of Cork on the death of Alderman Sean T. Casey, Lord Mayor; and read from Mrs. Josephine Casey, widow of the former Lord Mayor acknowledging the kind message of sympathy forwarded by the Corporation on the death of her husband.

MUNICIPAL RATE 1967/68:

On the motion of Councillor James J. Morris seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed that a Municipal Rate of 75/- in the £ be made on the property rateable thereto in the Borough for the services of the Local Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1968, as agreed to on 29th March, last. The Rate Book containing the various items of Rate was thereupon sealed and signed on behalf of the Council.

QUARTERLY MEETING:

On the motion of Alderman Morris seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously decided to hold the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on Saturday, 8th July, 1967, at 12. noon.

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PUBLIC LIGHTS - TRINITY PLACE:

A revised estimate was submitted from the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of a light at Trinity Place. The cost of providing the light would now be £16 as against £28 previously quoted and it was unanimously decided, on the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Larkin, to recommend the County Manager to accept the offer.

Alderman Corish asked the Borough Surveyor to examine the position of the light in the new Housing Scheme at Davitt Road North. The Alderman felt that with slight adjustment it would throw light on the footway between the Housing Scheme and Windmill's Hill.

Alderman Cullimore referred to the electric pole at the corner of Mary Street and was assured by the Borough Surveyor that he was in constant touch with the Electricity Supply Board on this matter and he hoped the Board would have the pole removed in the near future.

DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

There was submitted to the Meeting a draft Development Plan for the Borough prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Planning and Development Act, 1963.

It was explained to the Meeting that the Development Plan had to be adopted before the 30th September next and the public notice of preparation of the plan would have to be given three months before adoption. As well, certain Statutory Bodies were entitled to receive a copy of the Draft Plan and before any final decision was made by the Corporation they would have to take into consideration any representations made by any person or Body of persons in connection with this Plan.

The Corporation could not adopt this as a final Development Plan until the three months had expired and what was now asked for was that the draft Plan should be circulated to the people concerned and the necessary public notices issued.

It was therefore decided, on the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris that the draft Plan, a copy of which had been circulated to the members, be now circulated to the persons entitled to receive same and that public notice be given that the Plan was deposited for public inspection in the Municipal Buildings.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT WHITEMILL SOUTH:

The next business was to consider a recommendation from the County Manager that a plot of ground at Whitemill South, containing approximately 5 acres, which was acquired from Mr. Anthony Kehoe, be disposed of to the National Building Agency for the sum of £2,500 on which the Agency proposed to erect houses.

When this motion came up for consideration Alderman Morris asked was it not a fact that some time ago the Corporation had agreed to consider proposals for the development of this site from a local firm, namely, M/s. Redmond Bros. In reply to his query it was pointed out that about November of last year one of the principals of this firm approached the Town Clerk with a suggestion that they should be sold building sites in the centre of the town for the erection of houses thereon. He, Town Clerk, explained to the representative of the firm that for various reasons their suggestion was not practicable but during the discussion the site at Whitemill South was mentioned and Mr. Redmond agreed to consider this and was to submit a draft layout for the erection of dwellings thereon.

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In the meantime the matter was considered by the Council who agreed, in principle, that if a satisfactory scheme was submitted by this firm, they would consider giving them the right to erect houses on the land and would grant leases to the purchasers of the dwellings.

Consequently M/s. Redmond Bros. submitted a draft layout which was not considered satisfactory but following consultations between the Borough Surveyor and a representative of the Firm, an acceptable layout was tentatively agreed on.

Under date of 4th April last the firm was informed regarding the layout and requested to submit a revised copy embodying 7 points which were necessary to make the plan satisfactory. The letter of 4th April also requested that the revised layout should be accompanied by copies of the house plan proposed to be erected and an outline of their proposed building programme.

Up to date no reply had been received to this letter but during the past fortnight the Town Clerk's original letter and the draft layout had been left in the Office, together with two house plans, without any covering letter whatever, nor did the layout embody the 7 points raised in letter of 4th April.

In all the circumstances, it was considered that M/s. Redmond Bros. had little, if any, further interest in the proposed development of the site and as the Manager was aware that the National Building Agency were ready to proceed immediately with the erection of houses on the site, he considered that they were the people to whom the site should be sold.

At the request of Alderman Morris, the Mayor decided to hear Mr. Redmond, who was waiting outside the building and on being asked why he had not replied to the queries he intimated that he did not think there was any urgency in replying thereto.

After a short discussion when Mr. Redmond had left the Meeting, His Worship the Mayor moved that they do not dispose of the land at the present meeting. Councillor Doran seconded this motion which was agreed to.

URBAN ROADS IMPROVEMENT GRANT:

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, the following proposals for the Urban Road Improvement Grants, 1967/68, were approved :

1. Resurfacing Mary's Lane;
2. Resurfacing Paul Quay Lane;
3. Resurfacing portion of Belvedere Road from Municipal Buildings towards Wygram;
4. Clearance of derelict structure at John Street/St. John's Road;
5. Surfacing open space fronting St. Aidan's Crescent.

The following matters were raised by the members :

1. Defective drainage at Roserock, which was referred to the Borough Surveyor.
2. An old derelict car dumped at Devereux Villas, which was also referred to the Borough Surveyor.

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3. Reference was made to the refusal of the Scavenging Staff to remove in dustbins, garden and commercial refuse and it was explained to the meeting that the Corporation had no responsibility to accept garden or commercial refuse and that the only thing they could take was domestic refuse. As well, difficulty had arisen regarding the provision of a proper Scavenging Truck and, at the moment, the Staff had to do with makeshift lorries to deal with the domestic refuse.
4. The condition of a sewer at Bishopswater from Whitmore's premises.
5. The road sign at Davitt Road North.
6. Repairs to houses which had been purchased by the Tenants.
7. The need to rehouse a man named Reville of Trinity Place.
8. The condition of the derelict site at Duke Street, which the Borough Surveyor stated would be left in a satisfactory condition.
9. A query was asked as to when the houses are to be commenced at the Faythe and the Town Clerk replied that as soon as a house had been obtained for an old person there, and the necessary Bond completed by the Contractors, they would start.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION:

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, overdraft accommodation on the ordinary account in the sum of £60,000 and on the capital account in the sum of £25,000, was authorised up to 30th September, 1967.

EXCHANGE OF GROUND WITH M/S. SLOANS AT BULL RING/CORNMARKET:

On the motion of Councillor Doran seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously agreed to authorise the exchange of land between the Corporation and M/s. Sloans Limited at Cornmarket. M/s. Sloan's proposed to carry out a major reconstruction of their premises and to set them back some 16 feet from the alignment provided the Corporation gave them ground adjoining for the erection of new premises.

CONCLUSION:

Councillor Hall informed the Meeting that he would not be contesting the forthcoming Corporation Election and wished all the members who were so doing, the best of luck. He thanked the members and County Manager and all the officials for their courtesy and kindness shown to him at all times during his period of Office as a member of the Council.

Both the members and officials regretted that Councillor Hall was not contesting the forthcoming Election but appreciated that it was due to ill-health.

Before the meeting concluded, His Worship the Mayor paid tribute to the County Manager and all the officials for their courtesy to the members during the seven years of Office.

The Mayor also paid tribute to Councillor Frank Cullimore who was also retiring from public life and wished him well. Alderman Morris supported this motion, which was spoken to by all the members.

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The meeting then terminated.

John B. Morris

8th July, 1967.

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Elections Regulations, 1965, the first Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Wexford, elected on the 26th ultimo, was held this day in the Town Hall, Cornmarket, at 12.0. noon.

Before the Meeting commenced, the Town Clerk explained that in accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned Order, he had to report as follows on the Election of members of the Wexford Borough Council held on the 28th June, 1967 :

1. The number of ballot papers recorded in the Ballot Paper Accounts as used amounted to 4,604.
2. The number of ballot papers found in Ballot Boxes was 4,567.
3. The number of Corporation ballot papers found in County Council Boxes was 37.
4. The total number of ballot papers rejected was 89, comprising 3 for want of official mark; 47 for want of first preference being clearly indicated; 38 for first preference being indicated for more than one candidate; and 1 for containing writing by which the voter could be identified.
5. 38 postal votes were issued. 30 were returned prior to the close of the poll, 27 were included in the count, 3 were rejected and 1 postal vote was received after the close of the poll.

As a result of the Election, he, Town Clerk, indicated that the following persons had been elected as Aldermen and Councillors for the Borough and the 12 persons concerned answered their names as he called them :

Alderman	James Mahoney
Alderman	Kevin C. Morris
Alderman	James Jenkins
Alderman	Thomas Byrne
Councillor	Desmond Corish
Councillor	John Cullimore
Councillor	John Flaherty
Councillor	Nicholas P. Corish
Councillor	John Dunne
Councillor	Peter Roche
Councillor	Fintan O'Leary
Councillor	James J. Morris

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The present Mayor, Alderman Thomas Byrne, presided at the opening of the Meeting, the first business of which was to elect a Mayor who would hold Office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held on such a day not being more than 14 days either before or after the anniversary of the present Meeting.

His Worship the Mayor then indicated that he was open to receive nominations for the Office of Mayor and the following were duly proposed and seconded :

Councillor John Cullimore was proposed by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by himself.

Councillor John Dunne was proposed by Alderman Mahoney and seconded by Councillor Peter Roche

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Alderman K.C. Morris was proposed by Councillor Flaherty and seconded by Councillor O'Leary.

Alderman Byrne was proposed by Councillor Nicholas Corish and seconded by Councillor Desmond Corish.

As there were no other nominations for the Office, a poll was taken on the four names put forward, which resulted as follows:

For Alderman Morris: Alderman Morris,
Councillors Flaherty, O'Leary and James
J. Morris.
- 4 -

For Alderman Byrne: Alderman Byrne,
Councillors Desmond Corish and Nicholas
P. Corish.
- 3 -

For Councillor Dunne: Alderman James Mahoney,
Councillors Dunne and Roche.
- 3 -

For Councillor Cullimore: Alderman Jenkins,
Councillor Cullimore.
- 2 -

As no candidate had a clear majority of the members present and voting, Councillor Cullimore was eliminated and in a second poll Alderman Jenkins and Councillor Cullimore transferred their votes to Alderman Byrne, making the position:

Byrne	..	5
Morris	..	4
Dunne	..	3

Councillor Dunne was then eliminated and a final poll taken as between Alderman Morris and Alderman Byrne, when there voted:

For Alderman Morris: Aldermen Mahoney and Morris,
Councillors Flaherty, O'Leary and J. Morris.
- 5 -

For Alderman Byrne: Aldermen Jenkins and Byrne,
Councillors Desmond Corish, John Cullimore
and Nicholas P. Corish.
- 5 -

Declined to Vote: Councillors Dunne and Roche.
- 2 -

This resulted in a tie, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 43(1) of the Local Government Act, 1941, the question of who should be Mayor was decided by lot.

The names of the two candidates, Alderman Morris and Alderman Byrne, were thereupon written on slips of paper, folded and placed in a hat by the Corporation Solicitor and a child from the general public was asked to draw a name from the hat. A name was drawn and upon being opened it was found to be that of Alderman Kevin C. Morris, who was then declared elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

Alderman Morris having been vested with the Robe and Chain of Office by the outgoing Mayor, thanked all those who had supported his candidature and the child who had drawn his name from the hat. He said that one of his objects in accepting the Chair of Office was to see that the Ferrybank Development Project was proceeded with without any further delay.

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All the members present congratulated Alderman Morris on his election and assured him of their support during his year of Office. Councillor Dunne thanked the Town Clerk for the manner in which he had conducted the recent election and the counting of the votes.

QUARTERLY MEETING:

The next business of the Meeting was to fix the days and hours of the three Quarterly Meetings to be held prior to 24th June, 1968. On the suggestion of the Town Clerk, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that three Quarterly Meetings be held on Monday, 2nd October, 1967; Monday 1st January, 1968; and Monday 1st April, 1968.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Meeting then proceeded with the appointment of a Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 8 and 9 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930. At the outset Alderman Byrne moved that the Corporation appoint the maximum number of Council members, namely, eight. This was seconded by Councillor Flaherty and unanimously agreed to.

The following were then nominated to fill the eight seats authorised by the Act:

Councillor Corish proposed Alderman Byrne and Councillor Desmond Corish seconded.

Alderman Byrne proposed Councillor Desmond Corish and Councillor Nicholas Corish seconded.

His Worship the Mayor proposed Councillor Flaherty and Councillor James J. Morris seconded.

Alderman Jenkins proposed Councillor Cullimore and Councillor Nicholas Corish seconded.

Councillor Flaherty proposed Councillor Fintan O'Leary and His Worship the Mayor seconded.

Councillor O'Leary proposed Councillor James J. Morris, which was also seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

Councillor James Morris proposed His Worship the Mayor, which was seconded by Councillor O'Leary.

His Worship the Mayor proposed Alderman Mahoney which was seconded by Alderman Byrne.

Alderman Byrne proposed Alderman Jenkins which was seconded by Councillor Cullimore.

It was then seen that nine nominations had been received for the eight seats and on a poll being taken there voted for :

His Worship the Mayor	..	10
Councillor John Flaherty	..	10
Councillor Fintan O'Leary	..	10
Alderman James Jenkins	..	9
Councillor James J. Morris	..	9
Alderman Thomas Byrne	..	8
Councillor John Cullimore	..	7
Alderman James Mahoney	..	7
Councillor Desmond Corish	..	6

The following eight members were declared to be Council members of the Committee:

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Alderman	Kevin C. Morris
"	James Jenkins
"	Thomas Byrne
"	<i>James</i> Mahoney
Councillors	John Flaherty
"	Fintan O'Leary
"	James J. Morris
"	John Cullimore

The Meeting then proceeded with the election of 6 non-Council members and the following were proposed and seconded :

Mr. Thomas Larkin proposed by Alderman Byrne and seconded by Councillor N. P. Corish.

Mr. Seamus Swan proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Roche.

Mrs. Mary Malone proposed by His Worship the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Flaherty.

Mr. Patrick Doran proposed by Councillor Cullimore and seconded by Alderman Jenkins.

Mr. Walter Doyle proposed by Councillor O'Leary and seconded by Alderman Jenkins.

Mr. Nicholas Kavanagh proposed by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Cullimore.

Mr. Eugene Curtin proposed by His Worship the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Flaherty.

Mr. Fintan Rossiter proposed by Councillor James Morris and seconded by Alderman Jenkins.

Mr. Thomas Roche proposed by Alderman Byrne and seconded by Councillor Nicholas P. Corish.

The Very Rev. Thomas Murphy, Adm., proposed by Alderman Byrne and seconded by Alderman Flaherty.

The Rev. Superior of Christian Bros., proposed by Councillor Desmond Corish and seconded by Councillor James Morris.

Mr. Michael O'Neill proposed by Alderman Mahoney and seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

Mr. Edward Hall, proposed by Councillor Peter Roche and seconded by Alderman Byrne.

A poll was then taken, when there voted for :

Very Rev. Adm.	..	8
Superior Christian Bros.	..	8
Mr. T. Larkin	..	8
Mr. Edward Hall	..	7
Mr. Thomas Roche	..	7
Mrs. Mary Malone	..	6
Mr. Fintan Rossiter	..	6
Mr. Walter Doyle	..	4
Mr. Michael O'Neill	..	4
Mr. Patrick Doran	..	3
Mr. Seamus Swan	..	2
Mr. E. Curtin	..	2

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The first five to be elected from this poll were:

The Rev. Administrator
The Rev. Superior Christian Bros.
Mr. Thomas Roche
Mr. Thomas Larkin
Mr. Edward Hall

As there was a tie for the 6th vacancy, a second poll was taken between Mrs. Malone and Mr. F. Rossiter. Each received 6 votes and His Worship the Mayor exercised his right to give a casting vote in favour of Mrs. Mary Malone.

The following were thereupon declared to be the six external members of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee:

Very Rev. Thomas Murphy, Adm., The Presbytery,	Wexford.
Rev. Bro. G. Murphy, Superior, Christian Bros.	"
Mr. Thomas Larkin, 6, Fisher's Row,	"
Mr. Edward Hall, 4, Carrigeen Street,	"
Mr. Thomas Roche, 14, Michael Street,	"
Mrs. Mary Malone, 10, Monck Street,	"

The final business of the meeting was to appoint an Old Age Pensions Committee for the Borough; a Finance Committee; and if considered advisable, an Estimates Committee; in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

The meeting was informed that the previous Council decided not to appoint an Estimates Committee and it was now agreed, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, that no Estimates Committee be appointed.

As regards the other Committees, it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Flaherty seconded by Alderman Byrne that an Old Age Pensions Committee consisting of the entire Council be appointed for the Borough; and also a Finance Committee consisting of the 12 members of the Council.

The Meeting then terminated.

James B. Morris,

24th July, 1967.

A special meeting of the Council was held this day, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half-past seven o'clock p.m., the members present being :

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman K.C. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, James Jenkins and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Dunne Peter Roche, Pintan O'Leary, John Cullimore, Nicholas Corish, Desmond Corish and James J. Morris.

In Attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

APPOINTMENT OF HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS:

The first business was to appoint, in accordance with the provisions of the Harbours Act, 1946, as amended, two members of the Council to act as Harbour Commissioners.

Alderman Byrne proposed that Alderman Mahoney and Councillor Peter Roche be appointed as Harbour Commissioners. Councillor Cullimore seconded this proposition, which was unanimously agreed to.

SALE OF LAND AT WHITEMILL:

The next business was to consider a proposal by the Wexford County Manager of his intention to dispose of a plot of ground at Whitemill South, containing approximately 5 acres, acquired from Miss Kehoe, to the National Building Agency, for the sum of £2,500, on which the Agency proposes to erect 42 houses. In compliance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 88(2) of the Housing Act, 1966, notice of this proposal had been given to each member of the Council under date of the 6th instant.

Alderman Byrne thereupon moved that the disposal to the National Building Agency Ltd. be carried out, in accordance with the terms specified by the County Manager in the notice dated 6th July, 1967. Councillor James J. Morris seconded this proposal which was supported by Councillors Cullimore, Nicholas Corish and Alderman Jenkins.

Councillor Peter Roche, however, felt that there should be a "Fair Wages" Clause inserted in the agreement to sell to the Agency which they should embody in the contract for the erection of houses. It was pointed out, however, that the motion before the Council was to sell the land to the National Building Agency and it was not open to them to insert such a clause in the Contract of sale.

Alderman Mahoney thought that the Corporation should retain the land and have houses erected by Direct labour thereon.

On a vote being taken, however, Alderman Byrne's motion was carried by seven votes for to four against.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES:

The meeting then proceeded to appoint two delegates to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland and the members were informed that, in accordance with the Constitution of the Association, the delegates now appointed would continue to represent the Council during its term of office.

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The following were proposed and seconded :

Alderman Byrne proposed by Councillor H. Corish and seconded by Councillor D. Corish;

Alderman Cullimore proposed by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Byrne;

Alderman Mahoney proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Dunne;

His Worship the Mayor, proposed by Councillor O'Leary and seconded by Councillor Morris;

Councillor Roche proposed by Alderman Mahoney and seconded by Councillor Dunne.

On a ballot being taken -

Alderman Mahoney	obtained	6	votes
Councillor Cullimore	"	5	"
Alderman Byrne	"	4	"
Councillor P. Roche	"	4	"
His Worship the Mayor	"	3	"

Alderman Mahoney and Councillor John Cullimore were thereupon appointed as delegates to the Association.

ANNUAL FEE TO THE ASSOCIATION:

On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Nicholas Corish, it was unanimously agreed to pay an annual subscription of Ten Pounds to the Association of Municipal Authorities during the term of Office of the Council.

MOTIONS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The next business on the Agenda was to consider motions to be forwarded to the Association of Municipal Authorities for inclusion on the Agenda for the Annual Conference and Councillor Dunne moved three motions dealing with - Social Welfare Benefits; Ground Rents; and Housing Finances - but as the three motions required to be re-drafted, they were, on the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by His Worship the Mayor, referred back to Councillor Dunne for redrafting.

LOAN FOR SCAVENGING VEHICLE:

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, it was unanimously resolved "that pursuant to the letter sanction dated 2nd July, 1967, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £5,000 (Five thousand Pounds) be borrowed from the National Bank of Ireland Ltd. for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of a Refuse Collector, to be repaid within 5 years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time on such advances as said letter from the Department provided, the said principal sum to be repaid by ten equal half-yearly instalments of £500 on 1st day of May and 1st day of November in each year (the first of such payments to be made on 1st day of May, 1968) and the interest to be paid on the dates hereinbefore provided for payment of principal".

Arising out of the above resolution reference was made to the conditions under which refuse was collected on the Main Street and Alderman Byrne gave notice of motion that the matter of the actual refuse to be collected be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

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LOAN FOR HOUSE-PURCHASE AND RECONSTRUCTION:

Under date of the 19th instant the Minister for Local Government intimated that he had decided to make a capital allocation of £15,000 to Wexford Corporation for the payment of House Purchase and Reconstruction Loans and Supplementary Grants in 1967/68. Accordingly, it was unanimously resolved, on the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor that the sum of £15,000 be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the above-mentioned purpose and that the Corporation undertake that the instalments of this loan as well as of any existing loans, will be punctually remitted on the dates on which they become due, viz: 1st May and 1st November in each year.

GUIDE MAP OF TOWN:

A proposal that permission be granted for the erection of Guide Maps at selected parts of the town was deferred for further information on the matter.

SUPPLY OF REFUSE BINS:

Two firms offered to supply refuse bins to the Corporation provided they were given permission to place advertising plates on each bin. One was from White & Carter Ltd. London, and the other was from Guerines Publicity, Milliney, Co. Dublin.

Subject to the officials being satisfied with the type of advertising and the obtainment of further details from the firm, it was unanimously agreed, on the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, to accept the offer of Guerins Publicity for the supply of the necessary bins.

HOUSING:

In reply to a query the County Manager gave the following report on the present housing position in the town:

- 1/ The Corporation Solicitor was preparing the Contract for the erection of 6 houses at Faythe by M/s. Redmond Bros.
- 2/ The draft Bond had been approved for the erection of 4 houses at Davitt Road North by M/s. Cleary and Doyle, Barntown.
- 3/ Quantity Surveyors had been appointed to prepare bills of quantities for 126 houses at Whitemill; 20 houses at Duke Street/John Street; and 12 houses at John's Gate Street.
- 4/ As regards the 126-house Scheme at Whitemill, it had been decided to advertise, in the near future, for tenders for the development of the site (i.e. roads, sewers, watermains) and to have tenders accepted and builders commence the erection of the house immediately the site development was completed.

TRAFFIC SIGN:

Reference was made to a traffic sign at the junction of Bride Street and Roche's Road and the Borough Surveyor explained the reason why this sign had been placed there.

NAME PLATE:

Councillor O'Leary referred to the absence of a name-plate at William Street and the Borough Surveyor undertook to have one erected there in the near future.

TOWN PLAN.

A letter was read from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce requesting the Corporation to arrange for the publication in the local newspapers of the planning arrangements for Wexford Town showing the major proposals together with suitable maps, and it was decided to ask the newspapers to publish the plan and copies of the relevant maps.

FESTIVAL LIGHTING 1967:

At the request of the Wexford Junior Chamber of Commerce, the following Committee was appointed to discuss the 1967 Festival Lighting :

His Worship the Mayor; Aldermen Byrne and Jenkins;
Councillors J. J. Morris and P. Roche.

RELIEF GRANTS - 1967/68:

The following suggestions were made by the Borough Surveyor for the relief grants 1967/68 :

1. Development of Car Park at Keyser's Lane;
2. Footpaths at Belvedere Road;
3. Layout of space at Wygram/Davitt Road North junction.
4. Clearing and grading derelict space at Bernadette Place and Faythe.
5. Removing defective grass verges at Devereux Villas and replacing same with tarmacadam.
6. Clearing and grading derelict space Fisher's Row/William Street.
7. Relaying footpaths at South Main Street from Oyster Lane to King Street.

The following works were also suggested by the members:

- 1/ Derelict Sites at Fisher's Row.
- 2/ Footpaths at Bride Street.
- 3/ waste ground at Hantoon Road.
- 4/ Footpaths at Wolfe Tone Villas.
- 5/ Walks at Redmond Park.

The Borough Surveyor promised to examine these and to pick out from the lot what works could be absorbed with the amount of money available, from the Grant.

OFFICE MECHANISATION:

With reference to minutes of 1st May when following a recommendation of the Local Government Auditor, the Town Clerk had submitted a report on the mechanisation of the Accounting System and when the Corporation had unanimously approved that the System be mechanised and instructed the Town Clerk to proceed with further investigations into the matter, the Town Clerk now reported that having made exhaustive enquiries he was recommending the Council to instal an N.C.R. Class 31 Accounting Machine at a cost of £2,846. He had reached this conclusion after having the machine demonstrated to him and from enquiries he had made regarding the after-service of the National Cash Register Company Ltd. He was satisfied that the National Cash Register Company gave the best after-sales service of any of the machines he had inspected.

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It was therefore unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor James J. Morris seconded by Councillor Nicholas Corish that the recommendation of the Town Clerk be approved and that the County Manager be recommended to purchase the necessary Accounting Machine and equipment.

WALL AT CROKE AVENUE:

Reference was made to the condition of a wall at Croke Avenue and this was referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

BUILDING AT DISTILLERY RD:

Alderman Mahoney referred to the dangerous condition of a building at Distillery Road (which was on private property) and asked that the owners be requested to demolish it.

TRAINS:

Once again reference was made to the stopping of trains at Wexford South Station and the Town Clerk was asked to take the matter up with the District Manager of C.I.E.

The Meeting then terminated.

James J. Morris.

4th September, 1967.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman K.C. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, James Jenkins and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: D. Corish, John Cullimore, John Flaherty, N.P.
Corish, J. Dunne, P. Roche, F. O'Leary and J.J.
Morris.

In County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Acting Town
Attendance: Clerk.

M I N U T E S:

Minutes of the two previous meetings held on 24th and 8th July, 1967, having been circulated to the members, were unanimously approved on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was read from the People Newspapers Ltd. regarding publication of the Development Plan for the Borough and the members expressed satisfaction at the manner in which the Press had co-operated with the Council on this and all other occasions.

A letter was also read from Philip Pierce & Co., Ltd., stating that a dangerous structure at the Old Distillery was receiving attention and a further letter from the District Manager, C.I.E., concerning the stopping of trains at Wexford South Station was read.

DOMESTIC REFUSE:

Alderman Byrne proposing the discussion on this subject asked that an explanation of the type of refuse which was collected be made, for the benefit of the public.

The Borough Surveyor explained that domestic refuse enclosed in properly covered bins would be taken and that in view of the current practices of delivering groceries etc. in cardboard boxes, that such boxes should be folded or torn and placed in bins when they would be collected.

Councillor D. Corish suggested that an evening collection, which would involve payment of overtime, might be the solution to the fact of dustbins being left on Main Street overnight.

Alderman Jenkins suggested that if the dump were opened, traders could convey refuse to it after hours of business. The Borough Surveyor will report on the possibility of an access road to permit traders to dispose of refuse.

CONTRIBUTION TO FESTIVAL LIGHTING, 1967:

The Mayor introduced the matter by referring to the proceedings of the subcommittee, which had met the Wexford Senior and Junior Chambers of Commerce in this regard and asked to approve the subcommittee's recommendations that a grant of £250 be made towards the decorative lighting of the town during Wexford Festival. After discussion the grant of £250 was approved, unanimously, on the proposal of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

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FERRYBANK SCHEME.

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty and unanimously agreed, that, subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government, a loan of £10,000 be raised from the National Bank of Ireland Ltd., to defray expenditure on the first stage of the Ferrybank Amenity Scheme, which consisted of the provision of the Caravan Park and ancillary works. The Corporation would contribute £10,000 or 25%, the Department of Local Government would contribute 50% or £20,000, and Bord Failte £10,000 or 25%. The Bank had intimated that the loan would be repayable over a period of five years with interest.

In reply to the query as to what is the up-to-date position by Alderman Byrne and Councillors D. & N.P. Corish, the Mayor stated that the work on Stage 1, (Caravan Site) would start in December, 1967. A discussion followed and it was agreed that the swimming pool should receive priority after Stage 1.

HOUSING:

Councillor D. Corish, in proposing that a special meeting of the Council be held before the end of September, 1967, to discuss Housing in all its aspects as he held that the subject was important enough, was informed by His Worship the Mayor, that as there will be a special Meeting on 25th instant, 1967, to deal with the Development Plan for the Borough, the suggested meeting could be held on that date.

After a discussion, it was agreed that the Development Plan would, in itself, occupy the entire meeting on 25th September and that the proposed meeting to discuss Housing be held on 9th October, 1967.

TENANT-PURCHASE HILL ST/MONUMENT PLACE.

A letter from the Minister for Local Government was read in which sanction to the purchase scheme for the above houses and those at White-mill Road, had been refused, and that it was open to the Corporation to submit a scheme for the sale of these houses under Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, when that Act came into force on 30th September, 1967.

In reply to questions, the Council was informed that Notice of the withdrawal of existing purchase schemes on 30th September, 1967, had been sent to each tenant.

The Manager, in reply to questions, stated that provision for the inclusion in weekly repayments of legal costs could be made in tenant-purchase schemes.

SPEED LIMITS:

A report from the Borough Surveyor regarding a revision of speed limits in the Wexford area, was read and noted. Arising out of a discussion on traffic, which followed, the Borough Surveyor agreed to investigate the feasibility of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of William Street/Faythe, and report to the next Meeting of the Council.

MOTIONS FOR ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

The Council was informed that a copy of the revised motions by Councillor John Dunne for submission to the annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, was sent to each member of the Council on 28th July, 1967, with a request that the Town Clerk be informed by 14/8/1967 whether or not they agreed with the motions.

For: Councillors J. Dunne and P. Roche.

Against: His Worship the Mayor, Ald. J. Jenkins and Cllr. J.J. Morris.

In the circumstances the motions could not be forwarded for inclusion on the Agenda.

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COMMODORE BARRY AND JOHN F. KENNEDY COMMEMORATION.

The appointment of a subcommittee to arrange the annual Commodore John Barry and John F. Kennedy commemoration was introduced by His Worship the Mayor, who advised the Council that in previous years the subcommittee consisted of the four Aldermen and he proposed that the same procedure should now be followed.

Alderman Jenkins asked to be permitted to withdraw from the subcommittee and that Councillor John Cullimore be appointed in his stead. It was agreed that the subcommittee should consist of :

His Worship the Mayor; Alderman J. Mahoney; Alderman T. F. Byrne; and Councillor J. Cullimore.

CONTINENTAL FERRY SERVICE:

A letter from His Worship the Mayor of Waterford, which had been circulated, was enthusiastically received by the members. Alderman Jenkins complimented the Mayor of Waterford and other organisations and proposed "That Wexford Corporation call on Mr. Childers, Minister for Transport and Power, to exercise his full powers to have Rosslare Harbour as the Irish Terminus for the proposed car ferry to the continent of Europe". Councillor D. Corish seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed.

Councillor J. Flaherty proposed that Alderman Jenkin's resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Transport and Power and that the Minister be requested to receive a deputation in regard to the matter. It was agreed, unanimously, that a deputation consisting of the Mayor and another member of the Council, together with the Dail Deputies for the area and other interested bodies, together with similar representatives from the Counties of Waterford, Kilkenny and Carlow should wait on the Minister. On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor John Flaherty, it was agreed unanimously that Alderman T. F. Byrne should be appointed to the deputation.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Alderman Byrne asked if a tap could be placed on the quays for the supply of water to fishermen.

LAND AT WHITEMILL/TOWNPARKS :

The Manager asked the Council's approval to the purchase of approximately 30 acres of land for Housing and Industrial development in Whitemill/Townparks area which was unanimously approved, as was the acquisition (by Compulsory Purchase, if necessary) of approximately 6 acres of land at Clonard from the Presentation Nuns. The purchase of 7 acres of land from Mr. A. Duignan was also approved.

In relation to Housing - the Manager stated that the six houses in the Faythe would be commenced by Redmond Bros., Contractors, on 18th September, 1967. Messrs. Cleary & Doyle, Barntown, would not be in a position to commence the erection of four houses at Davitt Road South for about 2½ months and the Council approved of the acceptance of the next lowest tender - that of J. Ferguson & Sons, Ltd., who would commence in one month at the latest.

The Meeting then terminated.

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25th September, 1967.

A special meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) in the Council Chamber at 7.30 p.m., to consider the Draft Development Plan proposed for the Borough. The members present being :

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman K.C. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, James Jenkins and James Mahoney.

Councillors: Nicholas Corish, John Cullimore, John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris, Fintan O'Leary and John Flaherty.

In Attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

The Draft Plan was approved for publication by the Council on 19th June, 1967, and copies were subsequently furnished to the new members of the Council. Copies of observations of various bodies had been also furnished to the members, as follows :

- (a) Wexford Chamber of Commerce.
- (b) Minister for Local Government.
- (c) Wexford County Manager.
- (d) Wexford Tourist Development Committee, Wexford Chamber of Commerce.
- (e) Wexford Junior Chamber of Commerce.
- (f) South-Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation.

In addition representations were received just prior to this meeting from the North End Development Association and a number of traders in the Rowe Street/Bull Ring area.

A memorandum had also been prepared by Officials of the Corporation and a copy supplied to each member, setting out suggested amendments to the Draft Plan which embodied the suggestions of the Minister, the County Manager and some of those by other bodies.

It was seen very early in the discussion that it would be impossible for the members to seriously consider all the suggestions made for the improvement of the plan at the present meeting, and after some discussion it was unanimously decided on the proposal of Councillor Dunne seconded by Alderman Byrne that the Minister for Local Government be requested to extend to 1st January, 1968, the time for consideration of the Plan. The reasons for this application were the change in personnel of the Council as a result of the Local Elections, and the volume of representations received.

As regards the change in personnel, 50% of the Council consisted of new members who had not the opportunity of considering the provisional or draft plans until after their election. As regards the volume of representations, while it was possible to circulate copies of these beforehand most were only received within the last few days of the prescribed period and one only on the evening of the present meeting. As a result the members were unable to give the necessary study to these representations in time to decide whether or not they should be included in the development plan.

It was then agreed that the members should examine the plan in detail along with the amendments and incorporations suggested by Officials to the draft plan, which embodied these suggestions of the Minister, the County Manager and some of the outside bodies.

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The meeting thereupon spent considerable time in examining the draft plan and dealt with parts 1 and 11 Sections 1 and 11 of Part 111 including the amendments suggested by the Officials. At this stage it was practically 10.0. o'clock and the meeting decided to adjourn further consideration to a later date.

The following matters were raised by members :

- (a) Flooding at O'Connell Avenue.
- (b) Provision of a light near the lowest gully trap in King Street.
- (c) The enforcement of the Traffic Regulations in full.
- (d) The removal of a transformer station at St. John's Road.
- (e) The lighting of Road from Wygram Place to Summerhill.

Before the meeting concluded Councillor Cullimore proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Thomas Dunne, representative of the "ECHO" newspaper, on the death of his brother-in-law. Alderman Byrne seconded this proposal which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager, Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

Mr. Dunne returned thanks to the members for their vote of sympathy.

The Meeting then terminated.

.....*James B. Morris*

29th September, 1967.

A special meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) in the Council Chamber at half-past eight o'clock p.m., the members present being :

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman K. C. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen: James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne and James Mahoney.

Councillors: Nicholas Corish, John Cullimore, Peter Roche, John Dunne, Fintan O'Leary and James J. Morris.

In Attendance: Town Clerk.

The meeting had been convened to consider the question of the siting of the Irish terminus of the proposed Continental Car Ferry, and His Worship the Mayor proposed the following resolution :

"That we, the members of the Wexford Borough Council call on the managements of Irish Shipping Ltd., and Coras Iompair Eireann not to be influenced to alter their decision to site the Irish terminus of proposed Continental Car Ferry at Rosslare Harbour, which decision was obviously made in the light of hard commercial and economic facts".

The motion was seconded by Alderman Jenkins, supported by all the members present and unanimously agreed to.

It was further agreed that copies of the resolution should be forwarded to the Chairman of Irish Shipping Ltd.; General Manager of Coras Iompair Eireann; An Taoiseach; and the Minister for Transport & Power.

The meeting then terminated.

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James C. Morris

2nd October, 1967.

A statutory meeting of the Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings at half-past eight o'clock p.m., the members present being :

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman K. C. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, James Jenkins and James Mahoney.

Councillors: Nicholas Corish, Desmond Corish, John Dunne, Peter Roche, John Cullimore, James Morris, Pintan O'Leary and John O'Flaherty.

In Attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

MINUTES:

On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor N. Corish, the Minutes of 4th September, 1967, a copy 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.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Minister for Transport & Power, acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's resolution requesting the Minister to receive a deputation regarding the possibility of Rosslare Harbour being chosen as the Irish Terminus for the proposed car ferry to Europe, and intimated that he would place the Corporation's resolution before the Minister on his return to the Office.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:

The report of the Adjudicators in the Tidy Towns Competition, 1967, in relation to the Town was next considered. A copy of this report had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting and without exception the members appealed to the public for more co-operation in keeping the town tidy.

Arising out of the report it was suggested that more litter bins should be provided, the possibility of vacuum cleaners for the streets investigated, and posters sent to the schools urging the children to cease throwing rubbish on the streets.

PUBLIC LIGHTING UNTIL 1.00 A.M.

A resolution in the name of Councillor James J. Morris that all public lights be kept lighting until 1.00 a.m. was next taken up. Arising out of this matter correspondence between the Electricity Supply Board and the Town Clerk on the subject of Public Lighting in general, was read. The E.S.B. had, some time ago, pointed out that all night lighting was now becoming necessary, and as a result of the introduction of mercury lamps the E.S.B. were in a position to supply public lighting at a much cheaper rate.

The Town Clerk had asked the E.S.B. to give him a quotation for the lighting of all public lamps all night and for the conversion of the Main Street to mercury lamps. The Board had replied that they hoped to give these quotations within the next few weeks, and it was decided on the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Desmond Corish to defer consideration of the extension of the public lighting until the report from the E.S.B. was received.

The E.S.B. was also urged to expedite the provision of a light at Trinity Place, which had been reported as being

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LIGHT AT ST. IBAR'S VILLAS:

A memorandum from the residents of St. Ibar's Villas requesting a light there was read and this was to be considered when the E.S.B. report came in.

LIGHTING AT KENNEDY PARK:

Reference was also made to the inadequacy of lighting at Kennedy Park and this was also to be investigated with the E.S.B. staff, as soon as possible.

LIGHTING JUNCTION TRINITY ST/KING ST

The Borough Surveyor raised a query regarding lighting at junction of Trinity Street/King Street. Following the demolition of the old City of Cork building to provide a car park for the Talbot Hotel, it would be necessary to erect a pole to hold the Street lamp there and some members thought that the Talbot Hotel should be responsible for providing such a pole. Eventually, however, on the motion of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was decided that a light be placed at the junction to replace the one removed by the demolition of the building and the Borough Surveyor was to see if it would be possible to obtain a contribution from the Talbot Hotel towards this work.

CROKE AVENUE HOUSES:

On the motion of Councillor Desmond Corish seconded by Councillor Flaherty the Borough Surveyor was requested to submit a general report on the condition of houses at Croke Avenue.

ROADS AT "ARD CARMEIN":

Councillor Desmond Corish raised the question of the ownership of the roads at Ard Carmein and it was pointed out that this area was outside the Borough and had nothing to do with the Corporation.

SIGN AT WYGRAM:

Councillor James Morris raised a question regarding the direction sign at Wygram pointing to Waterford and New Ross and suggested to the Borough Surveyor that it should be altered to a different angle as at the present time people, especially strangers, reading the sign were inclined to come up Belvedere Road instead of going out Newtown Road.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Councillor Flaherty asked that a cul-de-sac sign be provided at Croke Avenue.

Councillor Flaherty also raised the question of the proposed transfer of ground at Corn Market to M/s. Sloans and the Town Clerk explained the position: that he was in touch with the Dublin Solicitors for the owners regarding the transfer of the property to the Corporation.

Councillor Flaherty also referred to the discharge of school children from the buses at Peter's Square and thought there should be a School Sign or some Warning Sign placed there when the children were being discharged from the buses.

Alderman Mahoney also considered that a School Sign should be placed at Summerhill Cross.

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Councillor Flaherty referred to the pole at the top of Mary Street and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he expected the E.B.B. to shift this pole in the very near future.

In reply to Councillor Desmond Corish, the Town Clerk intimated that the loan for the Amenity Scheme at Ferrybank had been granted by the Bank and application had been made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction thereto.

Councillor Roche referred to the trench work at Kennedy Park and thought that some protection should be given to the men there.

Councillor Roche also asked when it was proposed to fill the vacancy for Town Sergeant and the Town Clerk intimated that they were trying to get a selection Board together and hoped to do so in the very near future.

Alderman Mahoney referred to the use of certain places in the Town where there was no public lights, as a public toilet and asked that lights be placed in these areas.

The Meeting then terminated.

James B. Morris

9th October, 1967.

A special meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) in the Council Chamber at half-past eight o'clock p.m., the members present being :

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman K. C. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Thomas Byrne and James Jenkins.

Councillors: Nicholas Corish, John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, Desmond Corish and Pintan O'Leary.

In Attendance: County Manager and Town Clerk.

The meeting had been convened to consider the Housing situation in the Borough and at the outset the County Manager made the following statement :

"The provision of Working Class Houses by the Corporation was inaugurated in 1889 when the first scheme of 26 dwellings at Carrigeen and Roche's Road was erected. This work was continued at intervals up to the outbreak of the first World War when 134 houses had been provided and the site acquired for the 18 dwellings now known as "St. Ibar's Villas", which were erected in 1922/23. From 1925 to 1932 a further 91 were erected, so that when the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932, was enacted, the Corporation had provided 243 dwellings in the 43 years from 1889 to 1932.

With the powers of control conferred by the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, and the financial provisions of the Act of 1932 greater progress was made and up to the outbreak of World War II, a further 421 dwellings had been erected, making the total stock of Council houses 664. During the war years house-building was at a standstill.

Erected prior to 1948 (as above) .. 664.

Since 1948 the following dwellings have been erected :

St. Aidan's Crescent	..	88	
Distillery Road	..	7	
Waterloo Road	..	22	
Bishopswater	..	126	
Hill ST/Monument Place	..	10	
Thomas Street	..	10	
Spafield Avenue	..	6	
Corish Park	..	132	
Faythe	..	54	
Distillery Road	..	10	
William Street	..	17	
Fisher's Row	..	26	
Faythe	..	9	
John Street	..	34	
Davitt Road North	..	24	
Davitt Road South	..	34	
Kennedy Park (occupied)	..	46	657
			1321
Houses acquired and still forming part of the Estate	..		108
Houses in course of construction :			
Kennedy Park	..	80	
Faythe/Tuskar View	..	6	86
Tender accepted for houses at Davitt Road South	..		4
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At present previous surveys of housing needs are being re-examined with a view to assessing existing needs and while it is not possible to give an exact figure, the preliminary examination indicates an increase on previous figures.

The list of applicants (examined and being examined by the Chief Medical Officer) at present is 230 and it is considered that approximately 220 dwellings are needed to rehouse persons residing in unfit dwellings, making a total of 450. Again it must be emphasised that this figure has only been arrived at after a preliminary examination and does not take into account potential need which could arise from industrial expansion.

To meet this need :

There are in course of construction (as above)	..	90
Planned for Whitemill North	.. 118	
This may be extended by about	.. <u>22</u>	140
Planned for Duke Street/John Street	..	20
Planned for John's Gate Street	..	12
Davitt Road South (for old people)	..	12
		<hr/> 274 <hr/>

As regards the 118 proposed at Whitemill North, it has been decided with the consent of the Council to advertise for tenders for the development of the site and it is hoped to have the approval of the Minister to this course by the end of the present month. In the meantime Bills of Quantities are being prepared for the erection of the dwellings so that by the time the development work is completed arrangements will have been made for the builders to commence.

The Bills of Quantities for the Duke Street/John Street and John's Gate Street dwellings have been promised for November and tenders will then be invited for their erection.

Conversations have taken place with representatives of the Department of Local Government regarding the dwellings for Old People at Davitt Road South and it is hoped to have an agreed plan in the very near future.

The question of the type of dwellings to be erected has also been given consideration. The Duke Street/John Street houses will be a complete departure in lay-out from anything previously provided and the John's Gate Street dwellings will be of a type for old persons.

A more difficult problem arises in the larger Schemes such as Whitemill North. In these Schemes the maximum price allowed must not exceed £3. per sq. ft. and within such a limit Architects have little room for variation. In fact the only variation possible would appear to be a change in the colour of the roof tiles or in the actual lay-out of some of the dwellings. In short, little (if any) variation can be made in the actual dwellings themselves, but some imagination might be brought to bear on the actual layout of an entire scheme.

As to available land for the balance of existing and future needs the Council is in the happy position of having acquired (apart from that needed for the 274 houses above-mentioned) some sixty acres of land for industrial and housing development. This land stretches from Whitemill South to Clonard Road, the objective being to extend the existing south-western building area to the Coolcots/Newtown Area. This latter area presents a considerable water and sewage problem but a Consulting Engineer is at present engaged on a joint survey for the Corporation and the County Council.

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From the foregoing it will be seen that the Council have now sufficient land to meet all their housing needs for the foreseeable future.

The next point to be faced is cost. Based on current prices of land, development and building costs with due allowances for increases, it is estimated that the all-in cost of future dwellings will reach £2,900.

The loan charges on this sum will amount per annum to :	..	£210. 0. 0.	
Subsidy of £rds on £1600 will amount to	..	75. 0. 0.	
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		£135. 0. 0.	
Administration at 1%	..	29. 0. 0.	£164.
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From the foregoing it will be seen that a sum of £164 per annum will require to be met from rent. As our average rent of newest houses is about £78 per annum it will be seen that the rates will need to subsidise housing by a considerable amount. In the year 1965/66, the local subsidy to the entire Housing Estate was 7/- in the Pound.

In the foregoing only the provision of Council house has been dealt with. There is also a large section of the community referred to as the middle income group who have not been catered for in Wexford except by way of loans under the old Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. Some years ago the Council did provide sites for this group at Davitt Road South, but advantage was not taken of this. It is now contemplated to develop some of the land in the possession of the Corporation for leasing to private persons for the erection of their own dwellings.

Up to the present applications received for houses have been passed to the Chief Medical Officer for examination and classification. The usual classification being "Unfit" or "Overcrowded". About once a year all current applications are listed showing the classifications indicated by the Chief Medical Officer and each member of the Council is provided with a copy and the list examined at a meeting. Lettings are then made from this list on the basis of need and period of waiting.

For the future a Scheme of priorities will be drawn up by the Council on the basis of a model form to be supplied by the Department of Local Government. As well a points system will also be operated to indicate individual position within the priorities.

Finally the Minister states that Council must adopt a more realistic attitude to the allowance for repairs in the Annual Estimate. At present the allowance is only about £2 per house per annum and must be the lowest in the State. For the future the amount allowed for repairs will be taken into account in the payment of the Annual Subsidy by the Department of Local Government and if the Minister considers that adequate allowance is not being made to keep the stock of houses in a reasonable state of repair, the subsidy will be reduced."

Councillor Desmond Corish also comprehensively reviewed the Housing position in Wexford and suggested that our target should be 500 houses in 5 years.

Councillor Dunne thought there was a housing emergency and that there should be a draw for young married couples. He asked that sites in the North End of the Town should be utilised for the provision of flats.

Alderman Mahoney while agreeing with the need for more houses thought these should be provided by the direct labour unit.

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Alderman Byrne pointed out that as it was the duty of the Corporation to provide houses he thought there should be an increased subsidy from the Department of Local Government in excess of the present capital maximum of £1,650.

Councillor Roche thought there should be more consideration given to the design of houses and also favoured their erection by direct labour.

As regards the allocation of houses, Councillor Roche thought newly-married couples should get some preference and that the tenants should be nominated as soon as the housing schemes commenced.

Councillor Nicholas Corish also considered that a percentage of the houses should be set aside for newly-married couples.

Councillor James Morris agreed that newly-married couples should get some preference.

Alderman Jenkins admitted the need for the maximum number of houses. He thought the design could be improved and the layout the subject to much more imagination. He stressed that houses should be erected in the North End of the Town and referred to Newtown Road, Redmond Road, George Street/Croke Avenue and Hogan's Road. He also thought that flats in the North End should be provided as soon as possible.

Councillor Flaherty agreed that the houses were necessary and pointed out that it was never the intention of the previous Corporation to abolish direct labour. The idea was to have the direct labour unit and contractors work side by side in view of the urgency of the housing problem. He, Councillor Flaherty, was against flats as they were extremely costly and gave rise to a problem of caretaking and cleansing.

Councillor O'Leary agreed that the problem was a very big one. He was aware of a large number of young married people in need of houses and supported the idea of flats not as a permanent solution but as temporary accommodation until houses could be provided for them.

The County Manager in reply to the various points raised at the meeting pointed out that he was not against building in the North End of the Town, but it was a question of either building on the sites that were available or ceasing to build. Serious problems had presented themselves in the North End of the Town regarding water supplies and drainage and these had been clearly shown up recently by a report from the Council's Consulting Engineer on the question of sewerage and water on the town's perimeter. As regards lettings, he pointed out that each application was forwarded to the Chief Medical Officer for report; the applicants were listed; and a list of the applicants forwarded to each member of the Council when they were considered by the members and Manager in Committee. It was on the basis of need and length of waiting that lettings were made.

In the near future it would be up to the Council to draw up a scheme of priorities on the lines of a model scheme to be forwarded by the Department of Local Government, and as well, a "points" system to indicate preference within the priorities would also be prepared.

He would look into the question of providing flats in the North End of the Town and if the necessary suitable sites were available and the costs not too exorbitant he would make a recommendation to the Council. As regards young married couples he was as anxious as anyone that these people be housed but at the same time it was very difficult to allocate a house to a newly married couple when a man with three or four children were living in unfit conditions.

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In conclusion he said the whole problem was that the Council wanted houses and it was up to them to have them erected on whatever sites were readily available for development.

At the conclusion, His Worship the Mayor moved that the thanks of the meeting be extended to the County Engineer for his excellent report and replies to various points raised. This was seconded by Alderman Byrne and supported by all the members present.

The Meeting then terminated.

James B. Morris

6th November, 1967.

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

His Worship the Mayor: Ald. Kevin C. Morris in the chair.

Ald: James Mahoney, Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Dunne, Peter Roche, James J. Morris, Fintan O'Leary, John Cullimore.

In attendance the County Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

An apology was received from Clr. Des Corish for his non-attendance.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of September, 25th and 29th, and October 2nd and 9th, copies of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting were taken as having been read, approved (subject to the following) and signed by the Mayor. Arising out of the minutes Ald. Byrne stated it had been suggested outside that he had advocated the abolition of the direct labour system of house building. He wished to emphatically deny this and indicated that he only advocated to contract system in conjunction with direct labour as a means of securing the speedy provision of much needed houses.

Clr. Roche also intimated that he did not advocate that preference be given to newly married couples for housing.

Clr. Dunne referred to the question of Duke Street not being called 'Thomas Clarke Street' and it was pointed out to him that the references to Duke Street were contained in a legal document and as the name of the Street had not been legally changed there was no option but to continue to refer to it by the name of Duke Street.

It was also intimated to Clr. Dunne that if he wished to give notice of motion for the next Statutory meeting the question of renaming the area could be dealt with.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

An acknowledgment was read from the relatives of the late Martin Bergin of the vote of sympathy passed with them on his tragic death.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Tourist Development Committee of Wexford Junior Chamber of Commerce intimating that the Committee was anxious to renew the procedure of having regular meetings of the liaison committee, and requested that at the next meeting of the Corporation representatives of the new Body should be appointed to the liaison committee.

It was pointed out to the meeting that the following members of the Corporation were on the former Committee: Alderman Cullimore, Councillor Hall, Alderman Byrne, Councillor James Morris, Councillor P. Doran, and Alderman K. C. Morris. As two members of the old liaison Committee were now ex-members of the Borough Council it was now decided that Councillor Fintan O'Leary and Councillor Peter Roche should be appointed to replace ex-Councillors Hall and Doran on the Committee.

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FERRYBANK DEVELOPMENT

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Alderman Byrne the following resolution was unanimously adopted 'That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 27th October, 1967 of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £10,000. (Ten thousand pounds) be borrowed from the National Bank of Ireland Ltd. for the purpose of financing the Corporation's share of the estimated cost of Ferrybank Amenity Scheme, Stage (1).., to be repaid within 5 years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said letter of sanction provided, the said principal sum to be repaid by 10 equal half-yearly instalments of £1,000 on the 1st day of May and the 1st day of November in each year (the first of such payments to be made on 1st day of May, 1968) and the interest to be paid on the dates hereinbefore provided for payment of principal'.

REPRESENTATIVE ON TOURIST ORGANISATION

The next business was to appoint a representative on the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation and the Town Clerk explained that a meeting of the organisation was held in Kilkenny on 2nd November, 1967, and to enable the Corporation to be represented he had requested His Worship the Mayor to attend this meeting.

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Cullimore the attendance of His Worship the Mayor at the meeting on 2nd instant was unanimously approved, and on the same proposition His Worship the Mayor was nominated as the representative of the Corporation on the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation.

RIGHT OF WAY AT DISTILLERY ROAD

On the recommendation of the County Manager, it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor James J. Morris to grant a right-of-way to Mr. John Byrne at No. 1, Distillery Road over a laneway immediately adjacent to his dwellinghouse.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

A lengthy letter from the Electricity Supply Board on the subject of the public lighting of Wexford was submitted to the meeting. A summary of the proposals contained therein had been circulated to the members with the agenda for the present meeting and is attached to these minutes. In the summary it was recommended that having regard to the complexity of the quotations submitted by the Board and to the fact that a special examination of the Main Street areas was necessary, that the Council should confine itself for the present to (1) deciding if the hours of lighting of the existing system should be extended and if so for how long and (2) deciding in principle if a change should be made to mercury fluorescent lighting when the details could be examined between the officials of the Board and the Council and a report submitted.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor James J. Morris seconded by Councillor O'Leary that the lighting hours of the existing public lighting system be extended to 2 a.m.

Arising out of this Alderman Mahoney suggested that a light should be placed near the gully trap at King Street where the first sign of flooding in that area showed.

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MARRIAGE GRATUITY

The motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by His Worship the Mayor financial provision to the extent of £250 was made available in the current financial year to enable marriage gratuity to be paid to Miss Marie Burke, former Clerk-Typist in the Town Clerk's office.

GRANT TO REDMOND PARK

On the proposal of Councillor Cullimore seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed to pay the contribution of £300 included in the current year's estimate to the Redmond Memorial Park Committee towards the maintenance of the park, such a contribution having been approved by the Minister for Local Government under date of 9th October, 1967, by letter No. L.85/47/1.

TENDERS FOR TRUCK

Tenders were opened for the purchase of a pick-up truck. Two quotations were received from the Talbot Garage, and one from Messrs Stathams Ltd. and these were referred to the County Manager to examine and report thereon.

TIDY TOWNS

Arising out of the discussion at last meeting on the result of the tidy towns competition, a letter was read from the President, Junior Chamber of Commerce intimating that the Junior Chamber was anxious to help the Corporation with the formidable task of arresting the 'Litter Bug' and requested that some members of the Corporation should be nominated to assist the chamber in forming district Committees with a view to making progress in the Competition. The suggestion of the chamber was warmly approved and it was unanimously decided that His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Mahoney, Alderman Thomas Byrne and Councillor Peter Roche should assist the Junior Chamber in their efforts in this direction.

Arising out of this Alderman Mahoney complained of the fact that the sweeper who would work on Saturday was left off on Tuesday, and thought that he should be kept on so that there would be no shortage of a sweeper during the remainder of the week. It was pointed out however, that the five day week was the arrangement with the trades union, and one which the Corporation could not unilaterally change.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The meeting then proceeded to further examine the Draft Development Plan for the Borough and spent a considerable time examining the draft and the suggested amendments, and decided to hold a further meeting for this purpose on 20th November, 1967.

Arising out of the examination of the draft plan which contained a provision for the use of the Rope Walk Yard at King Street as an off-street parking place, the meeting was informed that the lessees of this yard wished to purchase the ground rent. After some discussion it was unanimously decided that this yard should be retained and that the Corporation should not agree to sell their interest therein unless they were legally compelled to do so.

Alderman Mahoney raised a question about a right-of-way from the Distillery Road to Devereux Villas and the Borough Surveyor was to examine this.

Reference was also made to the condition of the tower at Selskar and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would bring this matter to the notice of the Commissioners of Public Works.

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MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Morris, it was unanimously agreed that the allowance of the Mayor for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1967, be fixed at £140 (One hundred and forty pounds).

WEXFORD FESTIVAL

His Worship the Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the organisers of the Wexford Festival on its remarkable success, and specifically mentioned the Festival Council, The Junior Chamber of Commerce who organised the fringe events, and the Gardai Siochana for traffic control. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

PLANNING AT TOWN PARKS.

Two plans were submitted for the approval of the Council, one showed a proposed road from Clonard to Coolcotts, and the other, the development of a field at the entrance of this road into private building sites. It was explained to the meeting that the road from Clonard to Coolcotts was a long-term plan and would depend to a great extent on the survey of the area for sewerage purposes, but to enable the road to be constructed a field at Clonard had to be acquired as if it were developed by private interests a considerable amount of land behind would be sterilised. The County Manager had purchased this field from the Community of Presentation Nuns and as a first step it was proposed to put the road through this field; to extend the existing water and sewerage services thereto; and to lay out the ground for thirty-one building plots. Immediately eighteen plots would be available and when the sewerage and water survey had been carried out for the remainder of the area the balance of the thirty-one could be dealt with.

The intention was to let these plots to private individuals for the erection of dwellinghouses all of which, of course, would have to be approved of by the Corporation.

The members considered this a very fine scheme and on the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Cullimore it was unanimously approved, and the officials instructed to seek the approval of the Department of Local Government thereto as soon as possible.

The meeting then terminated.

20th November, 1967.

As arranged at the Statutory Meeting on 6th instant, a special meeting of the Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman K. C. Morris in the chair.

Ald. Thomas Byrne, James Jenkins and James Mahoney.

Councillors: John Cullimore, John Dunne, Peter Roche, Fintan O'Leary, James J. Morris, Desmond Corish and John Flaherty.

The Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant were in attendance.

At the outset a letter was read from the Organisers of the Manchester Martyrs Commemoration celebrations requesting the attendance of the Corporation at a commemorative procession on 23rd instant. After some discussion, during which Councillor Roche objected to the organisers of the procession, it was decided on the motion of Councillor Morris seconded by Councillor O'Leary that the Corporation attend the procession in a body, six members having intimated that they would be able to attend. Alderman Jenkins intimated that he would be out of town on that day and both Alderman Byrne and Councillor Cullimore intimated that they would be unable to take part in the procession.

LOANS FOR ERECTION OF SIX AND FOUR HOUSES.

On a proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by His Worship the Mayor it was unanimously agreed to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the raising of loans from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland as follows:

1. The sum of £660 as a supplementary for the erection of six houses at Faythe/William Street; and
2. The sum of £9,300 for the erection of four houses at Davitt Road South.

and undertake that the instalments of the loans now proposed as well as of any existing loans will be punctually remitted at the dates which they become due, namely, 1st May and 1st November in each year.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The meeting then proceeded to further examine the development plan for the Borough and completed their examination of the draft and the suggested amendments by various bodies, and decided that the final draft should be laid before the Corporation at the December Statutory Meeting as the Minister for Local Government had only extended the period within which the plan should be made to 31st December, 1967.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following matters were raised by members; the storing of agricultural machinery on the car park at Back Street by Messrs Hamilton; the parking of cars at High Street; the emptying of litter bins; and opening of the dump on Saturday to enable traders to use it. As regards the opening of the dump, it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor should examine what hours of opening would be required and the cost of same at overtime rates.

As to the provision of litter bins it was decided to get in touch with the firm who had been engaged to supply these bins and inform them that unless their proposals were implemented immediately the Corporation would have to deal with another firm.

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A request was also made for more seats on the Quay and the Borough Surveyor intimated that two of these had been ordered early in the year and had now only been received, and no money was available for the provision of further seats until the estimates were made next year when it would be up to the Council to provide money for whatever seats they required.

Arising out of the development plan a question was raised as regarding the Ferrybank scheme, and the Town Clerk stated he had received a letter from the Architects intimating that the contract documents would be ready early in January, but it was unanimously decided to request the Architect to try and have these documents in December, and to ask Mr. Fox, the Architect to attend a meeting of the Corporation as soon as possible to explain the Ferrybank scheme in detail to the new members of the Council.

A complaint was made regarding the confusion due to the duplication of street names in the town and the Town Clerk pointed out that some time ago he had made a lengthy report to the Council on this matter. He suggested that a copy of this report be again made available for the December meeting and this was agreed to.

Arising out of the question of the provision of flats, the members were informed that a report on this matter was under preparation and would be submitted to the Council as soon as possible.

Complaint was made regarding the dangerous state of the railing on the Crescent Bridge, and the Town Clerk was asked to write to the area Manager of C.I.E.

A complaint was also made regarding the condition of a wall at St. Aidan's Crescent which Alderman Mahoney stated was being undermined and the Borough Surveyor promised to check this, and submit a report.

A question was raised regarding the payment of wages to relief grant workers and the Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Borough Surveyor and he had received representations on this matter from the men involved, and they had agreed that in view of the poor circumstances of these men, that they would be paid for three days, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, on Friday of the current week, and thereafter paid each Friday in lieu of waiting for two weeks for their first pay.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to clean away the loose stones around the trees at Swan View.

Alderman Mahoney complained that the caretakers of the public conveniences had to work on Christmas day, and thought that the conveniences should be closed, but it was pointed out to him that these men were allowed an extra holiday in the year for this work.

The meeting then terminated.

Seamus B. Morris

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman K. C. Morris in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Thomas Byrne, James Jenkins.

Councillors: Desmond Corish, Nicholas P. Corish, John Dunne Peter Roche, Fintan O'Leary, John O'Flaherty and James J. Morris.

In Attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

SYMPATHY

Before the meeting commenced His Worship the Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late William Cronin, Editor of the Free Press, who had for a number of years, before being appointed to the editorial chair, reported the meetings of the Corporation.

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Nicholas Corish, the minutes of 6th and 20th ultimo, 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.

Arising out of the minutes, Councillor Des Corish referred to a remark by Alderman Mahoney at the last meeting which had been published in the local press, that some of the members were running out from the meeting to get a pint. The Councillor thought that this remark was uncalled for, and asked that Alderman Mahoney withdraw it. Several other members considered the remark was irresponsible and uncalled for and also asked the Alderman to withdraw, but Alderman Mahoney refused to withdraw.

STANDING ORDERS.

Arising out of the above, it was decided that the Town Clerk should have copies of the standing orders of the Council made available to the members as soon as possible.

GORTA NATIONAL COLLECTION

A letter was read from Miss Nora O'Leary addressed to His Worship the Mayor, intimating that the national collection for Gorta would be held in Wexford on Sunday, December 10th, and requested the members of the Corporation to assist in this appeal if possible. A meeting would be held in the Vincent de Paul rooms, Francis Street, on Wednesday, 6th inst. to arrange a time table for all the Masses, and any member who wished to help was asked to signify what Masses they would be willing to assist at.

MANCHESTER MARTYRS.

A letter was read from the Secretary, National Graves Association, Enniscorthy intimating that members of the Corporation were invited to appear on the platform at the Manchester Martyrs Commemoration to be held in Enniscorthy on Saturday, December 9th.

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NEW STREET NAME

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Dunne moved "That the area being developed at Duke Street/John Street and the dwellings to be erected there be named Thomas Clarke Villas", Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously adopted.

STREET NAMES

A report was submitted from the Town Clerk on the present position regarding street names. From this it appeared that in 1920 and 1921, the Corporation changed the names of 19 streets, but did not take the legal plebescite necessary to give effect to such changes.

In 1932 a plebescite was taken with a view to legalising the irregularly made changes, and a statement of the result submitted to meeting of the Council on 6th June, 1932. This showed that only four of the street names could be legally altered, and in accordance with the result of the plebescite, and the provisions of Section 21 of the Public Health Acts, Amendment Act 1907, the Council altered the names of Back Street to Mallin Street, Castlehill Street to Kevin Barry Street, Ram Street to Skeffington Street and Gibson Street to Peter Street.

The present procedure for legally changing the names of the remaining fifteen streets was embodied in the Local Government (Changing of Place Names) Regulations, 1956, details of which were embodied in the report.

From the report of the Town Clerk, it was seen that it would be necessary to hold fifteen separate plebescites, which would cost a considerable amount of money, and on the motion of Councillor O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was decided to adjourn this matter to the estimates meeting.

PLOT OF GROUND AT CORNMARKEET.

A recommendation from the County Manager was submitted, that a plot of ground at Cornmarket, containing approximately 154 sq. yds acquired from the Estate of Mrs. Bruce, be demised to Messrs Alexander Sloan & Co. in exchange for 67 sq. yds. of their existing frontage for road widening. On the plot of ground proposed to be demised, M/s Sloan intended to erect a new business premises.

On the Motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, the recommendation of the County Manager was unanimously agreed to.

PICK UP TRUCK

On the recommendation of the County Manager, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, to purchase a Ford pick-up truck from M/s Stathams Ltd., for a net sum of £907.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

A motion in the name of Alderman Mahoney "That in pursuance of the Government's policy of decentralisation, the Department of Agriculture be sited in Wexford Town" was moved by the Alderman, and seconded by Alderman Jenkins. During the discussion on this motion, which was supported by the members, it was agreed that the motion should read "That in pursuance of the Government's policy of decentralisation, the Department of Agriculture or some other Government department be sited in Wexford Town".

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WASTE GROUND AT HANTOON ROAD

In reply to a question by Councillor Roche, as to what grounds the Government grant was refused for the clearance of waste ground at Hantoon Road, it was stated that the grant had not been refused, but the Department considered that the matter required further consideration as to what the ultimate use of the site would be, and in order to avoid delay in the relief grant works for the current year, an alternative scheme for the clearance of a derelict site at Temperance Row had been submitted to the Department.

Arising out of this question, Alderman Mahoney complained that this site should be cleared, that it was infested with rats which were entering the houses of the tenants there. The Mayor pointed out that this had nothing whatever to do with the question. Councillor Roche had put down a question, which had been answered and on which no discussion could take place, but Alderman Mahoney insisted on seconding Councillor Roche, as a result of which a dispute took place between the Aldermen and several other members who complained that it was out of order and obstructing the business of the meeting.

This matter eventually gave rise to a very heated discussion during which Alderman Byrne, Councillors Nicholas and Des Corish, Councillors O'Leary, Flaherty and Morris left the meeting.

LETTING PRIORITIES.

The next business was to make a scheme of letting priorities for the allocation of Council dwellings. It was pointed out that the suggestion of the Minister for Local Government, for such a scheme had only been received within the last few days, and it was necessary in order to comply with the Housing Act, 1966, that the Corporation adopt a scheme of priorities before 31st December. To enable the law to be complied with, it was suggested that the Council should adopt a scheme based on the existing system, that is, recommendations from the Chief Medical Officer, and allocation on the basis of the Housing Letting and Management Regulations.

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roche, the following scheme was adopted:

"That applicants certified by the Chief Medical Officer as being in need of houses be allocated dwellings in accordance with the following scheme.

In the making of the first or any subsequent letting under this scheme of a dwelling on a tenancy for a month or less period than a month, regard shall be had to the character, industry, occupation, family circumstances and existing housing conditions of the applicants, and subject to this requirement the following priorities shall be observed.

1. A person residing in overcrowded conditions where one or more than one member of the family is suffering from tuberculosis.
2. A person residing in a one-roomed dwelling where one or more than one member of the family is suffering from tuberculosis or where one or more than one member of the family (exclusive of the parents) has attained the age of twelve years;
3. A person residing in a dwelling which has been condemned as unfit for human habitation".

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Arising out of this the Town Clerk promised that as soon as he got a replacement for a typist, who had recently retired, he would have a list of the applicants certified by the Chief Medical Officer circulated to the members.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The next business was to consider the final draft of the development plan for the Borough prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

The draft development plan, and suggested amendments had been considered by the Council on various occasions, and with the agenda for the present meeting, the members had been supplied with a further copy of the draft plan, and a copy of the amendments agreed to by the Council at various meetings. Copies of the amendments etc. are attached to these minutes..

The only further alterations to the draft plan were:-

1. Paragraph 4. 6b. to amend this sentence to read "Request County Council to reserve access from Maudlintown to Trespan Roch, and high ground around the Town".
2. In appendix A to reverse stages 2 and 3 of the Ferrybank Development to provide for the development of the swimming pool in 1969/70, and the development of recreation park and walks in 1971/2.

Following these two amendments, Councillor Jenkins proposed the adoption of the development plan as amended which was seconded by the Mayor, and unanimously agreed to.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Electricity Supply Board had been asked to submit a plan and estimate for the public lighting at Kennedy Park, and it was hoped to have this in the very near future.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was drawn to the scaffolding at the new housing scheme in the Faythe, and to the fact that no lights were there at night and he promised to take the matter up with the contractors. The following reports were submitted on matters raised at previous meetings. The Borough Surveyor reported that loose stones had been removed from the surface of the road at Swan View.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the wall which abuts on the slope between St. Aidan's Crescent and Distillery Road, and in his opinion there was no evidence of instability.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the members of the staff on road cleaning had been instructed to attend to the clearance of litter bins on each route. The Borough Surveyor reported on the suggested right-of-way from Distillery Road to St. Aidan's Crescent, and intimated that the only feasible route of easy access in relation to gradients was from Casa Rio gate through the former Distillery yard at Devereux Villas. A concrete wall abuts on the Corporation property at Devereux Villas, which is capable of being detached to provide access from the public road at this point. The Surveyor, however, pointed out that Distillery Yard was not in Corporation ownership and consequently they could not provide a right-of-way over it.

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The Borough Surveyor reported that the attendance of the caretaker at the dump could be arranged for nominated hours on Saturday on an overtime basis. The additional cost per annum for this service would be £20 per hour of attendance.

The Borough Surveyor reported on a survey carried out on the Croke Avenue houses, and recommended that as a trial, one house be replastered at the rere end and if the problem be thereby alleviated that the remainder will be similarly treated. The cost of the remedial measures was estimated at £15 per house, and it was unanimously decided that the expenditure of £15 on the treatment of one house be authorised. The Borough Surveyor reported on the condition of Selskar Tower and recommended that the views of the National Monument Committee be sought as to the desirability and efficacy of restoration at this stage.

A complaint was made regarding trees at St. Ibar's Villas, and the meeting was informed that this was entirely a matter for the County Council, who maintained the road there. The Borough Surveyor was asked to examine and report on the condition of the wall around Selskar Abbey. A complaint was made regarding the condition of the footpath at Bride Street and the Borough Surveyor promised to inspect same. A complaint was also made regarding the footpaths at Parnell Street and this was referred to the Borough Surveyor for examination.

A report from Mr. Thomas J. O'Connor & Co., Consulting Engineers on the King Street drainage problem, was submitted to the meeting and copies presented to the members present, and it was decided that this report should be circulated to all the other members together with the estimates, and placed on the agenda for consideration at the January meeting.

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, approval was given to the granting of an increase in wages to maintenance employees and construction employees. In the case of the latter, the amount involved in the current financial year was £350 and this extra expenditure was approved. In the case of the construction workers, no extra expenditure was involved on the rate estimate as the increase would be financed from the expenditure on the housing schemes.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roche, it was unanimously agreed that the 10th round increase of £1 per week be granted to all officers whose salary exceeded £1,250 per annum with effect as from 1st May, 1966.

The meeting then terminated.

Liam. C. Morris

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DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR WEXFORD BOROUGH.

The development plan for Wexford Borough consists of this written statement and maps numbered 1 and 2 indicating zoning provisions and maps numbered 3 and 4 indicating development objectives respectively.

PART ONE

1. STATUS, CONTEXT AND CHARACTER OF THE TOWN:

- 1.1. Wexford (Loch Garman), the County town, which is situated at the mouth of the River Slaney, is 86 miles from Dublin and 39 from Waterford.

Loch Garman is the original name given it by its first settlers. It was subsequently renamed Menapia by virtue of its settlement by a Belgic Tribe - the Menapii.

"Wexford" is derived from the anglicisation of "Waesfjord", the name given it in the mid 8th Century by Danish settlers who fortified their settlement with defence stockades and to whom may be attributed the present street pattern and layout, which, even to-day, are such a feature of the town. With the dispossession of the Danish settlers by the Norman invaders in 1169, the fortification of the town continued, enclosing walls being finally completed in 1300 A.D. These walls are, for a considerable length, still intact and in a good state of preservation. In 1649, the town was taken by Cromwell, the attack culminating in a massacre of the inhabitants. It was again the object of struggle during the Insurrection of 1798 when the Insurgents gained its control.

- 1.2. The town is self sufficient. Its shopping centre serves a surrounding area up to 15 miles radius. It is served by excellent road facilities and by rail connections. To the north, Dublin and the East Coast area is served, while to the west, the road network gives access to New Ross (a developing port) 24 miles distant, thence to Waterford, Cork Limerick. Rail linkage to Rosslare/Limerick/Cork system affords connection to all areas within the country, served by rail.

- 1.3. Traditional local skills in iron and steel fabrication exist, emanating from the reputable manufacture of agricultural machinery, since 1839.

An ironworks was first introduced in 1895 and this enterprise has in latter years become a car-assembly plant.

- 1.4. Within the past 2 years, a further demand has been created by virtue of tourist influx, occasioned by the expansion of the Car Ferry Service at nearby Rosslare Harbour (10 miles). The town is becoming recognised by both foreign and home tourists as an ideal centre from which to enjoy the splendid beaches, views and angling facilities, adjacent to the town and in the adjoining County area.
- 1.5. Wexford is a town rich in historical associations. Its organic growth may be traced through 2,000 years. In developing, it has retained its own unique structure, personality and charm.

2. POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT

- 2.1. The town and environs has a population of 12,733 persons (1966). As set out in Appendix B, the population has fluctuated slightly over the years but may be regarded as more or less static. The attendant rural population has dropped steadily over the years since 1911 to the present day.
- 2.2. In view of the static nature of population within the town and its environs over the years when emigration was prevalent and with the general trend of rural populations to drift to the urban areas, it would appear reasonable to assume an increase in the population of the town and its environs, with an inevitable continuing falling away of the population within the rural area.
- 2.3. The policy of discontinuing Local Authority housing on isolated rural sites and gathering new housing into existing settlements where more adequate services and community facilities can be supported, will contribute population to the environs of towns.
- 2.4. A fairly general picture of the employment situation can be provided from the 1961 figures. These are analysed in Appendix B. Of the 12,247 population of that year, within the town and environs a total of 4,678 was gainfully employed.

- 2.5. The pattern may be taken as representing the position existing in 1967. Indicative is the high proportion of male workers classed as industrial workers which confirms the remarks in Paragraph 1.3.

The data available of the numbers on the Unemployment Register for the period January to December, 1966, suggest that the figures for unemployed males has risen since 1961.

- 2.6. The number of school leavers each year is estimated at 120 boys and 100 girls of 15 to 16 years of age. All of these are available for employment in the area.
- 2.7. Traffic data indicate that 25% of the daily vehicles entering Wexford are so doing for the purpose of coming to work. The labour potential of the surrounding rural area is significant.

3. UTILITY SERVICES

- 3.1. In the matter of water supply the present Borough area is adequately serviced and the distribution system is capable of supplying any occupier within it.

Where supply is possible to salient levels outside the town, extensions have been made from the Corporation water mains to the adjoining environs. This policy will be continued as far as possible. Difficulties in implementing this policy could arise at present, were undue demands made on the existing supplies. Inadequacy of the present reservoir capacity to counterbalance low run-offs from the catchment streams in periods of drought and further inadequacies in the treatment works impose a restriction in draw offs, and render 800,000 galls. per day the maximum capability of the system, which at present is 680,000 galls. per day.

To provide for future development, the Wexford Corporation has in hands an Improvement Scheme based on a future demand of 1,250,000 galls. per day. This future Scheme, adverted to in Part 3, Par.4.3. can be adapted to serve not only the town and environs but, with ancillary equipment, a regional distribution system within the rural area west of the town.

- 3.2. The Borough area is fully sewered on the combined (foul and storm water) system. Capacity is available for any connection required within the Borough. Some old masonry drains which exist in particular streets within the town centre require renewal.

The sewage discharges by gravity direct, without treatment, to the harbour. No public health hazard arises by virtue of the available dilution and tidal flows.

Intermittent short-term flooding occurs in low-lying streets adjacent to the river, due to the fact that street levels are lower than possible tide levels, thus causing water from the tides to back up the sewerage system and flood the streets.

Of more serious consequence is the surface water flooding which occurs every period of years, due to the run-off from a catchment area of 1,300 acres west of the town. When this run-off is of large proportions, it is unable to discharge through existing culverts, thereby causing serious flooding at the south end of the town.

The Corporation is presently re-assessing previous reports of its Consultant Engineer with a view to bringing the whole main drainage of the Borough area into a comprehensive scheme of renewal, and if not eliminating, at least minimising the flooding in the King Street/South Main Street area.

In relation to the environs of the town, topography dictates that one such area only - a catchment of 1,000 acres lying outside the Borough boundary and extending irregularly to the South West - is capable of being drained to the present town system. A Scheme has been prepared for the drainage of 253 acres of this area, and a first section has been laid to facilitate development in the area.

3.3. Gas supply is provided by Wexford Gas Consumers' Co. Ltd. from its modern reforming plant, installed in 1964. The Company is empowered to supply gas to a radius of 3 miles from its works.

3.4. Wexford is adequately served with Electricity Supply by the Electricity Supply Board, which can cater for demands arising in the future.

4. ROADS AND TRAFFIC:

4.1. Data indicates that through traffic is not the major consideration in Wexford, it being 16% of the traffic entering the town. Relevant traffic data is given in Appendix B.

- 4.2. Continued investigation is being carried out to traffic conditions but survey results to date indicate that certain priorities are immediate to the economic vitality of the town.

Car parking facilities need to be provided in those areas to which traffic is attracted and convenient access gained to these locations by regulation and traffic management. It is further necessary to arrange parking space adjacent to the shopping areas for long-term parkers and to regulate reasonable time limits of parking within the shopping area. Increasing traffic volumes will, within the next few years, prohibit the use of some existing parking spaces.

- 4.3. The policy of this plan is to designate off-street car parks adjacent to the shopping area and by regulation and management ensure that the town will continue to be an efficient, safe and attractive place, capable of accommodating future traffic volumes. The initial prerequisites towards this aim are more specifically set out in Parts 2 and 3.

5. HOUSING:

- 5.1. Continuation of the existing policy is to be vigorously pursued, thereby providing within the shortest possible time sufficient Local Authority housing to:
- (1) eradicate the present waiting list of 200 for re-housing;
 - (2) provide for rehousing those affected in areas reaching obsolescence;
 - (3) providing normal annual requirements.
- Details are expanded in Parts 2 and 3.

- 5.2. Private housing has not kept pace with demand, thereby creating a dearth in this sector. This lack may have been due to inavailability of services hitherto within the town environs where private sites were available. It is the policy of the Corporation to encourage and assist private housing, particularly within the environs to the north and north-west of the town.

6. INDUSTRY:

- 6.1. This plan reiterates the Corporation policy to provide for any and all industries to Wexford, thereby providing definite employment prospects to the Urban, and attendant Rural area population.

- 6.2. It is confidently suggested that the area is one which is attractive to industrialists, both from the location and environmental aspects.
- 6.3. To further this aim, the Corporation has purchased and reserved an area of 15 acres in the south-west environs of the town, specifically for industries. Special terms are available to potential users of this land. The sites are at development stage and it is proposed to provide the necessary services as demands accrue.
- 6.4. The labour pool from the town and adjoining rural district, the existence of vocational training facilities for employees, the traditional skills referred to in Paragraph 1.3., the social and amenity facilities of the town and county, are the complementary factors which encourage this policy aim.
- 6.5. Wexford would suggest a suitable location for a large technological College to cater for technical training, particularly in view of the existence of the Agricultural Institute at Johnstown Castle and mechanical engineering firms in the town.
- 6.6. The expansion of the Shellfish industry is a distinct possibility.

7. BLIGHT AND RENEWAL

- 7.1. As is to be expected with a very old town, Wexford has a high percentage of blight areas. The Corporation has as its policy the acquisition of derelict and obsolescent property, and its renewal by provision of Housing Schemes and other community features.
- 7.2. The aim of the plan is to further this policy and to encourage redevelopment.
- 7.3. The centre of the town and adjacent Quay area merits an urban renewal study in view of its age and importance. The commencement of the necessary surveys will be undertaken during the plan period.

8. COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- 8.1. Wexford is well provided with churches, primary and secondary schools.

Expansion in technical education is more than likely to occur and were the siting of new facilities in this sphere necessary for the future it would most appropriately be accommodated by redevelopment of existing land use adjacent to the town centre.

- 8.2. The full range of communal buildings exist - post offices, banks, central and local Government offices, insurance offices, dance-halls, hotels, restaurants, library, cinemas, concert halls, theatres, etc. Some of these buildings recently reconstructed are buildings of distinction.
- 8.3. The town and environs is large enough to support all activities of Urban life and, therefore, practically every phase of social activity is catered for within it. Recreational, sporting activities and pastimes are available.
- 8.4. The absence hitherto of a swimming pool, to promote this popular sport and need, will be rectified with the development of Ferrybank, in which a swimming pool forms an integral part, thus providing a community facility in conjunction with tourist development.

9. AMENITY AND TOURISM:

- 9.1. As referred to in Section 1, the town is particularly well situated on the river estuary with a natural sloping topography from the river to 200 feet over sea level. This affords a pleasant perspective from the northern approach via Wexford Bridge. Similarly, good views and prospects are available from the town towards the estuary. The approach from the north-west via the main arterial route from Enniscorthy is particularly scenic.

The Medieval Walls are in a remarkable state of preservation and are capable of being restored in part, to condition and view. The rocklands, south of the town, are a notable feature, popular as a walking place and thereby merit retention as a public area with access paths thereto.

- 9.2. Many features in the town have association with its history and those considered worthy of preservation are referred to in Part 3.

- 9.3. With the increase in Tourism due to its natural attractions and the proximity of the Car Ferry at Rosslare Harbour, the Corporation policy in this Plan is to ensure that the historic and amenity features be made use of to the full, preserved and improved.
- 9.4. The narrow main street thoroughfare, busy and intimate, is a unique characteristic of the town, capable of further utilisation and attraction were adequate access available from car parking facilities.
- 9.5. The development of an amenity area at Ferrybank, will in addition to providing open-space recreational facilities for the existing population of the town and hinterland, implement the tourist influx by virtue of the provision of a 72 van, caravan site. The Corporation has adopted this provision as Stage 1 of the overall development, and it is referred to in Section 3.
- 9.6. The importance of tourism to the town is fully appreciated. Whilst the major attractions - beaches, sand-dunes, angling centres, are not within the town but in the adjoining County areas, the claims of Wexford as a base for tourist activity, are paramount, particularly in view of the County Development Policy of furthering amenity development. The policy of this Plan is to complement the County objectives. The preservation of natural assets, beaches and sand-dunes is an objective of the County Plan. It is considered vital to the tourist industry in the town and the enjoyment of these recreational facilities is of the utmost importance to towns people.
- 9.7. The magnificent stretch of beach and water available in Wexford Harbour is a potential development factor. Capable of development for aquatic sports and pastimes it possesses unique opportunities for this type of recreational activity. It is the aim of the planning Authority to induce and encourage this type of development. The advent of Hovercraft suggests Wexford Harbour and Quays an ideal terminal for this type of transport.

10. FINANCES AND RESOURCES:

- 10.1. No expenditure is proposed which might not have occurred in the ordinary course of events. In general, objectives and proposals are subject to the availability of resources and the approval where required, of Government Departments.

PART TWO.

1. BOUNDARIES:

- 1.1. For the purposes of the development plan the town of Wexford must be taken as being within the present legal municipal boundary. This area is indicated by the continuous black line on the Zoning Map.
- 1.2. As indicated in Part One, municipal services and preliminary development investigations have extended into the adjoining county area by virtue of the strong interplay between planning needs and development forces affecting the two Authorities.
- 1.3. The environs of Wexford will be treated as an urban portion of the County Development Plan. Further studies are forthcoming in relation to this area by the Wexford County Council as stated on Page 27 of the County Plan.

2. USE ZONING:

- 2.1. It is proposed to establish 6 zones as described hereunder:

Residential: The permitted use classes include:

- (a) use as open space
- (b) residential uses including dwellings, dwellinghouses, private offices for professional people contained within a dwellinghouse, hotel, residential club, boardinghouse or hostel.
- (c) use as place of public worship, educational building, institution or public service installation.
- (d) Use as a petrol filling station, restricted to the sale of fuel and lubricants, provided that it is on a road, other than an access road, on which traffic use is superior to riparian use and provided no nuisance or injury to the amenity of neighbouring houses is occasioned by its use as a petrol-filling station.

- 2.2. Residential Services: The permitted use classes include:

- (a) use as open space
- (b) use as a place of public worship, educational building, cultural or recreational building, public building or public service institution.
- (c) residential uses, including hostels, residential clubs, boarding house or hostel.
- (d) use as an office.
- (e) use as a residential service industry catering for a residential area such as cycle, radio, bakery, laundry, shop.

- (f) retail shops including shop dwellings, post office, public house, turf accountant, hairdressing, cafe.
- (g) petrol filling station, incorporating service facilities, provided that adequate off street space is available for vehicles awaiting attention and that the services are not of a type to cause nuisance by virtue of noise, odour or otherwise.

2.3. General Business Zone:

Within which all uses will be permitted with the exception of general and special industries and other land uses which would injure the amenities of the particular area by virtue of noise, offensive smells, traffic generation or otherwise.

2.4. Industry: The permitted use classes are:

- (a) open space
- (b) residential service industry
- (c) warehouses
- (d) public service installations
- (e) industry in which the process carried on and/or the machinery installed are such as could be installed in a neighbourhood without detriment to its amenities by virtue of height, noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, soots, dust, volume of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- (f) petrol filling station.

2.5. Public Open Space:

Land for use of the public for recreation without payment or entry fee.

3. DENSITY CONTROL.

3.1. Permitted site coverage indices are to be applied to Residential Service, General Business and Industrial Zones.

The following may be taken as the maxima:

Residential Service Zone	- Permitted site coverage index 0.80
General Business	- Permitted site coverage index 0.80
Industrial Zone	- Permitted site coverage index 0.70

It is desirable for the guidance of developers to state generally the standards which will be aimed at within housing sites. The average acreage per dwelling over a land unit must be not less than, in the case of dwellinghouses,

1/12 acres for detached and semi detached houses. For terraced houses the relevant figure shall be 1/18 acre.

Minimum back garden dimensions for dwellinghouses shall be 35 feet in length. Back garden areas shall be for terraced houses 1/40 acres; for semi detached and detached houses 1/30 acres.

4. MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS

- 4.1. In general the minimum width of distributor roads within housing developments shall be 34'0", comprising of 24'0" carriageway and 2/5'0" footpaths. Full standards for other functional roads will be prepared.
- 4.2. In residential areas space shall be provided for off-street car parking at one car per dwelling; and where such is provided within the curtilage of a dwellinghouse access shall be by standard "dipped" footpath vehicular access.
- 4.3. Certain larger developments which attract public resort such as ballrooms, hotels, entertainment centres, industries, cattle marts, sport grounds, churches, licensed premises and certain types of shopping activity shall provide sufficient off-street car parking to cater for their immediate and future needs.
- 4.4. Where permitted on any street applications for development of a petrol filling station will be considered in relation to its effect on traffic flow on such street and in relation to the safety of other road users where so sited.
In general, the frontage of a petrol filling station for the sale of fuel and lubricants only, shall be not less than 70'0" and this frontage shall be for a depth of at least 15 feet from the building line on the side of the street on which the station is situated.
In relation to petrol filling stations, incorporating service facilities and/or repair garages the frontage and size of site will be determined in relation to function, location and traffic flows.
- 4.5. The effect that any proposed development would have on traffic flow and the existing traffic flows will receive special attention in considering applications for permission.

4.6. Vision at road junctions and at entrances to property will be considered in the light of safety. Future developments will be required to set back from junctions to obviate the creation of further "blind corners" as existing at most junctions in the central area.

4.7. Advertisement structures and advertising signs will be controlled. The intention is to reduce the injury to visual amenity in the Borough and to eliminate the element of traffic hazard. The Corporation will use its statutory powers to have unauthorised structures and signs removed. Apart from exempted development, the erection of advertisement structure and advertising signs will be subject to the following controls:

- (a) signs will not be permitted if they compete with official road signs or endanger traffic safety otherwise.
- (b) signs will not normally be permitted in residential areas.
- (c) signs should not conflict in size or character with buildings in the vicinity.
- (d) signs should not interfere with windows or other salient features of facades or project above the skyline of a structure.
- (e) advertising panels larger than 10'0" x 6'6" will not normally be permitted. The granting of permission for larger panels for limited periods would be considered for certain positions e.g. where a sign would screen the view of an unattractive derelict site or structure or other eye-sore.
- (f) signs which would obstruct scenic views or prospects or detract from areas of high amenity value will not be permitted.

PART THREE

1. DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES:

- 1.1. In the absence of any specific statement to the contrary, the period of the plan should be taken as 5 years from its adoption.

2. ROADS AND TRAFFIC OBJECTIVES:

		Map Nos.	Map Ref.
2.1.	(a) replacing the existing system of public lighting in conjunction with U.G. main laying in North and South Main Street.	3 & 4	T.9
	(b) Improvement of public lighting, in conjunction with Wexford County Council, along the Quay front.	3 & 4	T.9.
	(c) Junction treatment, improvement of visibility, channelisation etc., at Slaney Street/Redmond Place/New Road in conjunction with Wexford County Council.	3	T.1.
	(d) Traffic improvements at the following junctions:		
	(i) Glens Terrace/Hill Street	3	T.2.
	(ii) Wygram Place/Newtown Road	3	T.3.
	(iii) Dempsey's Terrace/Grogan's Road/Carrigeen Street/Roche's Road.	4	T.10
	(iv) Open space at The Faythe, including car parking.	4	P.T.11
	(e) Reservation of the following lands as off-street car parks:		
	(i) Lands next North End Garage on Redmond Road.	3	P.T.5
	(ii) Lands at Custom House Quay next Church Street.	3	P.T.8
	(iii) Lands at Mallon Street next existing car park.	4	P.T.12
	(iv) Lands at Bride Street.	4	P.T.13
	(v) Lands at Ropewalk Yard.	4	P.T.14
	(vi) Lands at Crescent Quay.	4	P.T.15
	(vii) Lands at Keyser's Lane.	4	P.T.16
	(viii) Lands at Paul Quay next Oyster Lane.	4	P.T.17
	(ix) Lands presently occupied by Market Yard at Bull Ring.	3	P.T.6
	(f) Acquisition of land and development as off-street car park, land at Market Place, Bull Ring.	3	P.T.5
	(g) Widening of Common Quay Street.	3	T.7.
	(h) Widening Bride Street from Mary's Lane to Main Street.	4	T.19
	(i) Widening of street at Abbey Street as an open area.	3	R.1.

	Map Nos.	Map Ref.
(j) Establishing new building line on East side of Abbey Street, as delineated on map to achieve future road widening.	3	M.1.
(k) Establishing new building lines, as delineated on Map No. 4, on Peter Street (North side), Patricks Lane (West side) High Street (West side)	4 4 4	M.2. M.3. M.4.
(l) Extension of the one way street system to promote safety and increase the capacity of the streets.		
(m) To investigate the most suitable access points by which premises on the North and South Main Street could conveniently in the future be served by reroute service areas connected with the present East/West streets and to reserve these access points and service ways.		
(n) Provide visibility at John Street/John's Road	3	T.4.
(o) Construction of roads within Local Authority housing schemes.		
(p) Investigation of possible acquisition to provide turning space at west end of Anne Street.	4	T.18

3. HOUSING OBJECTIVES - LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING:

3.1. (a) Provision of 150 houses at Newtown.	4	M.5
(b) Provision of 6 houses at The Faythe.	4	M.6
(c) Provision of 16 houses at Davitt Road South.	4	M.7
(d) Provision of 20 houses at Thomas Clarke Villas.	4	R.6
(e) Provision of 12 houses John's Gate Street.	4	R.5
(f) Provision of 30 houses at Whitemill North.	4	M.5
(g) Provision of 80 houses Talbot Street/Green Street.	4	R.7.

4. HOUSING OBJECTIVES - PRIVATE SECTOR:

4.1. (a) Negotiate with developers and agencies to develop lands already in Corporation ownership at Whitemill South, where potential exists for 80/100 houses.	4	M.8
(b) Investigate the acquisition of lands to the North and North-west for private housing sites.		

4.2. OBJECTIVES FOR INDUSTRY:

(a) Encourage the establishment of new industries on 15 acre site at Whitemill North, within the Borough environs, which is already in Corporation ownership.		
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- (b) Encourage and assist the expansion and development of existing industries.

4.3. OBJECTIVES FOR UTILITY SERVICES:

	Map Nos.	Map Ref.
(a) Extension of 8" A.C. watermain on Whitemill Road to facilitate private housing and industrial development.	4	S.1.
(b) Lay distribution watermain to service Local Authority Housing at Newtown and Whitemill North.	4	S.1.
(c) Provision of new treatment works and ancillary pipelines at Ballyboggan, within the adjacent County area.		
(d) Provision of new 7" A.C. watermain from St. Peter's Square to Maudlintown, to provide supply for industrial users.	4	S.4.
(e) Scrape and return to service old 12" C.I. watermain from Ballyboggan to Wexford.	3	S.5.
(f) Investigation of sanitary services required to give water supply to any development arising in Townparks area and north end of town and also drainage system to outfall works for the same area.		
(g) Extension of sewer in Duncannon Road to facilitate development.	4	S.1.
(h) Provide surface water drainage system to service industrial development and Local Authority housing in Whitemill North and Newtown.	4	S.1.
(i) Provide new drainage system in the Summerhill, Talbot Street area in conjunction with redevelopment.	4	S.2.
(j) Carry out first stage development to alleviate flooding in King Street area.	4	S.3.
(k) Renew sewers in John's Gate Street,	4	S.6
Cornmarket	3	S.7
Keyser's Lane	4	S.9
Batt Street.	4	S.8

4.4. REMOVAL OF DERELICT AREAS:

The removal, clearance or screening of objectionable features or uses will be pursued. The renewal of derelict areas with suitable redevelopment will be encouraged and undertaken. The areas, so scheduled, are indicated on Maps 3 and 4, and are as follows:

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	Map Nos.	Map Ref.
Derelict Sites	John Street	3	R.4.
Derelict Sites	Abbey Street	3	R.1.
Derelict Sites	Adjacent to Temperance Row	3	R.2.
Derelict Sites	Keyser's Lane	4	P.T.16
Derelict Sites	Talbot Street/Green Street	4	R.7.
Derelict Sites	Trinity Street	4	R.11
Derelict Sites	Michael Street	4	R.9
Derelict Sites	Common Quay Street	3	R.3.
Derelict Sites	Maudlintown	4	R.10
Derelict Sites	Distillery Road	4	R.8

4.5. COMMUNITY FACILITY OBJECTIVES:

- (a) To commence within the period of the Plan, the erection of a swimming pool at Ferrybank on lands in Corporation ownership.
- (b) To provide a recreational park on lands at Ferrybank.
- (c) To provide a new County Library by the appropriate Authority. 3 C.1.
- (d) To secure the development of lands in Town-parks area as playing fields, with the approval of the planning authority concerned

4.6. AMENITY AND TOURISM OBJECTIVES:

- (a) Reserve existing rockylands between "Hollyville" and Davitt Road South as a public open space 4 A.8
with future access paths between adjacent roads.4 T.22
- (b) Reserve access from Maudlintown to Trespan Rock and high ground south of the town. 4 T.20
- (c) Request County Wexford Planning Authority include in County Plan to reserve high ground south of the Borough Boundary as a public open space
- (d) To provide as first stage of Ferrybank Development a serviced Caravan Site.

	Map Nos.	Map Ref.
(e) The preservation and restoration, in conjunction with National Monument Section, Office of Public Works, of the "Town Wall" including Westgate Tower and Turrets.	3	A.1.
(f) Preservation of Tower of St. Selskar.	3	A.2.
(g) Clearing and opening up to the public the old Graveyards - St. Johns	4	A.4.
St. Marys	4	A.5
St. Michaels	4	A.6
St. Patricks	4	A.7
St. Selskars	3	A.3
(h) Surfacing of laneways within the Borough and investigating the possibility of reopening some which have passed into non-municipal control.	4	T.21
(i) Investigating the possibility of gaining public access to the old Town Walls.		
(j) To include in future Local Authority Housing Schemes the provision of suitable ornamental trees and shrubs in the front gardens as a standard specification.		

4.7. MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTIVES:

To provide litter bins in selected areas in the Borough.

A P P E N D I X A

1.1. PRIORITIES:

The provision of Local Authority Housing will remain the foremost priority during the period of the Plan. Contemporaneous with housing development, the provision of utility services will proceed. These objectives will be financed, as heretofore, by loan facilities as available from Central Authority.

Roads and Traffic objectives will require the availability of finances other than existing Revenue and Grant provisions, and in this connection the allocation of Road Fund Grant to Wexford Corporation will be required during the later stages of the Plan period.

Tourist and Amenity Development is envisaged as being phased over the period whereby development at Ferrybank will be treated in the following stages:

Stage One 1968/69 - Development of Caravan Site.

Stage Two 1969/70 - Development of Swimming Pool.

Stage Three

1970/71 - Development of Recreation Park and Walks.

No alteration is envisaged in the method of financing, as already adopted by the Corporation, i.e. Bord Failte Contribution, Central Authority Contribution, Revenue Contribution.

A P P E N D I X B.

1.1. POPULATION:

Table 1.

	1911	1926	1936	1946	1951	1956	1961	1966
Wexford								
Urban	11536	11879	12247	12296	11797	11853	11328	11533
Environs	-	-	-	-	-	912	919	1200
TOTAL	11536	11879	12247	12296	11797	12765	12247	12733
Remainder of Wexford	21160	19592	19165	18020	17431	15879	15243	14957
Rural								

1.2. EMPLOYMENT:

The latest analysis of employment (1963) indicates that 4,678 persons are gainfully employed. The categories into which this employment falls are set out in the following Table 2.

						<u>MALES:</u>	<u>FEMALES:</u>
Agriculture .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	103	4
Electrical workers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	44	-
Industrial workers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	722	1128
Makers of food and drink .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	97	38
Building Workers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	174	-
Other craftsmen .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	191	-
Labourers and unskilled workers. .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	253	18
Transport workers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	381	14
Clerks .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	215	276
Commercial workers etc. .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	499	305
Professional and Technical workers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	468	348
Others gainfully employed .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	5	395
Totals gainfully employed.						3152	1526
At school and over 14 years.						279	275
Others unemployed .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	110	144
						3541	1945
Engaged in home duties.		2777
Pensioners	338	53
Under 14 years	1832	1761
						5710	6536

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1.3. NUMBERS ON UNEMPLOYMENT REGISTER:

		Wexford Urban 1965:			Wexford Rural 1966:			Wexford Urban 1966:		
		Males:	Females & Boys under 18.	Total:	Males:	Females:	Total:	Males:	Females:	Total:
January ..		204	59	263	321	47	268	340	69	409
February ..		194	71	265	328	43	371	203	61	264
March ..		200	54	254	279	41	320	195	70	265
April ..		196	67	263	253	18	271	184	56	240
May ..		181	63	244	239	14	253	174	54	228
June ..		181	54	235	177	12	189	173	47	220
July ..		281	46	327	114	18	132	280	43	323
August ..		280	44	324	122	17	139	271	44	315
September ..		227	44	271	124	16	140	225	50	275
October ..		161	50	211	210	26	236	241	67	308
November ..		190	62	252	250	49	299	230	74	304
December ..		311	94	405	291	47	338	226	75	301
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Average ..		217	59	-	225	29	-	220	59	-

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1.4. UTILITY SERVICES - WATER AND DRAINAGE

Table 3.	1964 Galls.	1965 Galls.	1966 Galls.
Total Municipal Water Consumption.	-	273,000,000	259,000,000
Non-domestic Water Consumption.	-	32,000,000	30,000,000
Domestic Water Consumption.	-	241,000,000	229,000,000
Domestic Water per head per day.	-	57	53

Table 4.

Total dwellings in Wexford and Environs.	-	2,698
No. of dwellings in Wexford and Environs served by Wexford Waterworks.	-	2,719
No. of dwellings in Wexford and Environs connected to drainage system.	-	2,613
No. of dwellings in Wexford and Environs with Electricity.	-	2,724

A P P E N D I X B. (Contd.)

1.5. ROADS AND TRAFFIC:

As indicated in Part 1, parking and circulation problems are in need of urgent attention. The necessity for off-street car parking has also been stressed - a requirement which will manifest itself as traffic volumes grow.

Table 5.

Location:				Average Daily Traffic (1967)	
Custom House Quay	..	..	..	7,700 Vehicles.	
Wellington Place	..	..	..	4,650	"
William Street	..	..	..	3,700	"
Gorey Road at Ferrybank			..	2,900	"
Redmond Road	..	..	..	2,400	"
Maudlintown	..	..	..	2,300	"
Spawell Road	..	..	..	2,200	"
The Faythe	..	..	..	1,900	"
At North Main Street (St. Ibar's Church)			.. ..	1,850	"
Thomas Street	..	..	..	1,750	"
Selskar Street	..	..	..	1,250	"
Newtown Road	..	..	..	1,150	"
King Street Upper	..	..	..	1,050	"
School Street	..	..	..	1,000	"
Temperance Row	..	..	..	700	"
Clonard Road	..	..	..	600	"
Grogan's Road	..	..	..	550	"
Duncannon Road	..	..	..	250	"
Whiterock Hill	..	..	..	250	"
Whitemill Road	..	..	..	200	"
Mulgannon Road	..	..	..	300	"

There is heavy traffic along the Quay with consequent hazardous conditions at the Redmond Monument Junction, where pedestrian traffic is a dominant feature. This junction deserves a high priority in remodelling and channelization.

A P P E N D I X B. (Contd.)

Table 7.

Destination of Traffic towards Wexford, 6 a.m. - 10 p.m., 2nd December, 1966.

		<u>Vehicles.</u>	<u>%</u>
Traffic interviewed in the period	.. ..	3,928	100
Traffic destined for Central Area	.. ..	2,403	61
Traffic destined for outer Urban Area.	.. ..	909	23
Through Traffic.	.. ..	616	16

Table 8.

Distribution of access traffic to various Central areas
6 a.m. - 10 p.m., 2nd December, 1966.

<u>Area.</u>	<u>Traffic.</u>	<u>% of all Access Traffic.</u>
West Gate, Hill Street, Upper John Street, Upper George Street.	332	8.4
Commercial Quay, Wellington Place, Redmond Place, Selskar Street, Selskar Avenue, Skeffington Street, Monck Street, Charlotte Street.	308	7.8
George Street, North Main Street, Bull Ring, Cornmarket, Abbey Street, Mallon Street, Rowe Street, John's Gate Street, John Street Lower.	859	21.8
Common Quay Street, Custom House Quay, Anne Street, Crescent Quay, Henrietta Street, Harpur's Lane.	312	7.9
South Main Street to Bride Street, Allen Street, Peter Street, School Street, Clifford Street, Roche's Road, Carrigeen Street.	254	6.5
Bride Street, Joseph Street, South Main Street, King Street Upper, Mill Road, Michael Street, Barrack Street, Lambert Place.	132	3.4
Paul Quay, King Street, Trinity Street.	206	5.2
Total:	<u>2,403</u>	<u>61.0</u>

A P P E N D I X B. (Contd.)

Table 9.

Influence of access roads to Wexford. Survey 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.
2nd December, 1966.

<u>Access Point.</u>		<u>Vehicles during Period.</u>
1.	Wexford Bridge.	- 698
2.	New Road	- 629
3.	Spawell Road	- 500
4.	Newtown Road	- 476
5.	Clonard Road	- 269
6.	Duncannon Road	- 144
7.	Whiterock View	- 137
8.	Maudlintown	- 1,075
Total		<u>3,928</u>

Table 10.

Origin of trips before parking in Wexford Central Area.

<u>Area from whence the parker originated.</u>		<u>Percentage of Parkers.</u>
Within the Wexford Central Area	-	21%
From the outer Urban area	-	21%
From the outer Urban to 5 miles from Wexford.	-	24%
5 to 10 miles from Wexford	-	15%
10 - 25 do.	-	15%
25 - 50 do.	-	1%
More than 50 miles from Wexford	-	3%
Total	-	<u>100%</u>

Table 11.

Parking Time Duration. Survey 2nd December, 1966.

<u>Parking Time</u>	<u>Percentage of Parkers Involved.</u>	<u>Average Parking Time.</u>
Less than 2 hours.	39%	46 mins.
2 to 12 hours.	58%	5 hours.
More than 12 hours.	3%	22 hours.

A P P E N D I X B. (Contd.)

Table 12.

Average Parking Time in relation to purpose of Parking:

<u>Purpose:</u>		<u>Average Parking Time:</u>
At Home	-	5 hours 20 mins.
At Work.	-	5 hours 31 mins.
Shopping.	-	1 hour 45 mins.
Business Call.	-	1 hour 4 mins.
Other purposes.	-	3 hours 23 mins.

Table 13.

ROAD STATISTICS - WEXFORD BOROUGH.

<u>Classification.</u>	<u>Blacktops.</u>	<u>Concrete.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Main	1.27 Miles	2.06 Miles	3.33
Urban	2.30 Miles	8.75 Miles	11.05
Total:	3.57 Miles	10.81 Miles	14.38 Miles

1.6 HOUSING.

Table 1.

Total No. of Dwellings (Wexford & Environs)	1961	-	2,898
No. of Dwellings Rented	1961	-	2,112
No. of Dwellings Owner Occupied.	1961	-	786

Table 2.

	Total Dwellings:	Prior to 1860.	<u>Periods in which Built:</u>					Not Stated.
			1860	1900	1919	1940	1946	
			-	-	-	-	-	
			<u>1899</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1961</u>	
Wexford and Environs.	2,898	858	660	151	574	75	544	36

Table 3.

Total Dwellings:	1898 - 1914	Periods in which Built:				From 1948 to 1967:
		1922 - 1923	1925 - 1932	1932 - 1939		
L.A. Housing Wexford Corporation 1967.	1,348	134	18	91	421	684

Table 4.

Housing Situation at 1967:	Let to weekly tenants:	Acquired or Tenant Purchases:	Sold:	In course of Construction:
1,448	1,075	150	123	100

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A P P E N D I X C:

1. LONGTERM CONSIDERATIONS:

- 1.1. In the longterm view it is envisaged that the present services operated by the Local Authority - Wexford Corporation - will encompass a new Borough area. The extended area will possibly encompass an area of 1,500 acres instead of the present area of Urban Services limited to 562 acres.

This will afford the pursuance of the objectives listed in the Development Plan by the Planning Authority within its own area and assist a more comprehensive Planning for the environs. Urban services would thus become available to householders in the present environs, where development is occurring and must by virtue of space, continue to occur. Future population prediction is a tenuous undertaking dependant on many factors of a sociological and national nature, not connected with local conditions. A more detailed picture may emerge from regional studies but it has been necessary to adopt a probable future population figure in relation to this local study. This has been adopted as 16,000 persons in Wexford and Environs at the year 2,000.

- 1.1.2. The provision of a waterworks undertaking to serve the present town, with its potential for also serving a regional distribution, suggests that the Wexford Corporation Waterworks should become water undertakers for this region.

A P P E N D I X D:

1. FURTHER STUDIES:

- 1.1. Reappraisal of the context of the town within the Regional and National framework in the light of the Regional study for the area.
- 1.2. Incorporation within the overall picture of the area, the detailed Planning of the County Council Administrative area adjoining the Borough and adverted to in the County Development Plan.
- 1.3. The analysis of the situation to define an acceptable and realistic future Urban area within the capability of Local Authority finances and resources.
- 1.4. To regularly re-assess the traffic growth figure and plan traffic facilities required to encourage continuing attraction to the Town.
- 1.5. To prepare a comprehensive renewal plan for the Central areas of the Borough.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION.

We Certify that the Development Plan for Wexford Borough, consisting of the foregoing Statement on Pages 1 to 30, together with the Maps numbered 1 to 4 referred to therein, was adopted by Wexford Borough Council at their meeting on 4th day of December, 1967.

Kevin C. Morris

Kevin C. Morris, Mayor.

Thomas F. Broe

Thomas F. Broe, Manager.

John J. Byrne

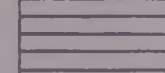
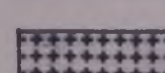
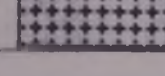

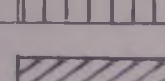

John J. Byrne, Town Clerk.

MAP No. 1

BU R G E S S

T H N C O N E

NOTATION

Residential	
Residential Services	
General Business	
Industry	
Public Open Spaces	
Borough Boundary	

ZONING PROVISIONS

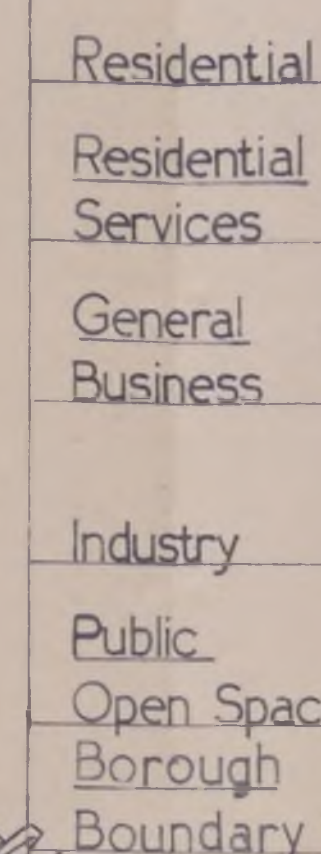
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DEVELOPMENT PLAN

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

OBJECTIVES

MAP No.3.

WEXFORD SHEET 37. XII
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BOROUGH BOUNDARY

Rev. L. Morris
Thomas J. Boe Manager.

SYMBOLS

Services.	▲
Roads & Traffic.	●
Blight & Renewal.	◆
Community Facilities.	○
Amenity.	■
Miscellaneous.	⊙

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





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MAP No.4.

BOROUGH BOUNDARY

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OBJECTIVES



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1st January, 1968.

A quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being: His Worship the Mayor, Alderman K. C. Morris, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, James Jenkins and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: Fintan O'Leary, John Flaherty, Peter Roche, John Dunne, Desmond Corish, John Cullimore and James Morris.

In attendance: The County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Cullimore the minutes of meeting of 4th December, 1967, a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

Alderman Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Donagh McDonagh, a former district justice of Wexford.

Councillor Flaherty seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, and officials.

Councillor Peter Roche moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Nicholas Doyle former time keeper with the direct labour unit. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was also supported by the members and officials.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

PRAYER.

Councillor Dunne said that as this was a day of prayer for peace and good will he asked that the members would stand and say a silent prayer for peace and good will in the Council Chamber.

The members agreed to Councillor Dunne's request and stood for a silent prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a resolution was adopted on the subject of the decentralisation of Government Departments, a letter was read from the Department of the Taoiseach, acknowledging receipt of the resolution, but pointing out that it was a matter for the Minister for Finance to whom the resolution had been transmitted for attention.

TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET ETC.

The next business was a motion in the name of Councillor Roche that the Corporation press the appropriate Government Department for the early demolition of houses in Talbot Street.

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1st January, 1968.

Before this resolution was put to the meeting, it was pointed out to the Councillor that no Government Department had any function in the demolition of houses in Talbot Street, and if he wished to move a resolution on the matter he should propose one asking the Minister for Local Government to expedite a decision on the Compulsory Purchase Order made in respect of the Grogan's Road, Talbot Street and Green Street areas.

Councillor Roche thereupon moved that the Corporation request the Minister for Local Government to expedite a decision on the Wexford Compulsory Purchase (Grogan's Road, Talbot Street, Green Street) Order, 1966.

Alderman Jenkins seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

HOUSING PRIORITIES.

The next business was to consider the question of housing priorities for the letting of houses. Prior to the meeting members had been furnished with following documents:-

1. Notes for guidance of housing authorities preparing schemes of letting priorities.
2. Copy of section 60 of the Housing Act, 1966.
3. Extract from circular letter H.5/67 dated 14th April, 1967 from the Department of Local Government on the question of priorities on letting of houses, and
4. Outline suggestions from the Minister for Local Government on a point system, which might be embodied in any scheme of letting priorities.

The members welcomed such a scheme and thought that a point system should be embodied, but some of them expressed doubts regarding the classification of the different categories, and it was eventually decided that a special Committee meeting of the Council be held on 22nd instant when the Chief Medical Officer would be in attendance for a general discussion on a priority scheme with a point system.

KING STREET FLOODING

A report was submitted from Messrs Thomas J. O'Connor & Co., Consulting Engineers, on flooding in King Street and adjoining areas together with estimates of the cost of carrying out their recommendations. A copy of this report and estimates is attached to these minutes.

Each member of the Council had been supplied with a copy of the Engineer's report and estimates prior to the meeting.

At the outset, the County Manager intimated to the meeting, that the Consultant had made recommendations previously, but the present one to his mind was most satisfactory and a possible solution to the problem, probably it was the most satisfactory one that could be evolved. The question was, were the Corporation prepared to let him submit the estimate to the Department of Local Government with an indication that the Corporation were prepared to go ahead with this scheme and ask the Minister's approval, and if he would sanction the necessary loan in due course when the work was ready to commence. The Manager also pointed out that there would be some surface water in King Street area no matter what anybody would do in relation to the particular problem. It was noted that the Corporation would hold water.

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In a reply to a query as to whether or not the cost would become a total rateable charge on the Corporation, the Town Clerk replied that if the scheme could be regarded as a Sanitary Service then it would be subject to 50% grant.

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter, during which a number of members felt that the document, the cost, and its probable impact on the rates required very careful and serious consideration, and that the Corporation should not rush in and say they were going to adopt the scheme. Eventually it was agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty that the whole matter be adjourned for further consideration, and that arrangements be made for a meeting with the Consulting Engineers on the problem.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

With reference to minutes of 6th November last, estimates were now submitted from the Electricity Supply Board for the conversion of the existing lighting system outside the Main Street area to mercury fluorescent units, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously decided to accept the quotation of the Board to convert 228/200 watt "dusk-to-2.a.m.", and 58/200 watt "Pilot" lights to 125 watt mercury fluorescent units at a capital cost of £45. 12. 0d. and an increase in the annual charge for the lighting of these 286 units of £329. 18. 0d.

It was also agreed on the motion of Alderman Mahoney seconded by Alderman Byrne that an extra light be provided at the lowest part of King Street where the first sign of flooding took place.

A quotation was also received from the Board for an extension of the public lighting system on the road from Wygram Place to Summerhill. For this work six new poles and switch wire would be necessary at a cost of £143 and the annual charge for four extra lights from "dusk-to-2.a.m." would amount to £27. 19. 6d.

It was also unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne to accept this tender, and as the road was a boundary road between the Borough and the County Health District, the Town Clerk was instructed to seek half the cost from the Wexford County Council.

CONTRACTS AND TRADE UNION LABOUR

The following question appeared on the agenda in the name of Councillor Roche "Is it laid down that all local Authority contracts should be carried out by Trade Union Labour"? The Councillor was informed that no such regulations were laid down.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR CORISH

Under date of 28th December, 1967, Councillor Nicholas P. Corish tendered his resignation as a member of the Council to which he had been elected for over 22 years. In his letter, the Councillor recalled the various improvements in the amenities of Wexford which had been carried out by the Councils in Office, and expressed his sincere thanks to all those members with whom he had been associated with over the years as well as to the County Manager, and other officials of the Corporation. The resignation of Councillor Corish was received with extreme regret by the members, and each and all paid sincere tributes to his work for Wexford and its citizens during his long period of office. The County Manager, Town Clerk and other officials also joined in the tributes to Councillor Corish.

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Alderman Byrne intimated that it would be the intention of the Party, whom Councillor Corish represented on the Council, to propose the filling of the vacancy at the next Statutory Meeting.

Alderman Byrne also asked that the consideration of the Standing Orders of the Council be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor James Morris, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £60,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £20,000 was authorised up to 31st March, 1968.

FERRYBANK DEVELOPMENT

Referring to previous discussion on the Ferrybank Development Scheme, a letter was read from Mr. Kevin Fox, Architect in charge, under date of 8th December, 1967, together with a letter from the Town Clerk to Mr. Fox under date of 1st January, 1968, regarding the architectural arrangements for the carrying out of this scheme, but no discussion took place on this matter pending a reply from Mr. Fox to the Town Clerk's letter of even date.

The meeting then terminated.

Kevin. B. Morris

T. J. O'CONNOR & CO.

Consulting Engineers

HYDE HOUSE,

65, ADELAIDE ROAD, DUBLIN, 2.

21st November, 1967.

John J. Byrne, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Municipal Buildings,
WEXFORD.

Re: WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE

Dear Sir,

Further to a recent correspondence we now wish to submit the following updated report on our investigations into the problem of flooding in Wexford Town. The most serious flooding in Wexford is caused by the Bishopswater Stream as it flows through open channel and culvert to the sea at King Street, and as you know, we have prepared a number of reports on this matter in the past. It has, however, become necessary to adjust our original proposals in view of the fact that the character of a considerable part of the Bishopswater catchment has been altered, due mainly to land drainage operations, housing development, etc.

The Borough Engineers agree that certain readjustments of the runoff determinations are necessary. Mr. Leyden also has provided us with details of all the developed areas, as well as those areas zoned for building, to assist in our redesign.

We have now examined all the factors involved, including housing areas, density, drainage of the golf course, previous gaugings and data, and all other relevant factors. We have recalculated the ~~maximum~~ discharge in the Bishopswater River as it flows through the town.

The recalculated maximum discharge at Casa Rio is 390 cusecs. This flow increases in the lower part of the catchment to a total of 530 cusecs at King Street Avenue and a total of 612 cusecs at the head of the two culverts in Lower King Street (Stonebridge culvert and King Street culvert). The calculated flows for the various sections of the stream are shown more particularly on Sheet No. 2 which is attached.

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We have previously reported on the capacities of the Stonebridge and King Street culverts. Before the extensive development in the Bishopswater catchment had taken place, the maximum runoff was 405 cusecs, or only two thirds of the present day flow. In our report on flooding at King Street of 19th January, 1945, we set out the capacity of each culvert under various conditions of tide level and of surcharge at the inlet. It is obvious that the area is much more liable to flooding under the present conditions.

On Sheet No. 2 which is attached, we have shown a hydraulic section through the Bishopswater Stream from Casa Rio to the sea, to illustrate the effects of the various constrictions in this waterway which cause flooding. Maximum runoff from the catchment and H.W.O.S.T. are assumed and the heights to which flood waters will rise under these conditions have been calculated and are shown on the section.

The most serious flooding occurs in the King Street area. The combined capacities of the Stonebridge and King Street culverts is 317 cusecs when surcharged at the inlet ends while the maximum calculated flow here is 612 cusecs. As the highest road level in King Street is 17.00 O.D., the flood waters rise to this level and simply flow along the street towards the quays; flooding King Street Upper and Lower, Main Street, Simeot Place, Paul Quay and all the surrounding properties.

The flood rises even higher upstream of Messrs. Nunn's Malt House, where the constricted waterway causes a surcharge of a further two feet which backs up as far as Mill Road, causing some flooding in the lower part of Messrs. Pierces factory.

Some flooding also occurs at the upstream end of the culvert under Pierces' factory. From information we have received from Messrs. Pierces' engineering staff regarding the size, shape and condition of this culvert, we calculate that it is capable of carrying the maximum flow and that the cause of flooding at the point referred to is due to the restricted inlet.

At Casa Rio, the stream passes through a culvert of completely inadequate cross-sectional area. At maximum flow the water backs upstream of the culvert in the channel in front of the Casa Rio houses, and spills over the wall on to the road.

As the incidence of flooding in the case of King Street is by far the most serious and the most expensive to eliminate, we have dealt, therefore with this problem first. The prime cause of flooding is the complete inadequacy of the two culverts (i.e. Stonebridge and King Street) to discharge the high storm flows in the stream. In fact, without surcharging at their inlet end - or in other words, flooding, - their combined capacity is less than half the calculated maximum runoff from the catchment.

The obstructions caused by Messrs. Munn's Malt House and, to a lesser extent, by King Street Avenue Bridge, also contribute to the nuisance by further constricting the flow in the stream, and certainly aggravate the problem at Mill Road, but these are of relatively minor importance when compared with the main bottleneck, and even if these were both removed completely, the flood waters would still rise to 17.00 O.D. in King Street.

In order to eliminate flooding, it is necessary to ensure that the river is carried in adequate channels and/or culverts through the town. It is particularly important that there is adequate capacity from Mill Road to the sea.

In general, there are two methods of providing the necessary capacity. One is the reconstruction of the present channels and culverts to bring the capacity of same up to that required; the other is the diversion of the stream into a new culvert of adequate capacity. In the past, as you know, we have recommended the second method - the provision of a diversion culvert through Parnell Street to enter the sea at South Wexford railway station. At the request of the Borough Surveyor, however, we have again investigated both possibilities and have set out here below the results of these further investigations and our recommendations.

On Sheet No. 1 attached to this report, we have shown two sections; (a) is a reconstructed section through the culvert which must be constructed if the present course of the waterway is to be retained for flood-flows, and (b) is a section through the diversion culvert if this method is adopted. The culvert in each case is shown in green.

The sectional area of the culvert needed to carry maximum flood flow is 55 square feet. This figure has been based on desirable velocity factors as well as on considerations of available grade. We have chosen a section 8'6" wide by 6'6" high in the case of a culvert along the existing route of the stream. The maximum width is, in fact, determined by what is available at, and for some distance upstream of, the Malt House. The culvert has been

designed to as flat a grade as possible in its lower reaches, in order to reduce the interference with the level of the Malt House floor. During periods of peak flow, this culvert would act as a pressure pipe, as can be seen from the hydraulic grade curve (shown red on the section), so it would not be possible to drain the surrounding areas into it. Stonebridge culvert could, however, be used for this purpose.

In the case of the diversion culvert (which is the alternative to reconstructing the existing channels and culverts as designed above), we recommend the use of twin 72" diameter reinforced concrete pipes, which are now available. The culvert would be diverted above the Lambert Place Bridge (above the diversion point a box section would be more economical), and the twin 72" dia. pipes would be used from this point to the sea.

The line of this diversion channel has been shown on many plans which we have submitted to you on previous occasions, and the Council is quite familiar with the proposed route.

There is one important change. In our earlier designs of 1945 and thereafter, we had proposed diverting only part of the flow through the new Parnell St. culvert. However, due to increased flows from this catchment, only a very small proportion of the total flow could safely be discharged through the existing culverts, and we now consider that it would be better to divert the ~~total~~ flow of 530 cusecs via Parnell Street. The existing channel could ~~then~~ be roofed over with reinforced concrete slabs and used to drain the immediate area through the King Street culvert to the sea.

The Stonebridge culvert could be filled in, in this case, and a sewer pipe laid in its bed as recommended previously.

We have prepared estimates of cost for each of the above proposals and these are attached. As can be seen, there is very little difference cost-wise between them.

The construction of a diversion culvert presents fewer problems, either of an engineering nature, or, more important, of a legal nature. The major difficulty in our opinion is in connection with laying a large culvert under a busy railway line and this, of course, would also apply to any alternative route. The general depth of excavation along the proposed route is not excessive, except for one section about

90 yards in length, which a Contractor might decide to tunnel if he felt that this would be more economic. In addition, having regard to the amount of inconvenience and disruption of services which would attach to major improvements to the existing channel, and especially the necessity to close down part of the Malt House in order to remove the floor to carry out the necessary excavation, the problems of underpinning the high walls in this vicinity, and the legal difficulties which would probably arise in respect of such matters as raising the floor level of the Malt House by even one foot, we can only conclude that the reasonable solution is to divert the Bishopswater Stream through Parnell Street as outlined.

If this work is carried out, all flooding attributable to excessive runoff from the Bishopswater catchment will cease, and the only flooding in the King Street area which will occur will be that caused by a particularly high tide rising above the low-lying points in the area. This, apart from being physically impossible to prevent is, we gather, regarded as of relatively minor importance when compared with the type of disaster the proposed scheme is designed to prevent.

The flooding at Casa Rio is caused by the fact that the culvert immediately downstream of the Casa Rio houses is of such small section (average area, 21 sq. ft., minimum 16 sq. ft.) as to be hydraulically incapable of taking flood flows without a surcharge at its inlet end. The effect at this point of the maximum runoff from the Bishopswater catchment is shown on Sheet No. 2. The calculated flow is 390 cusecs and in order to discharge this quantity the velocity in the culvert must be 24.4 feet per second (24.4 ft. per second is equivalent to almost 17 miles per hour). The pressure needed to accelerate the water and maintain this velocity against friction losses in the culvert is provided by a surcharge, as shown on the section. The height of surcharge necessary, however, is greater than the height of the wall between the culvert and the road and, more unfortunately, is also above floor level of the adjoining houses - and the result is only too well known. As this flooding is at the top of a hill, the position is indefensible and the remedy obvious.

The remedy is, in fact, straightforward - the size of the culvert must be increased. In our opinion this can most economically be done by excavating to an average depth of 2'6" below the invert of the channel to increase the sectional area to a minimum of 39sq. ft. This will give adequate waterway and will completely eliminate the flooding of the Casa Rio houses and of Distillery Road.

We are informed that flooding periodically occurs at the upper end of Messrs. Pierces' Ironworks. The Bishopswater Stream is conveyed by culvert for a distance of almost 240 yards through the Ironworks. We have not surveyed this culvert along its entire length, but we have had discussions with the engineering staff of Messrs. Pierces, and have been assured by them that the sectional area is nowhere less than 42 square feet, except at the entrance.

We have calculated the maximum flow through this culvert at 480 cusecs. and the grade is such that the culvert, as described to us, could discharge this flow. The velocity would be 11.4 ft. per second, and though we would have preferred it to be somewhat lower, we do not consider this fact to be of great consequence in view of the infrequency and short duration of the maximum flow. Moreover, so far as we are aware, there have been no recent reports of structural damage to the walls or roof of this culvert as a result of the excessive velocity.

The flooding above the Ironworks is not due to the culvert under same but is due to the restricted entrance which reduces the waterway to an area of only 31 square feet. If a flow of 480 cusecs is to enter the culvert at this point, the velocity must be $15\frac{1}{2}$ feet per second and the small surcharge necessary to achieve this forces the water to rise above the level of the factory floor, as can be seen in the section on Sheet No. 2. The accumulation of logs, branches of trees, etc., which can easily bridge the narrow gap at the entrance certainly aggravate the problem, even though this fact probably prevents a more serious blockage in the culvert downstream.

To eliminate flooding here, it would be necessary to increase the waterway in the 30 ft. length of covered channel immediately above the culvert proper (i.e. the wall of the factory). This could be achieved by excavation to an average depth of 2'0" in the bed. It would also be advisable to line the banks and the invert with concrete, and we should advise that some form of screens be provided about 20 ft. upstream of the new entrance to prevent the larger debris gaining access to the culvert.

Estimates of cost for works to eliminate flooding both at Casa Rio and at the upper end of Pierces' Ironworks are attached and the estimated total cost of all the works proposed is £55,690 as given. The total estimated cost of the scheme is £64,190.

We would be glad to discuss the above report with you or with your technical advisers at any convenient time. We think we have made our recommendations clear, but if you require any further details or elaboration on any of the points mentioned, do not hesitate to let us know.

Finally, we regret the delay in forwarding this report to you, but, as we have previously explained, our records and collected data extend over a considerable period of time and the work involved in bringing up to date our original proposals was particularly time consuming. However, we are now satisfied that we have revised our design to take account of the increased impermeable areas, and the considerable advances in engineering methods over the intervening years, and should The Corporation now decide to implement this scheme for the elimination of flooding, the necessary Contract Documents could be prepared in two months.

Finally, we think it well to emphasise again that we have examined the two alternatives referred to in great detail, and our definite opinion is that the ~~Parrell~~ Street diversion culvert would be the better job, and we recommend that this alternative be carried out.

Yours faithfully,

Thos. J. O'Connor & Co.

WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE

ESTIMATE No.1.

Estimate of Cost of Diversion Culvert

Item	Quantity	Description	Rate	Amount
1	8000 cu. yds.	Excavation in open cut for culvert from diversion point to sea at Wexford South Railway Stn.	30/-	12,000
2	340 Lin. yds.	Twin 72" dia. R.C. pipes, laid, jointed and tested complete, from diversion point to sea.	£68	23,120
3.	1000 cu. yds.	Excavation in bed and sides of existing channel from Mill Road to diversion point.	20/-	1,000
4.	430 cu. yds.	Reinforced concrete in culvert (including shuttering, etc.,) from Mill Road to diversion point.	£16	6,880
5	1800 sq. yds.	Surface restoration in roads	25/-	2,250
6	Item	Special work at sea outlet		5,000
7	140 Lin. yds.	Cover existing channel from Lambert Place to King Street with 4½" thick reinforced concrete slabs.	£5	700
TOTAL (Works only).				£50,950

TOTAL FOR SCHEME

£64,190

Note: Items 2 to 7 in Estimate No. 3 are common to the two alternatives and may be added to Estimate No. 2 to arrive at the total cost of works in this case also. In addition, Items 8 to 11 may be taken as applying to both Estimates Nos. 1 and 2.

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WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE

ESTIMATE No. 2.

Estimate of Cost for Reconstruction of Existing
Culvert.

Item	Quantity	Description	Rate	Amount
1	4800 cu. yds.	Excavation in bed and sides of existing channels and culverts from Mill Road to sea.	30/-	7,200
2.	1800 cu. yds.	Reinforced concrete (including shuttering, etc.,) in culvert from Mill Road to sea.	£16	28,800
3	1360 sq. yds.	Surface restoration in roads	25/-	1,700
4	Item	Underpinning, etc., to Lambert Place Bridge.		500
5	Item	Underpinning to high walls, relaying new floors and yards, with steps and ramps to suit, at Malt House.		6,000
6	Item	Underpinning, rebuilding and sundry work on existing boundary walls along line of channel.		1,500
7	Item	Special work at sea outfall including 18" dia. S.1 sewer laid in sea bed.		5,000
8	Item	Provision of alternative surface water drainage from King Street area to Stonebridge culvert.		500
TOTAL (Works only).				51,200

TOTAL FOR SCHEME £64,190

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WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE

ESTIMATE No. 3.

Estimate of Cost of Complete Scheme as Recommended in Report.

Item	Quantity	Description	Rate	Amount
1	Item	Cost of diversion culvert as detailed in Estimate No.1.		50,950
2	200 cu. yds.	Excavation in bed of culvert and channel at Casa Rio.	50/-	500
3	86 cu. yds.	Concrete (including shuttering, etc.,) in reconstructed floor and walls of culvert and channel at Casa Rio.	£15	1,290
4	100 cu. yds.	Excavation in bed of channel at inlet to culvert under Pierces' Ironworks.	50/-	250
5	40 cu. yds.	Mass concrete and reinforced concrete including shuttering, etc., in bed and banks of channel at inlet to culvert under Pierces' Ironworks.	£15	600
6	Item	Screens at Inlet to culvert under Pierces' Ironworks.		100
7	Item	Rock excavation (provisional)		2,000
TOTAL FOR WORKS				£55,690
8	Item	Land and Wayleaves		500
9	Item	Engineers' and Solicitors' fees, printing, advertising and expenses.		4,500
10	Item	Resident Engineers Salary		1,500
11	Item	Contingencies		2,000
TOTAL FOR SCHEME				£64,190

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21st November, 1967.

22nd January, 1968.

A special meeting of the Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being: His Worship the Mayor, Alderman K. C. Morris, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, James Jenkins and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: Peter Roche, John Dunne, John Cullimore, James J. Morris, Fintan O'Leary and Desmond Corish.

In attendance: The County Manager, Chief Medical Officer and Town Clerk.

PRIORITIES SCHEME

The meeting had been called to consider a scheme of priorities for the allocation of Council houses. A draft scheme was laid before the members for their consideration, and after being examined paragraph by paragraph, the only alteration decided on was paragraph six, where it was unanimously decided to insert the word unreasonably before the words "re-housing" and "refuses".

As regards a points system, the members gave great consideration to the suggested points forwarded by the Minister for Local Government, and considered that the maximum points in all the categories should be the same namely: 20, whereas the Minister for Local Government suggested that dangerous or unfit buildings should be allocated 1 to 40 points, however, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Roche, that the points in the case of unfit or dangerous buildings should be fixed at 1 to 20 the same as for all other categories, and that this points system should be embodied in paragraph 4 of this scheme.

It was further agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, that the scheme of priorities adopted on 4th December, 1967, be rescinded with effect as from the date on which the Minister for Local Government sanctioned the scheme now prepared, and it was further agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Cullimore that the draft scheme submitted as amended in paragraph 6 and with the addition of a points system embodied in paragraph 4 be adopted.

A copy of the final draft of the scheme as adopted is attached to these minutes.

TENDERS FOR HOUSES.

The next business was to open two tenders received for the erection of 20 houses at Thomas Clarke Place.

The tenders were found to be from:

(a) Messrs Redmond Bros. who quoted £69,214. 17. 2d. or £3,460. 14. 10d. per house in accordance with the specification and Bill of Quantities. They proposed a reduction of £864. 9. 9d. if brick work was substituted by concrete block work, which reduced the gross tender to £68,350. 7. 5d. or £3,417. 10. 4d. per house.

(b) Messrs Cleary and Doyle, Barntown, who quoted £78,458. 12. 8d. or £3,922. 18. 8d. per house. They offered a reduction of £962. 2. 1d. for the substitution of concrete block work for brick work, making the net sum £77,496. 10. 7d., or £3,874. 16. 6d. per house.

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It was seen that these prices were altogether too dear, and it was considered it would be useless to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government thereto, and it was eventually decided that the tenders and Bills of Quantities should be forwarded to the Architect with a request that he examine them with a view to cutting down the price to a more reasonable level.

BUILDING PROGRAMME

The next business was to prepare a building programme for the period ended 31st March, 1971, in compliance with the provision of Section 53 of the Housing Act, 1966. In accordance with the assessment of needs, prepared by the officials, it was seen that the net needs for the period was 538 houses; and of these 42 were estimated to be met by private enterprise, leaving a net amount of 496 to be provided by the local authority.

Up to 31st March, next it was estimated that 6 houses would be completed in the Faythe and 10 at Kennedy Park making a total of 16. During the financial year 1968/9, it was estimated that 104 houses would be provided with 24 for old people, making a total of 128. For the year 1969/70 it was estimated that 150 houses would be provided, and in the year 1970/71, 200 houses.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by His Worship the Mayor, a building programme based on the foregoing data was unanimously adopted.

Arising out of this, the question was again raised that regarding the employment of local labour on houses being built by contractors, but it was pointed out that the only thing the Corporation might be able insist on with Contractors was, that the workers should receive not less than the locally recognised trade union rate, and conditions of employment, they could not insist on local trade union labour, the question whether or not the workers were members of trade union was one for the trade unions themselves to deal with.

A request was made that the Chief Fire Officer be asked to expedite a report on the flat over Con Macken's premises at Cornmarket.

KING STREET FLOODING

With reference to the minutes of 1st instant when a report was considered from the Consulting Engineers regarding King Street flooding, it was decided that if it was possible to have the Consulting Engineer available on Monday February 19th, that he be asked to attend a special meeting of the Council for the purpose of considering this report.

The meeting then terminated.

James B. Morris

Scheme of letting priorities made by Wexford Borough Council on 22nd January, 1968, for the allocation of houses under their control.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 60 of the Housing Act, 1966, the Wexford Borough Council make the following Scheme of priorities for the allocation of houses under their control:-

1. This Scheme shall come into operation when approved by the Minister for Local Government.
2. This Scheme will only be applied to applicants certified by the Chief Medical Officer as being in need of rehousing.
3. This Scheme will not apply to houses provided for special classes, e.g. elderly persons, newly-weds or any other class in respect of which any scheme of houses is so designated; provided, however, that the scheme may be used to determine priorities as between persons in the special classes.
4. The priorities in each class under this scheme shall be determined by the Chief Medical Officer in accordance with a system of points awarded as follows:-
 - (i) Dangerous or Unfit Dwellings:- 1 to 20 points.
 - (ii) Overcrowded Conditions:- 1 to 20 points.
 - (iii) Lack of Adequate and Suitable Accommodation:- 1 to 20 points.
 - (iv) Medical, Compassionate or other similar grounds. 1 to 20 points.
 - (a) where the applicant or a member of his family is suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis - points to be awarded in proportion to the danger of infection to other members of the household;
 - (b) where rehousing of an applicant is necessary on medical grounds other than pulmonary tuberculosis or on compassionate or other similar grounds - no points to be awarded under this heading when points are awarded under (iv) (a)
 - (v) Discretionary Points:-

1 to 10 points to be awarded where the housing authority consider that there are exceptional circumstances of housing need not adequately covered in the above categories, e.g. length of time on approved waiting list, length of residence in the area, distance from work.
5. In the making of the first or any subsequent letting under this scheme of a dwelling on a tenancy for a month or less period than a month, regard shall be had to the character, industry, occupation, family circumstances and existing housing conditions of the applicants, and subject to this requirement, the following principles shall be observed.

- (1) First preference shall be given to applicants living in dwellings
 - (a) dangerous within the meaning of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1964, or unfit for human habitation within the meaning of the Housing Act, 1966, or
 - (b) to be demolished in the clearance of an area required for re-development under any Statutory operation of the Council.
 - (2) Second preference shall be given to applicants living in dwellings which are overcrowded as defined in Section 63 of the Housing Act, 1966.
 - (3) Third preference shall be given to applicants in need of housing on medical, compassionate or other similar grounds.
 - (4) Fourth preference shall be given to applicants who lack adequate and suitable housing accommodation and who are unable to provide such accommodation from their own resources.
6. If any applicant for rehousing unreasonably refuses accommodation which is offered, and considered suitable, by the Housing Authority, such applicant's name shall be placed last on the priority list in operation at the time of such refusal.
7. Nothing in this scheme shall operate to prevent the Housing Authority from:-
- (a) transferring a suitable and satisfactory tenant to a new or vacant house.
 - (b) allocating a house to a person who is without housing accommodation through emergency such as fire, collapse of home, eviction through no fault of the tenant, or any other occurrence which in the opinion of the Housing Authority would justify such allocation.
8. From and after the date of the approval of this scheme of priorities by the Minister for Local Government, the scheme of priorities adopted by the Borough Council on 4th December, 1967, shall cease to have effect.

The foregoing Scheme of letting priorities was approved by the Minister for Local Government under date of 1st March, 1968, by letter No.N.85/20/1.

5th February, 1968.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman K. C. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, James Jenkins and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Cullimore, John Dunne, Peter Roche, James J. Morris, John Flaherty and Desmond Corish.

An apology was submitted on behalf of Councillor O'Leary who was ill.

In attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

MINUTES.

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the minutes of 1st and 22nd ultimo, 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

A letter under date of 11th ultimo was read from the Minister for Finance, acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's resolution of December last on the subject of the decentralisation of Government Departments, which had been transmitted to him from An Taoiseach.

The Minister pointed out that the Government's plans for the transfer of certain departments in Dublin were announced on 16th November. These plans will take some time to put into effect, and meantime further transfers were not envisaged. The representations made by the Corporation would, however, be borne in mind should the question of decentralising other departments arise.

CASUAL VACANCY.

The first business was to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the resignation of Councillor Nicholas Corish. Notice of intention to fill this vacancy was issued on 10th ultimo.

Alderman Byrne, thereupon moved that Mr. Thomas Roche, 15, Michael Street, be selected to fill the vacancy. Councillor James J. Morris seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, and unanimously adopted. Arising out of this, the Town Clerk intimated that according to the provisions of the local Elections Regulations, 1965, he had received a letter from Mr. Roche, stating that if he was selected to fill the vacancy, he was willing to take the seat on the Council.

REVISION OF STANDING ORDERS.

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Byrne moved that the Council examine and revise their Standing Orders, but on the suggestion of Councillor Flaherty, Alderman Byrne amended his motion to the effect that the Council set up an ad hoc Committee, to examine the existing Standing Orders, and report to the Council on any amendments considered desirable. Councillor Flaherty thereupon seconded this motion which was unanimously adopted, and a Committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Byrne and Mahoney, with Councillors Flaherty and Cullimore appointed to carry out the examination.

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It was also agreed that this Committee would meet on Monday 12th inst. at 8.30.p.m.

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CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The following motion appeared on the agenda in the names of Councillors Corish and Alderman Byrne. "It shall be the policy of the Corporation -

1. that any contract entered into involving labour shall insist that Trade Union labour only shall be employed;
2. that in the event of such a clause being illegal, trade union rates and conditions be insisted upon;
3. if a clause covering trade union rates and conditions is in existing contracts, that steps be taken to ascertain if its provisions are being implemented"

In a lengthy address, Councillor Corish proposed the adoption of this motion, but admitted that it might be against the Constitution to insist on No. 1., but he considered that at least, a clause should be inserted insisting on trade union rates and conditions being observed. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion, which was agreed to by a number of members, but while Alderman Jenkins considered that a fair wage clause could be agreed to, he thought the Council had no right to dictate regarding the employment of trade union labour.

Councillor Flaherty however, as Chairman of the Trade's Council, intimated to the meeting, that he understood a number of trade union executives would be visiting Wexford during the next week or so, to consider some of the points envisaged in the resolution, and he thought it would be desirable to adjourn consideration of the matter until after their visit, as these people would have an expert knowledge of the legalities of the various points raised during the present discussion. Before the discussion concluded, the County Manager pointed out that he felt that No. 1 would be unconstitutional and that No. 2 was already embodied in any contracts entered into by the Corporation. As regards No. 3, the implementation of the condition, he felt that the only people who could enforce this were the men themselves. If an employee of any contractor employed by the Corporation was not receiving the standard rate of wages in the town or enjoying the conditions of employment generally recognised throughout the district, then it was up to him to make a written statement to that effect. If he or any of his officials of the Corporation received such a statement, they would then consider the matter, and decide what steps could be taken to deal with it, but it was not open to any official of the Corporation to inspect the books of the Contractor to ascertain if he was paying any particular rate of wages.

It was eventually agreed that in all future contracts, that a clause be inserted providing for the payment of rates of wages and enjoyment of conditions of labour, at least equal to the rates and conditions recognised in the district.

SALE OF BUILDING PLOT AT FISHER'S ROW

The next business was a proposal from the County Manager, that a plot of ground at the junction of Fisher's Row/William Street, be sold to Mrs. M. Doran for the sum of £110. Notice of this proposal was issued on the 22nd January, 1968.

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the proposal of the County Manager to sell a plot of ground to Mrs. Doran for the sum of £110 was approved, although Councillor Roche thought that the price was too low, and that it should be advertised again.

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The next business was a question from Alderman Jenkins, who had given notice that he would ask the number of Council houses let at rents under 12/-, 22/-, 32/- and 42/-, and over 42/- per week, and the amount of rate subsidy given to houses in the 5 years to 31/3/67.

A written reply was handed to the members to these questions, it intimated that the number of Council houses let at weekly rents was as follows:

Under 12/-	592	Over 42/-	Nil
22/-	212		
32/-	116		
42/-	16		

To the second part of the question, the following reply was given; the annual rate subsidy for the financial years ending 31st March, 1963, was £2,735.

1964 " £6,420.

1965 " £10,061

1966 " £11,390

1967 " £13,925

CARAVAN SITE AT FERRYBANK

Five tenders were submitted and opened for the provision of a caravan site at Ferrybank, and on being opened they were found to be from the following:

Wexford Plant Hire,
Killiane Castle,
Drinagh. £32,148. 13. 8d.

Richard Browne,
4, St. Patrick's Square,
Wexford. £34,424. 1. 6d.

John Kane, Ltd.,
South Quay,
Arklow. £34,823. 16. 9d.

Redmond Bros. Ltd.,
St. Peter's Square,
Wexford. £35,762. 6. 1d.

John Paul & Co. Ltd.,
Windy Arbour,
Dublin. £37,858. 18. 1d.

South Eastern Developers,
(C, Costello),
"Derrynane",
St. John's Road,
Wexford. £45,627. 6. 7d.

The tenders were referred to the County Manager to deal with in the usual way.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

The following matters were raised by members.
Councillor Flaherty called attention to a dangerous footpath outside No. 10, ~~Mc~~Donagh Street.

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In reply to a query, the Town Clerk intimated that he had not yet received any sanction from the Minister for Local Government, to make a vesting order in respect of Derelict Sites at Cornmarket, and he was asked to contact the Department of the matter.

Councillor Flaherty referred to the dangerous condition of the railing along the railway bridge at the Crescent, and was informed by the Town Clerk that at the request of the Council, he had written to the District Manager, C.I.E. some time ago and had received a reply to the effect that he was aware of the condition and had instructed the engineers to have repairs carried out.

Councillor Dunne referred to traffic conditions at Slaney Street, and the Borough Surveyor replied that this could only be dealt with by the Gardai on any revision of the traffic regulations.

Alderman Mahoney raised the question of the rent being paid by a person named Murphy, Hantoon Road, and the County Manager intimated that he had already discussed this matter with the Alderman, and he was not prepared to alter the rent.

Councillor Roche raised the question of the payment of rates weekly by tenant purchasers, and the Town Clerk suggested that the matter should be left over to the estimates meetings, as they were giving that consideration at the moment, but had come up against considerable difficulties. Councillor Roche also asked when it was proposed to appoint a Town Sergeant, and the Town Clerk intimated that he hoped to have the Board set up in the course of the next few weeks. Councillor Roche also referred to a case of the tenant of a house at Maudlintown, named Mrs. Hall whose husband had let his own house in Maudlintown at a rent of £3 per week, and had gone to reside with his wife at Antelope Road.

His Worship the Mayor, referred to the laneway leading from E.S.B. premises at Main Street to the Quay, and the Town Clerk promised to look up some correspondence he had with the occupiers on a previous occasion, and to serve a fresh notice.

The meeting then terminated.

John B. Morris

19th February, 1968.

A special meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half-past eight o'clock p.m. The members present being:

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman K. C. Morris, in the chair.

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, James Jenkins and James Mahoney.

Councillors: Fintan O'Leary, Peter Roche, John Dunne, Desmond Corish, James J. Morris, and Thomas Roche, who was elected to fill a vacancy at last meeting.

In attendance: County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

Before the meeting commenced, the newly elected member Mr. Thomas Roche, made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The meeting had been specially convened to meet representatives of the firm of T. J. O'Connor & Co., Consulting Engineers, who had prepared a report on the flooding of King Street, and adjoining areas. This firm was represented by M/s Tyghe and Cassidy.

A copy of the report of the Engineers had been circulated to the members some time ago, and considered at a previous meeting, and Mr. Tyghe now explained in more detail the proposals of his Firm for alleviating the flooding of King Street. Briefly, their proposals consisted of, the provision of a large capacity pipe from approximately Bishopswater to a point between King Street Avenue and Lambert Place, which pipe would be carried underneath Parnell Street to the estuary of the river close to the south railway station. As this pipe would be under pressure, it would be able to take and dispose of all water above the King Street Avenue point, in other words, it would take all water flowing off the land west of King Street, but Mr. Tyghe made it perfectly clear that it was impossible to deal with the tidal flooding of King Street.

A number of suggestions were made to the Consulting Engineer, regarding the construction of a reservoir to hold the water, and the tidal problem, but he explained in detail where these were not possible. When the matter had been discussed at considerable length, between the members and the engineers, Alderman Byrne proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Tyghe for his very able explanation of the whole problem, which was seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously adopted.

The Engineers then withdrew from the meeting.

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Roche to the meeting. Councillor Roche was selected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Nicholas Corish, and this welcome was supported by all the members present, and Councillor Roche returned thanks.

FERRYBANK

It was explained to the meeting that consideration had been given to the tenders opened at last meeting for the provision of a Caravan site at Ferrybank, and it was found that the firm who had submitted the lowest tender had little experience of building work, and the consultants were not prepared to recommend their appointment. The County Manager intimated that he proposed to accept the second lowest tender, that of Mr. Richard Browne, and on the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the proposal of the Manager was unanimously approved.

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Arising out of these tenders for Ferrybank, the County Manager explained that some time ago, there had been a misunderstanding regarding the position of the Architect for the Ferrybank scheme. He had since had an interview with Mr. Fox, and was satisfied that he was now in a position to carry on as Architect, despite the fact that he was also employed as a lecturer in Bolton Street, Technical School.

Alderman Byrne referred to the use of the site by itinerants, and the Town Clerk was requested to ask the Gardai to have them removed.

Councillor Dunne made a strong plea for the re-housing of a person named Cosgrave, of Abbey Street, but the Manager asked the meeting if they were prepared to express an opinion that this man should be removed from the bottom of the queue to the top, but there was no proposal to this effect.

It was agreed however, that the Corporation staff try and alleviate the drainage blockage in that particular house until alternative accommodation could be provided for the occupiers.

Arising out of the selection of Mr. Thomas Roche, a new member of the Council, the Town Clerk pointed out that Mr. Roche had formerly been a member of the Town of Wexford Vocational Committee as an extern member. As he was now a member of the local authority, he was disqualified from being an extern member of the Vocational Educational Committee, and it would be necessary for the Council at their next meeting to fill the vacancy caused by his disqualification.

The meeting then terminated.

Flann. L. M. Merris

4th March, 1968.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at 8.15 p.m., the members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman K.C. Morris, in the chair.

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, James Jenkins and James Mahoney.

Councillors: James J. Morris, Peter Roche, Fintan O'Leary, John Dunne, John Cullimore, Thomas Roche, Desmond Corish and John Flaherty.

In Attendance: County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the minutes of 5th and 19th ultimo, 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.

SYMPATHY.

His Worship the Mayor, moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the sisters and relatives of the late Rev. Thomas Roche, Ph.D. a former member of the Borough Council, and of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, supported by all the members and officials present, and adopted in respectful silence.

CONGRATULATIONS.

His Worship the Mayor proposed that the congratulations of the Council be extended to Mr. Vincent Downey, Accountant, National Bank, Wexford (The Treasurers of the Corporation) on his promotion as Manager of the Enniscorthy Branch. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion, which was also supported by all the members and unanimously adopted.

CORRECTION.

Alderman Byrne referred to the meeting held on 5th February, and intimated that he wished it to be clearly understood, that any reference at that meeting to Building contractors, did not refer to Messrs Ferguson & Sons, who paid trade union rates of wages and observed trade union conditions.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE.

An invitation was read from the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee inviting the Mayor and members of the Corporation to take part in the parade to be held on 17th instant from Swan View to the 12.00 o'clock Mass in the Church of Immaculate Conception.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation would attend the parade and the Mass.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The next business was to appoint a person who was not a member of the Council to be a member of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

The vacancy on the committee arose through the co-option to the Borough Council of Mr. Thomas Roche, who was a non-council member of the Vocational Education Committee.

Alderman Byrne thereupon proposed that Mr. Kevin Kehoe, School Street, Wexford, be appointed a non-council member, Councillor Flaherty seconded. Councillor Dunne proposed that Mr. Seamus Swan of Fisher's Row, be appointed, Councillor Peter Roche seconded.

Alderman Jenkins proposed Mr. Fintan Rossiter for the vacancy and Councillor Cullimore seconded it, but this proposition was withdrawn.

On a poll being taken, there voted for Mr. Kehoe: Aldermen Morris, Jenkins, Byrne, Councillors Corish, Cullimore, Flaherty, Thomas Roche, Fintan O'Leary and Morris. Nine. For Mr. Swan: Alderman Mahoney, Councillors Dunne and Peter Roche. Three. Mr. Kehoe was declared elected to the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee.

KING STREET FLOODING.

The next item on the agenda was "to make a decision on the report of the Consultants regarding King Street Flooding". Arising out of this item, Alderman Byrne proposed that the matter be adjourned until after the estimates to give the members an opportunity of studying the report in more detail. Councillor Corish seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

Alderman Jenkins, however, suggested that the Corporation might consider contacting the Dutch Embassy in Dublin, with a view to them nominating an official to examine the scheme proposed by the Consultants or to submit a new scheme, this suggestion was left in abeyance until the matter was again under consideration.

SWAN VIEW.

In accordance with notice given, His Worship the Mayor, moved that steps be taken as soon as possible, to re-surface this ground at Swan View, Alderman Byrne seconded this motion, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that this work had already been programmed by him for inclusion in the Employment Schemes for the coming year.

DIRECT LABOUR.

The next business was a motion by Councillor Peter Roche, "that it be the policy of this Corporation that the Direct Labour Unit be retained as a means of providing houses for the people of Wexford". Alderman Mahoney seconded this motion. A lengthy discussion followed, during which it was pointed out that the Direct Labour Unit had served the Corporation very well over the years, but that it was unable to produce as soon as was necessary the number of houses needed to rehouse the people in want of dwellings. If the housing problem was to be solved within a reasonable time, then there was need for both the Direct Labour Unit and the contract system.

The motion was eventually agreed to, amended as follows "that it be the continued policy of this Corporation, that the Direct Labour Unit be retained as a means of providing houses for the people of Wexford".

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES INSURANCES.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche, Councillor Desmond Corish was appointed to represent the Corporation at the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances.

PLOT OF GROUND AT MAUDLINTOWN.

On the motion of Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne, a recommendation from the County Manager that they agree in principle to lease a plot of ground at Maudlintown to the Maudlintown Children's Sports Committee, was adopted, after it had been explained to the meeting, that a number of legal details would need to be settled before the ground was actually conveyed to the Sports Committee.

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909 in respect of the Abbey Cinema was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

NEW ROAD.

In accordance with notice give, Alderman Mahoney moved "that the Corporation provide a roadway from Devereux Villas to Distillery Road", Councillor Peter Roche seconded this motion.

It was pointed out to the meeting however, that the ground over which this road would be constructed was not Corporate property, and it was decided that the attitude of the owners of the property be ascertained together with an estimate of the cost from the Borough Surveyor.

BUILDING, NORTH END.

A further motion in the name of Alderman Mahoney was "that the Corporation should make use of open spaces in Abbey Street and the North End of the town by building houses or other structure on them". Councillor Dunne seconded this motion, but the matter was adjourned to enable details of the costings of flats to be supplied to the members.

QUESTIONS.

Alderman Jenkins asked what progress had been made to secure an adequate supply of litter bins, and was informed that a provision of £35 would be included in the forthcoming roads estimate to replace 12 bins. The estimated requirement on the streets was 90 additional bins, and if such were to be provided a further sum of £250 would be required.

It was also pointed out that the staff had been in communication with a firm who would supply the bins free of charge, and that their representative would be calling on the officials within the next few weeks. The Alderman also asked what progress had been made to have signposts erected on the Quay pointing to the various parking places, and was informed that a sum was also included in the coming year's estimates for this work.

A third question by the Alderman was: when was work likely to commence on the clearing of the Bull Ring, Market Place area for use as a parking place, and he was informed that before this area could be used as a public parking place, it would be necessary to secure vacant possession of the various stalls let there, and to purchase the ground rent of £50 per annum payable to the Muskerry Estate.

A fourth question by the Alderman was: what steps had been taken to have a further supply of seats for use on the waterfront, and any other area where they would be a tourist amenity? The Alderman was informed that a sum of £125 was being included in the coming year's estimate for the provision of 5 additional seats.

DERELICT SITES, CORNMARKEET.

Councillor Flaherty inquired what was the position regarding the transfer of property between the Corporation and Messrs Sloans at Cornmarket, and was informed that no decision had yet been received from the Department of Local Government.

ABBEY STREET HOUSE.

Councillor Flaherty also asked what was the position regarding the vacant house in Abbey Street, and if the Corporation were prepared to sell same, and this was adjourned to enable the matter to be investigated.

TREES AT WILLIAM STREET.

Councillor O'Leary complained of the destruction of trees at William Street, and asked that the Gardai be requested to investigate the matter.

LIGHTING OF KENNEDY PARK.

The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting, that he had received a telephone quotation from the Electricity Supply Board, for the provision of lights at Kennedy Park. The Capital Cost of the lighting would be £120 and the annual charge approximately £123 per annum, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the quotation of the Board was accepted.

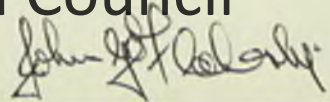
SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

The Town Clerk read a report from the Acting Veterinary Inspector, Mr. Michael A. Murphy, on the condition of the various slaughterhouses in the town, which showed that the standards of hygiene and cleanliness did not in any way fulfil the Regulations under the Slaughter of Animals Acts. Most of the slaughterhouses were situated in lanes off the Main Street, and the yards and houses themselves were rat infested. Many of them were so situated that refuse and offals must be stored only some feet away from the carcasses and this refuse was removed at irregular intervals. In some cases, pigs were fattened on the offals in the same yards.

It was seen that the only cure for this situation was the provision of a public abbatoir, but the Town Clerk informed the meeting that some victuallers had in mind the establishment of an abbatoir a few miles outside the town, which could carry out the killings for all the butchers in town. To enable this to be done, however, it would be necessary for the Corporation to amend their Meat Inspection Bye-Laws to provide for the inspection of meat for consumption in the Borough in an abbatoir outside the town, and the members agreed in principle that this would be done if and when an abbatoir was provided.

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The meeting then terminated.



BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

7th March, 1968.

To each member of the Wexford
Borough Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Council of the above Borough to be held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings on Monday next, 11th March, 1968, at 8.15.p.m. for a preliminary examination of the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for 1968/69, prior to the Estimates Meeting due to be held on Monday 25th March, 1968.

The expenditure allowed in the Estimates for the current year was:-

	£	£
Corporation Services	161,738	
County Council Services.	<u>61,550</u>	223,288
The adopted receipts were		<u>98,953</u>
		124,335

In addition provision had to be made for supplementary estimates in 1966/7 amounting to £2,600 making the total rate demand £126,935.

The rate made for the current year was 75/- broadly divided as to 38/7¹/₂d in respect of Corporation services and 36/4¹/₂d. in respect of County Council services.

The estimated (Corporation) expenditure for the coming year is £184,519 an increase of £22,781, while the receipts are estimated at £111,223 an increase of £12,270.

To meet the estimated deficiency on the estimate for the Corporation Services will require a rate of 42/8.5d. an increase of 4/1d.

Particulars of the estimated expenditure and receipts are attached hereto.

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JOHN J. BYRNE,

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BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

PARTICULARS OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS FOR
THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1967/8 AND 1968/9

EXPENDITURE

Item No.	Sum Allowed 1967/8	Service	Estimated By Manager 1968/9	Increase	Decrease
	£		£	£	£
<u>ROAD WORKS.</u>					
1.	1150	Ordinary Road Works.	1200	50	-
2.	1225	Salaries and Superannuations	1695	470	-
3.	150	Road Openings.	150	-	-
4.	3500	Special Employment Schemes.	3500	-	-
5.	1573	Urban Roads Grant.	1573	-	-
6.	128	Erection of Plaques.	-	-	128
7.	120	Painting Railings, Barry Statue.	-	-	120
8.	60	Contingencies.	60	-	-
9.	-	5 Additional Seats on Quay.	125	125	-
10.	-	Provision for Litter Bins.	35	35	-
11.	-	Signs and poles to indicate routes to parking places.	200	200	-
	<u>7906</u>		<u>8538</u>	<u>880</u>	<u>248</u>

SANITARY SERVICES.

12.	2450	Burial Grounds.	2550	100	-
13.	4120	Domestic Scavenging.	4020	-	100
14.	4200	Public Scavenging.	4730	530	-
15.	5500	Waterworks.	6000	500	-
16.	1100	Maintenance of Sewers.	1450	350	-
17.	1000	Salaries.	1220	220	-
18.	1850	Public Sanitary Conveniences.	1850	-	-
19.	2300	Public Lighting and Town decoration.	2500	200	-
20.	20	Red Cross Society - Water Safety.	20	-	-
21.	7780	Loan Charges.	9030	1250	-
22.	60	Contingencies.	60	-	-
	<u>30,380</u>		<u>33430</u>	<u>3,150</u>	<u>100</u>

HOUSING.

23.	76,840	Loan Charges.	86,800	9,960	-
24.	3,250	Maintenance.	7,275	4,025	-
25.	4,650	Salaries.	5,120	470	-
26.	550	Rents and Insurances.	550	-	-
	<u>85,290</u>		<u>99,745</u>	<u>14,455</u>	<u>-</u>

Item No.	Sum Allowed 1967/8 £	Service.	Estimated By Manager 1968/9 £	Increase £	Decrease £
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.</u>					
27.	61,550	County Council Demand.	Not yet Available.	-	-
28.	1,200	Unemployment Assistance	1,300	100	-
29.	100	Tourist Development.	100	-	-
30.	500	Repairs to Corporate Property.	500	-	-
31.	4,674	Vocational Education.	4,756	82	-
32.	2,000	Fire Brigade.	2,500	500	-
33.	600	Rents, Rates, Taxes, Insurances etc.	600	-	-
34.	12,288	Salaries and Superannuations	14,350	2,062	-
35.	150	Food and Drugs.	150	-	-
36.	500	Printing and Advertising.	500	-	-
37.	300	Telephones, Office requisites			
		Postage, Paying Orders etc.	300	-	-
38.	200	Fuel and Light.	200	-	-
39.	4,500	Cheap Fuel Scheme.	4,500	-	-
40.	500	Legal and Audit.	500	-	-
41.	500	Overdraft Interest.	500	-	-
42.	100	Travelling Expenses.	100	-	-
43.	20	Uniform and Boots Town Sergeant.	20	-	-
44.	100	Associations and Bands.	100	-	-
45.	700	School Meals.	700	-	-
46.	150	Rate Refunds.	150	-	-
47.	2,180	Loan Charges.	4,580	2,400	-
48.	300	Redmond Park.	300	-	-
49.	500	Local Elections.	-	-	500
50.	6,000	Materials, Machinery and Stores.	6,000	-	-
51.	100	Miscellaneous.	100	-	-
	99,712		42,806	5,144	500
	61,550	Less County Demand.			
	38,162				

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.

1967/8 £		1968/9 £	Increase £	Decrease £
7,906	Roads.	8,538	632	-
30,380	Sanitary Services.	33,430	3,050	-
85,290	Housing.	99,745	14,455	-
38,162	General Purposes.	42,806	4,644	-
161,738		184,519	22,781	-

Item No.	Adopted 1967/8	Particulars of Receipts	Estimated By Manager 1968/9	Increase	Decrease
	£		£	£	£

URBAN ROADS.

1.	150	Road Openings.	150	-	-
2.	3,050	Employment Schemes.	3,050	-	-
3.	1,573	Roads Improvement Grant.	1,573	-	-
	<u>4,773</u>		<u>4,773</u>	-	-

SANITARY SERVICES.

4.	500	Burial Grounds.	500	-	-
5.	600	Scavenging Main Roads.	600	-	-
6.	50	Scavenging County Hospital.	50	-	-
7.	3,200	Sale of Water.	3,200	-	-
8.	200	Public Sanitary Conveniences.	200	-	-
9.	2,100	State and Local Subventions to Sanitary Services.	2,000	-	100
10.	250	Waterworks Recoupments.	250	-	-
	<u>6,900</u>		<u>6,800</u>	-	100

HOUSING.

11.	38,380	Rents and Purchase Annuities	47,000	8,620	-
12.	26,400	State Subsidies.	29,000	2,600	-
13.	5,400	Loan Repayments.	6,000	600	-
	<u>70,180</u>		<u>82,000</u>	<u>11,820</u>	-

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

14.	800	Fire Brigade.	1,000	200	-
15.	4,500	Fuel Schemes.	4,500	-	-
16.	1,500	Government Rates.	1,600	100	-
17.	900	Town Hall and Corporate Property.	1,000	100	-
18.	350	School Meals.	350	-	-
19.	600	Vocational Education.	600	-	-
20.	1,200	Superannuation Contributions.	1,350	150	-
21.	6,850	Materials and Machinery.	6,850	-	-
22.	400	Miscellaneous.	400	-	-
	<u>17,100</u>		<u>17,650</u>	<u>550</u>	-

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

1967/8		1968/9	Increase	Decrease
£		£	£	£
4,773	Roads.	4,773	-	-
6,900	Sanitary Services.	6,800	-	100
70,180	Housing.	82,000	11,820	-
17,100	General Purposes.	17,650	550	-
<u>98,953</u>		<u>111,223</u>	<u>23,970</u>	<u>100</u>

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

7th March, 1968.

To each member of the Wexford
Borough Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Council of the above Borough to be held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings on Monday next, 11th March, 1968, at 8.15.p.m. for a preliminary examination of the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for 1968/69, prior to the Estimates Meeting due to be held on Monday 25th March, 1968.

The expenditure allowed in the Estimates for the current year was:-

	£	£
Corporation Services	161,738	
County Council Services.	61,550	223,288
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The adopted receipts were		98,953
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		124,335

In addition provision had to be made for supplementary estimates in 1966/7 amounting to £2,600 making the total rate demand £126,935.

The rate made for the current year was 75/- broadly divided as to 38/7¹/₂d in respect of Corporation services and 36/4¹/₂d. in respect of County Council services.

The estimated (Corporation) expenditure for the coming year is £184,519 an increase of £22,781, while the receipts are estimated at £111,223 an increase of £12,270.

To meet the estimated deficiency on the estimate for the Corporation Services will require a rate of 42/8.5d. an increase of 4/1d.

Particulars of the estimated expenditure and receipts are attached hereto.

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JOHN J. BYRNE,

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BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

PARTICULARS OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS FOR
THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1967/8 AND 1968/9

EXPENDITURE

Item No.	Sum Allowed 1967/8	Service	Estimated By Manager 1968/9	Increase	Decrease
	£		£	£	£
<u>ROAD WORKS.</u>					
1.	1150	Ordinary Road Works.	1200	50	-
2.	1225	Salaries and Superannuations	1695	470	-
3.	150	Road Openings.	150	-	-
4.	3500	Special Employment Schemes.	3500	-	-
5.	1573	Urban Roads Grant.	1573	-	-
6.	128	Erection of Plaques.	-	-	128
7.	120	Painting Railings, Barry Statue.	-	-	120
8.	60	Contingencies.	60	-	-
9.	-	5 Additional Seats on Quay.	125	125	-
10.	-	Provision for Litter Bins.	35	35	-
11.	-	Signs and poles to indicate routes to parking places.	200 100	200	-
	<u>7906</u>		<u>8438</u>	880	248

SANITARY SERVICES.

12.	2450	Burial Grounds.	2550	100	-
13.	4120	Domestic Scavenging.	4020	-	100
14.	4200	Public Scavenging.	4730 4330	530	-
15.	5500	Waterworks.	6000 5950	500	-
16.	1100	Maintenance of Sewers.	1450	350	-
17.	1000	Salaries.	1220	220	-
18.	1850	Public Sanitary Conveniences.	1850	-	-
19.	2300	Public Lighting and Town decoration.	2500	200	-
20.	20	Red Cross Society - Water Safety.	20	-	-
21.	7780	Loan Charges.	9030	1250	-
22.	60	Contingencies.	60	-	-
	<u>30,380</u>		<u>32980</u> 33430	3,150	100

HOUSING.

23.	76,840	Loan Charges.	86,800	9,960	-
24.	3,250	Maintenance. - L900	7,275 6375	4,025	-
25.	4,650	Salaries.	5,120	470	-
26.	550	Rents and Insurances.	550	-	-
	<u>85,290</u>		<u>98,845</u> 99,845	14,455	-

Item No.	Sum Allowed 1967/8 £	Service.	Estimated By Manager 1968/9 £	Increase £	Decrease £
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.</u>					
27.	61,550	County Council Demand.	Not yet Available.	-	-
28.	1,200	Unemployment Assistance	1,300	100	-
29.	100	Tourist Development.	100	-	-
30.	500	Repairs to Corporate Property.	500	-	-
31.	4,674	Vocational Education.	4,756	82	-
32.	2,000	Fire Brigade.	2,500	500	-
33.	600	Rents, Rates, Taxes, Insurances etc.	600	-	-
34.	12,288	Salaries and Superannuations	14,350 ^{4/50}	2,062	-
35.	150	Food and Drugs.	150	-	-
36.	500	Printing and Advertising.	500	-	-
37.	300	Telephones, Office requisites			
		Postage, Paying Orders etc.	300	-	-
38.	200	Fuel and Light.	200	-	-
39.	4,500	Cheap Fuel Scheme.	4,500	-	-
40.	500	Legal and Audit.	500	-	-
41.	500	Overdraft Interest.	500	-	-
42.	100	Travelling Expenses.	100	-	-
43.	20	Uniform and Boots Town Sergeant.	20	-	-
44.	100	Associations and Bands.	100	-	-
45.	700	School Meals.	700	-	-
46.	150	Rate Refunds.	150	-	-
47.	2,180	Loan Charges.	4,580	2,400	-
48.	300	Redmond Park.	300	-	-
49.	500	Local Elections.	-	-	500
50.	6,000	Materials, Machinery and Stores.	6,000	-	-
51.	100	Miscellaneous.	100	-	-
	99,712		42,806 ⁴⁸⁶	5,144	500
	61,550	Less County Demand.			
	38,162				

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.

1967/8 £		1968/9 £	Increase £	Decrease £
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	£		£	£	£

URBAN ROADS.

1.	150	Road Openings.	150	-	-
2.	3,050	Employment Schemes.	3,050	-	-
3.	1,573	Roads Improvement Grant.	1,573	-	-
	<u>4,773</u>		<u>4,773</u>	-	-

SANITARY SERVICES.

4.	500	Burial Grounds.	500	-	-
5.	600	Scavenging Main Roads.	600	-	-
6.	50	Scavenging County Hospital.	50	-	-
7.	3,200	Sale of Water.	3,200	-	-
8.	200	Public Sanitary Conveniences.	200	-	-
9.	2,100	State and Local Subventions to Sanitary Services.	2,000	-	100
10.	250	Waterworks Recoupments.	250	-	-
	<u>6,900</u>		<u>6,800</u>	-	100

HOUSING.

11.	38,380	Rents and Purchase Annuities	47,000	8,620	-
12.	26,400	State Subsidies.	29,000	2,600	-
13.	5,400	Loan Repayments.	6,000	600	-
	<u>70,180</u>		<u>82,000</u>	<u>11,820</u>	-

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

14.	800	Fire Brigade.	1,000	200	-
15.	4,500	Fuel Schemes.	4,500	-	-
16.	1,500	Government Rates.	1,600	100	-
17.	900	Town Hall and Corporate Property.	1,000	100	-
18.	350	School Meals.	350	-	-
19.	600	Vocational Education.	600	-	-
20.	1,200	Superannuation Contributions.	1,350	150	-
21.	6,850	Materials and Machinery.	6,850	-	-
22.	400	Miscellaneous.	400	-	-
	<u>17,100</u>		<u>17,650</u>	<u>550</u>	-

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

1967/8		1968/9	Increase	Decrease
£		£	£	£
4,773	Roads.	4,773	-	-
6,900	Sanitary Services.	6,800	-	100
70,180	Housing.	82,000	11,820	-
17,100	General Purposes.	17,650	550	-
<u>98,953</u>		<u>111,223</u>	<u>12,370</u>	<u>100</u>

11th March, 1968.

A meeting of the Corporation as a finance Committee was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at 8.30 p.m.. The members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman K. C. Morris, in the chair.

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, James Jenkins and James Mahoney.

Councillors: John Dunne, Peter Roche, John Cullimore, Desmond Corish, Thomas Roche, John Flaherty, James J. Morris, and Fintan O'Leary.

In attendance: Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

The meeting had been convened to examine the Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for 1968/69. A copy of these had been furnished to the members with the agenda for this meeting, and a copy is attached to these minutes.

The Estimates were examined in detail and further information relating thereto requested by members was supplied by the officials.

The meeting adjourned until 8.15 p.m. on 22nd idem.

James J. Morris

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

14th March, 1968.

To each member of the
Wexford Borough Council.

A Chara,

In compliance with the provisions of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, I enclose herewith, formal estimate of the expenses of Wexford Corporation for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1969, which will be considered at the Estimates Meeting due to be held on 25th March, 1968. Details of the estimate have already been furnished you.

Mise, le meas,

T. F. O'Brugha,

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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, 1969.

TABLE A:

EXPENDITURE:

Service: (1)	Purpose of Expenditure: (2)	Amount Estimated.	
		Estimated by Manager.	Adopted by Council.
		(3) £	(4) £
<u>Urban Roads:</u>	Ordinary Road Works.	3,465	
	Special Grant Works.	3,500	
	Road Improvement Grant.	1,573	
	TOTAL:	8,538	
<u>Sanitary:</u>	Sanitary.	33,430	
	TOTAL:	33,430	
<u>Housing:</u>	Housing of the Working Classes.	93,425	
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	6,320	
	TOTAL:	99,745	
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:</u>			
County Council Services:			
Main Roads	Main Roads	62,500 (estimated)	
Public Assistance	Public Assistance		
Health (County)	Health (County)		
General Purposes (County)	General Purposes (County)		
Separate Charges			
Unemployment Assistance		1,300	
<u>OTHER URBAN PURPOSES:</u>			
	Tourist Development	100	
	Vocational Education	4,756	
	Other Purposes	30,650	
	Materials, Machinery and Stores.	6,000	
	TOTAL:	105,306	

TABLE B.

Service. (1)	Nature of Receipts. (2)	<u>Amount Estimated:</u>	
		Estimated by Manager: (3) £	Adopted by Council: (4) £
<u>Urban Roads:</u>	State Grants.	4,623	
	Other Receipts.	150	
TOTAL:		4,773	
<u>Sanitary:</u>	State Grants.	2,000	
	Other Sanitary Receipts.	4,800	
TOTAL:		6,800	
<u>Housing:</u>	Housing of the Working Classes.		
	Rents.	47,000	
	State Grants.	29,000	
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	6,000	
TOTAL:		82,000	
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:</u>			
	State Grants.	7,050	
	Other Receipts.	3,750	
	Material Expenses (balance)		
	Machinery Expenses (balance)	6,850	
TOTAL:		17,650	

TABLE C:

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND:

<u>CALCULATION OF SUM TO BE RAISED:</u>							
Nature of Services:	Estimated Gross Expenditure (Table A)	Estimated Receipts (Table B)	Net Estimated Expenditure	Estimated Credit Balance.	Estimated Debit Balance (if any)	Amount Leviable	Rate in the Pound on the Valuation of the area. (34,320)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
URBAN ROADS	8,538	4,773	3,765	-	-	3,765	26
SANITARY SERVICES	33,430	6,800	26,630	-	-	26,630	186
HOUSING	99,745	82,000	17,745	-	-	17,745	124
General Urban Purposes							
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES)							
ROADS)							
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE)							
MENTAL HOSPITAL)	62,500	-	62,500	-	-	62,500	437
HEALTH (COUNTY))							
GENERAL PURPOSES)							
SEPARATE CHARGES)							
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	1,300	-	1,300	-	-	1,300	9
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES	41,506	17,650	23,856	-	-	23,856	167
TOTAL GENERAL RATE							949

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council held this 25th day of March, 1968, the Council did by resolution adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B and C. and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said Estimate the Rates set forth in Column 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, 1969.

Dated this 25th day of March, 1968.

Countersigned _____

(Town Clerk) Signed: _____

(Mayor of Wexford)

@: Wexford Borough Council

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

14th March, 1968.

To each member of the
Wexford Borough Council.

A Chara,

In compliance with the provisions of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, I enclose herewith, formal estimate of the expenses of Wexford Corporation for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1969, which will be considered at the Estimates Meeting due to be held on 25th March, 1968. Details of the estimate have already been furnished you.

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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, 1969.

TABLE A:
EXPENDITURE:

Service: (1)	Purpose of Expenditure: (2)	Amount Estimated.	
		Estimated by Manager. (3) £	Adopted by Council. (4) £
<u>Urban Roads:</u>	Ordinary Road Works.	3,465	
	Special Grant Works.	3,500	
	Road Improvement Grant.	1,573	
	TOTAL:	8,538	
<u>Sanitary:</u>	Sanitary.	33,430	
	TOTAL:	33,430	
<u>Housing:</u>	Housing of the Working Classes.	93,425	
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	6,320	
	TOTAL:	99,745	
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:</u>			
County Council Services:			
Main Roads	Main Roads	62,500 (estimated)	
Public Assistance	Public Assistance		
Health (County)	Health (County)		
General Purposes	General Purposes		
(County)	(County)		
Separate Charges			
Unemployment Assistance		1,300	
<u>OTHER URBAN PURPOSES:</u>			
	Tourist Development	100	
	Vocational Education	4,756	
	Other Purposes	30,650	
	Materials, Machinery and Stores.	6,000	
	TOTAL:	105,306	

TABLE B.

Service. (1)	Nature of Receipts. (2)	Amount Estimated:	
		Estimated by Manager: (3) £	Adopted by Council: (4) £
<u>Urban Roads:</u>	State Grants.	4,623	
	Other Receipts.	150	
TOTAL:		4,773	
<u>Sanitary:</u>	State Grants.	2,000	
	Other Sanitary Receipts.	4,800	
TOTAL:		6,800	
<u>Housing:</u>	Housing of the Working Classes.		
	Rents.	47,000	
	State Grants.	29,000	
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	6,000	
TOTAL:		82,000	
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:</u>			
	State Grants.	7,050	
	Other Receipts.	3,750	
	Material Expenses (balance)	6,850	
	Machinery Expenses (balance)		
TOTAL:		17,650	

TABLE C:

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND:

<u>CALCULATION OF SUM TO BE RAISED:</u>							
Nature of Services:	Estimated Gross Expenditure (Table A)	Estimated Receipts (Table B)	Net Estimated Expenditure	Estimated Credit Balance.	Estimated Debit Balance (if any)	Amount Leviable	Rate in the Pound on the Valuation of the area. (34,320)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
URBAN ROADS	8,538	4,773	3,765	-	-	3,765	26
SANITARY SERVICES	33,430	6,800	26,630	-	-	26,630	186
HOUSING	99,745	82,000	17,745	-	-	17,745	124
General Urban Purposes							
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES)							
ROADS)							
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE)							
MENTAL HOSPITAL)	62,500	-	62,500	-	-	62,500	437
HEALTH (COUNTY))							
GENERAL PURPOSES)							
SEPARATE CHARGES)							
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	1,300	-	1,300	-	-	1,300	9
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES	41,506	17,650	23,856	-	-	23,856	167
TOTAL GENERAL RATE							949

CERTIFICATE.

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Dated this 25th day of March, 1968.

Countersigned _____

(Town Clerk) Signed: _____

(Mayor of Wexford)

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Aldermen: James Jenkins and Thomas Byrne.

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Once again the Committee examined the Estimates in detail and decided to recommend the Council at the Estimates Meeting due to be held on 25th instant to make the following alterations:-

1. Reduce estimate for provision of Road signs by	£100
2. Reduce Waterworks Estimate by	£50
3. Delete provision for road to dumping ground	£400
4. Reduce estimate for repairs to tenant-purchase houses by	£500
5. Delete provision for grates for Bishopswater houses	£400
Total reductions.	<hr/> £1,450

It was also agreed that the annual allowance for the office of Mayor should be fixed at £300, (subject to adjustment during the year) an increase of

Net reduction in Estimate	<hr/> 150
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SYMPATHY

His Worship the Mayor, moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Aer Lingus, the Lord Mayor and Citizens of Cork and the relatives of all those who lost their lives in the crash of the Viscount off the Wexford coast; and in particular the local relatives of Air Hostess, Anne Kelly, who was reared and educated in Wexford.

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

ESTIMATES 1968/69.

The Council Finance Committee who had carefully examined the Estimates for 1968/69 recommended the adoption of a rate of 77/10 in the pound. The Committee also recommended the following adjustments in the estimate as prepared by the County Manager.

Reductions and deletions as detailed in Minutes of 22nd instant.	£1,450
Increase in Mayor's Allowance	150
Net reductions.	<u>£1,300</u>

With these adjustments the figures for 1968/69 amounted to

(a) Expenditure	£243,019
(b) Receipts.	<u>111,323</u>
(c) Net sum to be raised by Rate.	<u>£131,696</u>

This net sum would require a rate of 77/10 in the £.

Alderman Byrne thereupon moved that the recommendations of the Finance Committee reducing the estimated expenditure and increasing the Mayor's allowance to £300 per annum be adopted. This motion was seconded by Councillor Corish and unanimously adopted.

Alderman Byrne also moved that the Council adopt a Municipal Rate of 77/10 in the pound for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1969.

This motion was seconded by Councillor James J. Morris and also unanimously adopted.

After the adoption of the estimates, congratulations were extended to the officials for the manner in which the estimates were presented; as well as to rate and rent payers for the manner in which they had met their responsibilities during the year.

ESTIMATED OVER-EXPENDITURE 1967/68.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, the following over-expenditure in the current financial year was approved, viz: Roads £4,000, Housing £4,000 and General Purposes £7,000.

OVERDRAFT

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £60,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £40,000, was approved for the Quarter ending 30th June, 1968.

The meeting then terminated.

James J. Morris

Wexford

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Estimate of Expenses and Determination of Rates in the Pound FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1969

TABLE A.—EXPENDITURE

Service (1)	NATURE OF EXPENDITURE (2)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
		Estimated by Manager (3)		Adopted by Council (4)	
Urban Roads	Ordinary Road Works	3,465	.	3,365	.
	Special Grant Works	5,073	.	5,073	.
	TOTAL ...	8,538	.	8,438	.
Sanitary	Sanitary	33,430	.	32,980	.
	TOTAL ...	33,430	.	32,980	.
Housing	Housing of the Working Classes	93,425	.	92,525	.
	Local Assistance Schemes ... ..	.	.	.	.
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,320	.	6,320	.
	TOTAL ...	99,745	.	98,845	.
General Urban Purposes					
County Council Services					
Main Roads	Main Roads	3,372	.	3,372	.
Public Assistance	Public Assistance	2,642	.	2,642	.
Health (County)	Health (County)	46,031	.	46,031	.
General Purposes (County)	General Purposes (County)	7,336	.	7,336	.
Separate Charges	Separate Charges	419	.	419	.
Unemployment Assistance	Unemployment Assistance	1,300	.	1,300	.
	Public Libraries ... ..	.	.	.	.
Other Urban Purposes	Tourist Development	100	.	100	.
	Town and Regional Planning ... ..	.	.	.	.
	Vocational Education	4,756	.	4,756	.
	Other Purposes	30,650	.	30,800	.
	Materials Expense (Balance)	6,000	.	6,000	.
	Machinery Expense (Balance)				
	TOTAL ...	102,606	.	102,756	.
Main Roads (Maintained by Urban Authority) (Note)					

TABLE B.—RECEIPTS

Service (1)	NATURE OF RECEIPTS (2)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
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URBAN ROADS	State Grants (to be specified)				
	<i>Employment & Emergency Schemes</i>	<i>3,050</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>3,050</i>	<i>.</i>
	<i>Urban Roads Improvement Grant</i>	<i>1,573</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>1,573</i>	<i>.</i>
	Other Receipts	<i>150</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>.</i>
	TOTAL ...	<i>4,773</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>4,773</i>	<i>.</i>
SANITARY	State Grants (to be specified)				
	<i>Sanitary Services Loans</i>	<i>2,000</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>2,000</i>	<i>.</i>
	Other Receipts	<i>4,850</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>4,850</i>	<i>.</i>
	TOTAL ...	<i>6,850</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>6,850</i>	<i>.</i>
HOUSING	Housing of the Working Classes				
	Rents	<i>47,000</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>47,000</i>	<i>.</i>
	State Grants	<i>29,000</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>29,000</i>	<i>.</i>
	Other Receipts	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
	Local Assistance Schemes	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>.</i>
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	<i>6,000</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>6,000</i>	<i>.</i>
	TOTAL ...	<i>82,000</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>82,000</i>	<i>.</i>
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES	State Grants (to be specified) <i>Cheap Fuel Schemes</i>	<i>4,500</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>4,500</i>	<i>.</i>
	<i>Bounty in lieu of rates</i>	<i>1,650</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>1,650</i>	<i>.</i>
	<i>Vocational Education</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>.</i>
	<i>School Meals</i>	<i>350</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>350</i>	<i>.</i>
	Other Receipts	<i>3,750</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>3,750</i>	<i>.</i>
	Materials Expense (Balance)	<i>6,850</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>6,850</i>	<i>.</i>
	Machinery Expense (Balance)				
	TOTAL ...	<i>17,700</i>	<i>.</i>	<i>17,700</i>	<i>.</i>

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Nature of Service (1)	Estimated Gross Expenditure (Table A) (2)	Estimated Receipts (Table B) (3)	Net Estimated Expenditure (4)	CALCULATIONS OF SUM TO BE RAISED						Rate in the Pound on the Valuation of the Area (£ 33.840) (8)
				Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5)	Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (6)	Amount Leviable (7)				
URBAN ROADS	8438 . .	4773 . .	3665 . .					3665 . .	26.00	
SANITARY	32,980 . .	6850 . .	26,130 . .					26,130 . .	185.31	
HOUSING	98,845 . .	82,000 . .	16,845 . .					16,845 . .	119.48	
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES										
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES										
MAIN ROADS	3,372 . .		3,372 . .					3,372 . .	23.91	
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	2,642 . .		2,642 . .					2,642 . .	18.72	
HEALTH (County)	46,031 . .		46,031 . .					46,031 . .	326.38	
GENERAL PURPOSES (County)	7,336 . .		7,336 . .					7,336 . .	52.00	
SEPARATE CHARGES	419 . .		419 . .					419 . .	3.00	
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	1,300 . .		1,300 . .					1,300 . .	9.20	
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES	41,656 . .	17,700 . .	23,956 . .					23,956 . .	170.00	

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Signed.....Alvin C. Morris.....Mayor or Chairman.

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In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Cullimore moved that Councillor Flaherty take the chair, Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was agreed to.

Councillor Flaherty then took the chair, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the minutes of meeting of 4th ultimo, a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

Councillor Cullimore apologised for the absence of Alderman Jenkins, and asked that the questions in his name be adjourned for his attendance at next meeting.

ATTENDANCE OF MAYOR.

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Kevin C. Morris, attended at this stage and took over the chair from Councillor Flaherty.

CHRISTUS REX CONFERENCE.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had received an invitation from the Rev. H. Sinnott, C.C., for the Corporation to attend a Concelebrated Mass in the Church of Assumption, Bride Street, on Monday, 15th instant, to inaugurate the opening of the Christus Rex Annual Conference, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation attend.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Acknowledgements were read from the following: Mr. Vincent J. Downey, Manager, National Bank, Enniscorthy, acknowledging the vote of congratulations passed on his recent promotion. From the Secretary, Aer Lingus, acknowledging the resolution of the Corporation on the loss of the Aer Lingus Viscount. From the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, intimating that the letter box which had been removed from Summerhill Cross, following the collapse of a wall there had now been replaced and was in use.

REPORT ON KING STREET FLOODING.

With reference to previous discussions on the report of the Consultants, regarding the flooding of King Street, a lengthy discussion again took place on this scheme, and the cost of implementing the report, when it was eventually decided on the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, to forward a copy of the report to the Department of Local Government for examination

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by the Minister's technical advisers with a request that when the report had been examined, the Minister would inform the Corporation of what grant he would be prepared to make towards the implementation of the Consultant's proposals, and if a long term loan would be available from the Local Loans Fund.

ABOLITION OF RATES.

The following motion appeared on the agenda in the names of Councillors Dunne and Peter Roche, and Alderman Mahoney, "That the present system of raising money by rates be abolished".

Councillor Dunne proposed the adoption of this resolution, and Councillor Peter Roche seconded.

The motion gave rise to a lengthy and at times acrimonious discussion, during which it was suggested by Alderman Byrne, that the resolution be withdrawn, and again brought forward when the proposer and seconder had an alternative means of financing local administration ready.

The proposer and seconder however, would not withdraw the motion, and on being put to the meeting it was defeated by eight votes against the three for.

LAND AT CARRIGEEN.

A letter was read from The Secretary, Wexford County Council, inquiring if the Corporation would be interested in acquiring a field at Carrigeen, which had been valued by an independent valuer at £750.

It was explained to the meeting that this matter had been before a recent meeting of the County Council, out of an application for the site for a school for handicapped children, but that the County Council would take no action on the request pending a decision by the Corporation, as to whether or not they wanted the site for housing.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had been unable to make trial holes in the field in time for the present meeting, but would do so in the near future, and it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne to adjourn the matter until the next meeting to enable the Borough Surveyor to submit a report.

CINEMA LICENCE.

On the proposal of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, was issued in respect of the Capitol Cinema for the ensuing twelve months.

EASTER COMMEMORATION

An invitation from the National Graves Association for the Council to attend 11.0 o'clock Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Easter Sunday, and the parade to St. Ibar's Cemetery in the afternoon was read.

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It was agreed after, that the Council would attend 11.0 o'clock Mass on Easter Sunday morning, and left it open for any member to attend the parade to St. Ibar's Cemetery, if he so wished.

Questions in the name of Alderman Jenkins were adjourned until the next meeting at his request, as he was unable to be present at this meeting.

LITTER BINS.

With reference to previous discussions regarding the supply of litter bins, the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor reported that they had interviewed a representative of M/s White & Carter Ltd., of London, and were quite satisfied that this firm could supply the Council, free of charge, with some one hundred bins, depending on the number of advertisements the firm received.

Whilst members were loath to deal with a firm of non-nationals in this connection, it was explained that an attempt to deal with an Irish firm had met with no success; the firm had failed to answer correspondence, and when telephoned the principal was always away.

It was therefore, agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor John Cullimore, to enter into an agreement with M/s White & Carter Ltd., for the supply of bins.

The meeting then terminated.

John C. M. O'Connell

22nd April, 1968.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Kevin C. Morris, in the chair.

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne and James Jenkins.

Councillors: John Flaherty, Fintan O'Leary, John Dunne,
Peter Roche, John Cullimore and James J. Morris.

The meeting had been specially convened by His Worship the Mayor, to open tenders for the development of a site at Whitemill North, on which it was proposed to erect 150 dwellinghouses.

Eight tenders were received, and on being opened were from:

1. Irish Excavation Co. Ltd.	£52,077.	15.	1.
2. Denis O'Connor.	£56,304.	18.	6.
3. J.V. Duffy, Limited.	£57,648.	16.	2.
4. Redmond Bros. Limited.	£61,357.	17.	11.
5. Western Enterprises Limited.	£71,627.	7.	6.
6. South Eastern Developers.	£75,421.	6.	1.
7. William Carroll.	£82,095.	2.	8.
8. Jeremiah Fitzpatrick.	£108,809.	1.	8.

Arising out of this matter, a question was raised regarding the conditions of employment and as to whether or not there was any clause in the specification or Bill of Quantities governing this, and it was decided that the Consultant be instructed, that the contractor must pay rates of wages and observe conditions of employment at least as favourable as those locally recognised.

In accordance with the usual practice, the tenders were referred to the County Manager to deal with.

FERRYBANK DEVELOPMENT

Alderman Jenkins asked that the Corporation arrange for a meeting with Mr. Fox, Architect for the Ferrybank project, as well as with members of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce Development Committee, to consider the whole future of the scheme, and this suggestion was unanimously agreed to.

A meeting of the Corporation Housing Committee was held at the close of the above special meeting, and the same members were in attendance. The County Manager said he had asked that the meeting be convened to give the members an opportunity of voicing their opinions on the present list of applicants for re-housing. A lengthy general discussion on the whole housing problem took place, when the members mentioned certain people whom they thought should be re-housed, but they were informed that the Chief Medical Officer had now been asked to place the persons he had recommended for re-housing in order of priority by the allocation of points to them, in accordance with the Letting Scheme.

Some members thought that the members of the Council should receive advance notice of proposed lettings, but others took objection to this course, and it was finally decided that the members would be informed of the people being allocated specific houses on the same day as the allocations were notified to the applicants.

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The meeting then terminated.

Kevin C. Morris

6th May, 1968.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman K.C. Morris, in the chair.

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, James Mahoney and James Jenkins.

Councillors: John Dunne, John Cullimore, John Flaherty, Fintan O'Leary, Thomas Roche, Peter Roche and James J. Morris.

In attendance: The County Manager, Borough Surveyor, Borough Accountant and Town Clerk.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the minutes of 8th April, 1968, a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

QUARTERLY MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of Article 81 of the Local Elections Regulations, 1965, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, that a quarterly meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 1st July, 1968, at half-past seven o'clock p.m. in the Town Hall, Cornmarket.

CONFRATERNITY CENTENARY.

The Town Clerk read an invitation from the Rev. M. Berney, C.C., Spiritual Director of the Men's Confraternity, inviting the Corporation to take part in a procession from Rowe Street Church to Wexford Park on Sunday, 26th May, 1968, where Mass would be Concelebrated in honour of the Centenary of the establishment of the Holy Family Confraternities in Wexford.

On the motion of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously decided to accept the invitation.

FIELD AT CARRIGEEN

With reference to minutes of last meeting, when the question of the acquisition of a field at Carrigeen Street, for housing purposes, was under consideration, a report was read from the Borough Surveyor, that he had had a survey carried out, which confirmed previous reports that extensive rock formation existed at a shallow depth throughout the site. Other than in a small area at the North East corner, large scale development would be impractical and uneconomic. He recommended that the Corporation do not adopt this site for local authority housing.

The report of the Borough Surveyor was adopted on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

SITE FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD AT MAUDLINTOWN.

In accordance with a recommendation from the County Manager, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, to lease approximately 27 sq. yds. of land situated at Maudlintown, Wexford, to the Electricity Supply Board for 100 years at a rent of £1 per annum, on which the Board proposed to erect a transformer.

Notice of this proposal had been given to the members on the 18th ultimo in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966.

LOAN FOR ERECTION OF 12 HOUSES
AT D. VITT ROAD SOUTH

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, the following resolution was adopted unanimously, viz: "That the Minister for Local Government be requested to sanction the borrowing from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland of the sum of £16,700 (Sixteen thousand, seven hundred pounds) for the erection of twelve houses for old people at Pavitt Road South; and that an undertaking be given to the Commissioners that the instalments of the loan now proposed as well as of any existing loan, will be punctually remitted at the dates which they become due, namely, 1st May and 1st November, each year".

WAGES OF GENERAL LABOURERS ETC.

A recommendation was submitted from the County Manager, that the wages of lorry drivers and general labourers be increased by £1 per week as from 15th March last; by a further 5/- from 1st July next; by a further 5/- from the 1st February, 1969, and by a third 5/- from the 1st August, 1969, with proportionate increases for ancillary classes.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk intimated that the estimated cost in the current financial year to implement the Manager's recommendation would amount to £1,600, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche, the Manager's recommendation was unanimously approved and expenditure of £1,600 authorised in the current financial year to meet the increase.

QUESTIONS BY ALDERMAN JENKINS

(a) What was the total cost of demolition of the house at the corner of St. John's Road/John Street including the work to the gable end of the house now exposed and the extension of the footpath?

(b) Was this work done by direct labour?

(c) If so does the price compare favourably with what a contractor would have charged?

In reply, the answers are as follows:-

(a) The total cost of the work was £277.

(b) The demolition of the dwellinghouse and removal of Electricity Supply Board pole and network was by contract. The laying of footpath and attention to gable end of exposed house was by direct labour.

(c) In accordance with Corporation policy hitherto portion of the works were approved and scheduled to be carried by direct labour. Quotations were sought for demolition section and re-aligning the Electricity Supply Board network. The works were carried out under the 100% Urban Road Improvement Grant. No Comparative contract tender was sought but I am satisfied that the costs compare favourably with what a contractor would have charged.

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Arising out of a reply to this question, Alderman Jenkins referred to the extraordinary width of the footpath provided at the junction of John's Road/John Street, but the Borough Surveyor intimated that this was necessary to provide vision.

Councillor Flaherty referred to the parking of agricultural implements on car parking spaces around Cornmarket and John's Gate Street, and pointed out that recently a tractor had been maliciously released and could have caused a serious accident while careering down John's Gate Street.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that this matter had already been referred to the Corporation's Solicitor, for advice as to what action could be taken by the Corporation to prevent the parking of vehicles other than motors on these parking sites.

A question was raised regarding the housing conditions under which a man named Phillips was residing at Abbey Street, and the County Manager agreed, on strong pressure from the Council, to re-house this man in a Corporation house which would be repaired in Abbey Street within the next couple of weeks, although he was not near the top of the priority list.

Arising out of this matter of the re-housing of Mr. Phillips, Alderman Jenkins asked that further consideration should be given to the question of the erection of maisonettes or flats, but it was pointed out that this could only be done by way of notice of motion as it was a matter of policy which would have to be decided by the Council. Alderman Byrne suggested that the Corporation were doing well by erecting the normal type of house, which would in a short time break the back of the housing problem in Wexford. Councillor P. Roche complained of the re-housing of a man named Curran from a flat at Paul Quay, and pointed out that another person was also residing in an adjoining flat who had not been re-housed, but he was informed that Mr. Curran had been recommended by the Chief Medical Officer for re-housing and that the other man had not, therefore, in accordance with the scheme of priorities prepared by the Corporation, the person referred to by Councillor Roche could not be offered alternative accommodation.

Councillor O'Leary also referred to the question of housing, and pointed out the number of people on the waiting list, and the number of marriages which occurred in town during the year. He stated that the Direct Labour Organisation was only capable of providing approximately 30 houses per annum, and with the number on the waiting list and the number of marriages, the housing problem would never be solved. While speaking, Councillor O'Leary was continually interrupted by Councillor P. Roche, who refused to come to order when called on to do so by the chair, and eventually the Mayor adjourned the meeting.

James B. M. O'Leary

13th May, 1968.

A joint meeting of the Council and the Tourist Development Committee of Wexford Chamber of Commerce was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

Those present were:-

Borough Council: Councillor John Flaherty Deputy Mayor, in the Chair,
Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, James Mahoney and James Jenkins.
Councillors: Thomas Roche, James J. Morris, Peter Roche, John Cullimore, Desmond Corish, John Dunne, Fintan O'Leary.
The County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant, were in attendance.
Tourist Development Committee: Mrs. Barbara Wallace, Messrs Kelly, Browne, Doyle, Jeffares, Sinnott and Joyce.

Mr. K. Fox, Architect for the Ferrybank Project and Mr. P. McKenna, were also in attendance.

The meeting had been convened to give the new members of the Council and the Tourist Development Committee an opportunity of hearing from the Architect, details of the complete Ferrybank Project, and to enable a discussion to take place on Stage 11 of the scheme, i.e., the swimming pool.

At the outset, Mr. Fox gave a detailed account of what was intended to be included in completed scheme and replied to various points raised by those in attendance.

A general discussion then took place on stage 11 of the project - the swimming pool. This had been planned as a 30 metre open air pool and it had been suggested that this should be substituted by a covered and heated pool.

The entire meeting favoured such substitution, it being pointed out that an open air pool would only be in use for some two months each year, while a heated and covered pool could be used all the year round. In view of the tendency to try and extend the tourist season beyond the summer months, it was considered that the heated and covered pool would be a big asset in this direction.

As regards costs, the Architect was unable to give any idea until such details as size and number of spectators to be accommodated, were decided on.

Eventually it was unanimously agreed that Bord Failte should be communicated with for their views on the suggested substitution of a covered and heated swimming pool for the planned open-air pool.

The Chairman thanked the Architects and the Tourist Development Committee for their attendance and the meeting terminated.

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10th June, 1968.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Kevin C. Morris, in the chair.

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, James Jenkins and James Mahoney.

Councillors: John Cullimore, Thomas Roche, Peter Roche, John Flaherty, John Dunne, Fintan O'Leary, James J. Morris and Desmond Corish.

In attendance: The Town Clerk, Borough Accountant and Acting Borough Surveyor.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, 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.

SYMPATHY

His Worship the Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Most Rev. Doctor Herlihy, Lord Bishop of Ferns, on the recent deaths of His two brothers. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion. The Mayor also moved, that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the widow and family of the late Joseph Gallagher, Chief Assistant County Engineer. Councillor Flaherty seconded this motion. The Mayor further moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Senator Robert Kennedy. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion. Councillor Cullimore moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the widow and family of the late John Byrne, Talbot Street, a former employee of the Corporation for over 40 years. Councillor Peter Roche seconded.

All the motions were supported by the members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf, and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Acknowledgements were read from the parents and sisters of the late Anne Kelly, Aer Hostess, who lost her life in the Viscount tragedy on 24th March, last.

A letter was also read from the Lord Mayor and Corporation of Cork acknowledging with thanks, the expression of sympathy conveyed to them and through them to the citizens of Cork on the Aer Lingus Viscount tragedy.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Corporation for the year ended 31st March, 1967, was submitted. A copy of this report had already been furnished to each member. Alderman Byrne moved the adoption of the report and congratulated the officials of the Corporation on the manner in which the accounts had apparently been kept to the satisfaction of the Auditor, this was seconded by His Worship the Mayor and adopted. Alderman Jenkins, however, asked for information regarding the observations of the Auditor on income tax repayments, and on a slight rate discrepancy, and these matters were explained to him by the Town Clerk.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION LOAN

The next business was to receive a request from the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, to raise a loan of £1,500 to cover cost of proposed new classroom and equipment.

The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that it would be rather difficult to raise a loan of £1,500 over a short period, and would possibly take some time to negotiate same, and he suggested that the Corporation make a grant of £1,500 to the Vocational Education Committee subject to 50% recoupment by the Department of Education, and that they raise the net sum of £750 in the rates for 1969/70.

The suggestion of the Clerk found favour with the meeting, and Councillor Flaherty thereupon proposed that subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government, and to a 50% recoupment being made by the Department of Education, the Corporation make a grant of £1,500 to the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the provision of extra classrooms. The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously adopted.

DEMISE OF LAND AT WHITEMILL NORTH

The next business was to consider a recommendation from the Wexford County Manager, that a plot of land at Whitemill North, Wexford, containing approximately 1 acre, be demised to Messrs R.C.R. (Ireland) Ltd., for the sum of £400 on which the firm proposed to erect a factory. Under date of 30th April, 1968, notice of this recommendation had been given to each member in compliance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966.

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the recommendation of the County Manager was unanimously agreed.

SALARY OF BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT

A recommendation was submitted from the County Manager, that in accordance with an arbitration award, the salary for the office of Borough Accountant be fixed at £1,200 x £50 to £1,300 x £102 to £1,402 x £50 to £1,652 with effect as from 1st April, 1967.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris and supported by His Worship the Mayor, the recommendation of the Manager was unanimously adopted.

ALLOCATION OF HOUSES

Councillor Corish referred to two lists of persons to whom it was intended to allocate houses. The first list of 26 persons was issued on 1st May, 1968, and the second list with points was issued on 30th May, 1968. Councillor Corish felt that the list of 1st May, should be used before the list of 30th May with points, was put into operation, which he proposed, and Alderman Byrne seconded. After some discussion however, it was decided on the proposal of Councillor O'Leary seconded by Alderman Jenkins to adjourn consideration of this matter to a special meeting to be held on 24th instant.

The following matters were raised and referred to the Borough Surveyor, the condition of the Horse River, the provision of a Go-Slow sign at the entrance to Ram Street from the Quay, pot-holes in Hill Street and in the town generally, flooding at Distillery Road, the cleansing and disinfecting of gully traps, the cleaning of the car park at Temperance Row, the provision of a name plate for Butt's Street, the covering of the water hydrant at St. Magdalen's Terrace, the Urban Roads Grant and the condition of the sewer to the sea at Maudlintown.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the recent flooding in the town, and asked that if such a thing happened again, that the Gardai should be requested to divert motor traffic from the flooded area. The County Council members were asked to raise at a ~~County~~ Council meeting, the condition of the road at Mulgannon.

BARRY MEMORIAL

His Worship the Mayor referred to the annual wreath-laying ceremony at the Barry Memorial, and suggested that towards the end of September was rather late in the season for this ceremony, and thought that it should be brought forward. It was agreed however, that the usual committee of four Aldermen should meet and examine the possibility of bringing the ceremony forward and to make the necessary arrangements.

CONQUER CANCER CAMPAIGN

His Worship the Mayor asked the members to assist at the collection at the Church gates for the Conquer Cancer Campaign to be held on Sunday next.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Councillor James J. Morris referred to the need to have the public conveniences opened at 8 o'clock in the morning, particularly during the summer (tourist) season, and it was unanimously agreed that the conveniences should be opened at 8 a.m. and closed at 10 p.m. each night during the summer season.

The meeting then terminated.

James J. Morris

24th June, 1968,

As arranged at meeting of the Council on 10th instant, a special meeting was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half-past seven o'clock p.m., the members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Kevin C. Morris, in the chair.

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, James Jenkins and James Mahoney.

Councillors: Thomas Roche, John Cullimore, John Dunne, Peter Roche, James J. Morris, Fintan O'Leary, John Flaherty and Desmond Corish.

In attendance: The County Manager, Town Clerk and Assistant Borough Surveyor.

The meeting had been convened to consider a proposal by Councillor Corish "that the list of persons for re-housing, in accordance with the points system issued on 30th May, 1968, be suspended, until the persons whose names appeared on the list (without points) issued on 1st May, 1968, have been re-housed". In moving this motion, Councillor Corish felt that the issue of the list on 1st May, and the notification to the persons thereon that they would be re-housed in the near future, gave the impression that they would receive the first 26 houses available. It now appeared that the houses would be allocated from the list (with points) issued on the 30th of the same month, and that some of the people who are on 1st May list, would not receive houses for a long time. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion. A lengthy discussion followed on this matter, during which it appeared that the majority of the members favoured the points system which had been adopted by the Council.

The County Manager pointed out that at a special meeting held on 22nd April, during a discussion on the list of applicants for houses, the members mentioned certain people whom they thought should be re-housed, and were then informed by him, that the list of persons recommended by the Chief Medical Officer for re-housing had been returned to him with a request that he allocate points to each person in accordance with the scheme of letting priorities adopted by the Council, and sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government. During this meeting a discussion also took place regarding the giving of advance notice to members, of persons to be re-housed, and it was agreed that an advance list should be furnished to the members. To meet this wish he (Manager) had selected some 26 persons, and notified their names to the members on 1st May, but gave no indication whatever as to when or where they would be re-housed. Subsequent to the issue of the list on 1st May, the Chief Medical Officer furnished points for some 51 applicants, and a copy of this list, with the points, was sent to the members on 30th May, 1968.

An examination of the lists of 1st and 30th May, at this date, showed that of the 26 on list of 1st May, only 6 were below No. 26 on the points list of 30th May, and their Nos. were 27, 28, 34, 35, 37 and 42.

Continuing, the Manager stated that, if the Council decided to carry the proposal, which was not before the meeting, he considered that this would, in effect, mean the suspension of the scheme of letting priorities adopted by the Council, and approved by the Minister, and such suspension would require the sanction of the Minister before it became effective. As well, if the scheme of letting priorities, already adopted by the Council, was suspended, some alternative scheme would have to be prepared in lieu of it.

On vote being taken, three voted for the motion and nine against, and it was accordingly decided to reject the motion.

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Kevin C. Morris

LOAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING SITE AT WHITEMILL

On the proposal of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the following resolution was unanimously adopted "that the Minister for Local Government be requested to sanction the borrowing from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, of the sum of £59,000 (fifty-nine thousand pounds) for the development of a site for 150 houses at Whitemill North; and that an undertaking be given to the Commissioners that the instalments of the loan now proposed as well as of any existing loans will be punctually remitted at the dates on which they become due, namely, 1st May and 1st November, each year."

HOUSING

Alderman Mahoney referred to the condition of Mrs. O'Brien in Cornmarket, whose house was considered unfit by reason of a fire hazard, and thought that she should be re-housed immediately despite the fact that she was not at the top of the priority list.

Members referred to what effect an alteration of circumstances might have on a person's place on the points list, and were informed that if they notified any alterations in their circumstances such as, increase in family, to the Chief Medical Officer, he would re-examine the case to see if extra points should be allocated, or if they sent a notice to the Town Clerk, he would forward it to the Chief Medical Officer.

With reference to minutes of last meeting, when it was agreed to alter the opening hours of the public conveniences each day from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., it was suggested and agreed that for Sundays that the opening hours should revert to the old hours from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

PREMISES AT BISHOPSWATER - W. GOODISON

It was explained to the meeting, that Mr. Wm. Goodison was the tenant of No. 1, Bishopswater, and that some years ago while a tenant, he had erected a grocery shop on an adjoining site, which he had acquired himself. Subsequently he purchased the dwellinghouse at No. 1, Bishopswater.

Recently Mr. Goodison had extended the business premises to include a lounge bar which was licensed by the Court, but on the west side of the premises he had a store which was not licensed at present, as part of it was on the premises known as No. 1, Bishopswater, which he had leased from the Corporation. This lease contained the clause "and in particular will not use said premises, or allow them to be used for the sale of intoxicating liquor". While that clause was in existence, it was not possible to have this store licensed, and as it was essential for his business that he should be able to use this store for the storing of intoxicating liquor, he had requested the Corporation to waive this covenant of the lease.

The Manager felt that as the lease was from the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses, with the consent of the Minister for Local Government, endorsed thereon, he could not grant the permission sought without the consent of the Borough Council and the Minister for Local Government, and he now asked the Council for their views on the matter.

It was thereupon unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, that the Corporation agree to waive the clause prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor on the premises, subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

The meeting then terminated.

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1st July, 1968.

A quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day in the Assembly Rooms, Old Town Hall, at 7.30 p.m., the members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman K. C. Morris, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, James Jenkins and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Flaherty, Thomas Roche, John Dunne, Peter Roche, Fintan O'Leary and James Morris.

In attendance: Town Clerk, Corporation Solicitor and Borough Accountant.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the minutes of meetings of 1st and 24th ultimo, 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Acknowledgements of resolutions of sympathy passed at last meeting were read from; His Lordship the Bishop of Ferns, Most.Rev. Donal J. Herlihy, on the death of his brother, and from the American Ambassador, on the death of Robert F. Kennedy.

RATES 1968/69

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously agreed that a Municipal Rate of 77/10 in the pound be made on the property rateable thereto in the Borough, for the service of the local financial year ending on 31st March, 1969, as agreed and adopted on 25th March, last. The rate book containing the various items of rate was thereupon sealed and signed on behalf of the Council.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The next business was to elect a Mayor, who would hold office until quarterly meeting to be held not more than 14 days before or after 8th July, 1969, and until his successor had been appointed, and made the declaration of acceptance of office.

His Worship the Mayor, then called for nominations for the office of Mayor. Councillor Desmond Corish proposed that Alderman Byrne be elected, Councillor Thomas Roche seconded. Councillor Cullimore proposed that Alderman Jenkins be elected, Councillor James Morris seconded. Councillor Dunne proposed that Alderman Mahoney be elected, Councillor Peter Roche seconded.

As there was only three nominations, a poll was then taken, when there voted for Alderman Byrne: Alderman Byrne, Councillors Corish and Thomas Roche. Three. For Alderman Jenkins: Aldermen Morris and Jenkins, Councillors Cullimore, Flaherty, O'Leary and Morris. Six. For Alderman Mahoney: Alderman Mahoney, Councillors Dunne and Peter Roche. Three.

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As there was an equality of votes between the two lowest candidates, it was necessary to decide by lot which of the two would be eliminated, and it was announced that the person, whose name was drawn from a hat would be eliminated. The names of Aldermen Byrne and Mahoney were then placed in a hat, and the Corporation Solicitor asked the retired Town Sergeant, Mr. William Kehoe, to draw out a name. Mr. Kehoe drew the name of Alderman Byrne, and he was eliminated.

A further poll was then taken, as between Alderman Jenkins and Alderman Mahoney, when there voted for Alderman Jenkins: Aldermen Morris and Jenkins, Councillors Cullimore, Flaherty, O'Leary and Morris. Six. For Alderman Mahoney: Alderman Mahoney, Alderman Byrne, Councillors Corish, Thomas Roche, Dunne and Peter Roche. Six.

Once again there was equality of votes, and the Corporation Solicitor then placed the names of Alderman Jenkins and Alderman Mahoney in a hat, and asked a girl in the audience, Miss Geraldine Murphy of Abbey Street, to draw out a name, and that the person whose name was drawn out would be the Mayor. Miss Murphy thereupon drew the name of Alderman Jenkins, and he was declared elected Mayor amid acclamation.

The newly elected Mayor, thereupon made the Declaration of Acceptance of office as prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, and the Local Government Act, 1841. This declaration was witnessed by Alderman Thomas F. Byrne and Alderman Kevin C. Morris. The outgoing Mayor, Alderman Morris then placed the robes and chain of office on the new Mayor, Alderman Jenkins.

Before resuming his seat with the other Aldermen, Alderman Morris returned thanks to all the members and officials who had so ably supported him during his year of office and paid tribute to the new Mayor, as well as assuring him of his support during the ensuing year. Aldermen Mahoney and Byrne also paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor, and offered their congratulations to Alderman Jenkins. Councillor Desmond Corish paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor and congratulated Alderman Jenkins. Councillor Corish however, referred to the dignity of the office of Mayor, and thought that the Mayor should be treated with much more dignity by various organisations in the town than had been the case in the past, and he appealed to the new Mayor, to see that he was treated with the courtesy and dignity to which his office entitled him. The other members of the Council also thanked the outgoing Mayor for his courtesy to them during his year of office, and congratulated the new Mayor, Alderman Jenkins.

Having taken the chair, Alderman Jenkins thanked the Corporation for electing him to the office of Mayor, and congratulated the outgoing Mayor on the manner in which he had conducted the business of the Corporation in the past 12 months. He, Alderman Jenkins, intimated that he would seek the co-operation of every member of the Council in trying to provide more houses, more industry and employment for the town, and intimated that the social side of the Mayoralty must, as far as he was concerned, take second place to these matters.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

On the suggestion of the Town Clerk, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, that three quarterly meetings of the Council be held on Monday, 7th October, 1968, at 8.15 p.m., Monday, 4th January, 1969, at 7.30 p.m., and Monday, 11th April, 1969, at 7.30 p.m.

1st July, 1968.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

A letter was read from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, intimating that the Annual Conference would be held in Letterkenny, on 17th, 18th and 19th September, and requesting that any matters which the Council might wish to have considered at the Conference, be sent before 17th August next.

COUNTY/URBAN RELATIONS

A letter was read from the Wexford County Council on County Council and Urban Council relations, and intimated that they proposed to hold a conference on Monday, 29th July at 4.0 p.m. at which these matters would be considered. It was proposed that the meeting consist of one member from each of the local electoral areas and one representative from each of the Urban Councils.

Councillor Flaherty proposed that Alderman Byrne be elected to represent the Corporation, this was seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche. Councillor Dunne, however, proposed that Councillor Peter Roche be appointed to represent the Corporation, and Alderman Mahoney seconded.

On a vote being taken however, there were nine votes for Alderman Byrne and three for Councillor Roche. Alderman Byrne was appointed to represent the Corporation at the meeting with the County Council.

TENDERS FOR 12 HOUSES

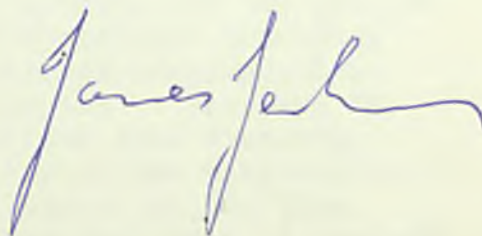
The next business was to open tenders for the erection of 12 houses at John's Gate Street. Two tenders were submitted to the meeting, and on being opened were found to be from M/s Redmond Bros. who quoted £37,215.8.4d., and from the Housing Engineer on behalf of the Direct Labour Unit who quoted £20,143.12.9d.

The two tenders were referred to the County Manager for examination and decision.

OVERDRAFT.

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £60,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £40,000, was approved for the quarter ending 30th September, 1968.

The meeting then terminated.



12th August, 1968.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, in the chair.

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: John Cullimore, Peter Roche, Thomas Roche, John Dunne, James J. Morris, John Flaherty and Fintan O'Leary.

In attendance: Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

SYMPATHY

Before the meeting commenced, His Worship the Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Alderman Mahoney on the death of his uncle.

The Mayor also proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Borough Surveyor and Mrs. Leyden, on the death of her mother.

Alderman Byrne seconded both motions, which were supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager, the staff and his own behalf.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the minutes of meeting of 1st July, a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

Councillor Flaherty attended the meeting at this stage.

THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION LOAN

The first business was to authorise the raising of a loan of £1,500 from the National Bank of Ireland for the purpose of making a grant to the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the provision of extra classroom accommodation, the following resolution was thereupon adopted. Proposed by Alderman Thomas Byrne, seconded by Councillor John Flaherty, and unanimously resolved, that the sanction of the Minister for Education be sought to the raising of a loan of £1,500 (One thousand, five hundred pounds) from the National Bank of Ireland Ltd., for the purpose of making a grant to the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee towards the cost of providing extra classroom accommodation at the school, the said loan to be repaid within five years with interest at the appropriate rate, subject to 50% of the annual repayment charges of principal interest being refunded to the Council by the Department of Education.

As Chairman of the Vocational Education Committee, Councillor Flaherty thanked the members of the Borough Council for making this grant to the Committee.

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LEASE OF PLOT OF GROUND AT MAUDLINTOWN

The next business was to authorise the making of a lease of a plot of ground at Maudlintown, to the Maudlintown Childrens' Sports Committee for 100 years at a rent of £5 per annum. Notice of this proposal was given on 23rd February, 1968, and agreed in principle on 4th March, 1968.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Thomas Roche, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, and unanimously resolved, that a plot of ground at Maudlintown be leased to the Maudlintown Childrens' Sports Committee for 100 years at a rent of £5 per annum, on which the Committee proposed to erect a sports pavilion for the use of the Children in the area.

CARAVAN PARK AT FERRYBANK

A recommendation was submitted from the County Manager that a small committee be appointed to consider details for the management of the caravan park at Ferrybank.

Alderman Byrne proposed that a committee of four together with the Mayor be appointed, Councillor Flaherty seconded and the following committee was appointed: Alderman Morris, on the motion of Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Flaherty; Alderman Byrne on the motion of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche; Councillor James Morris on the motion of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche; Councillor Peter Roche on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Leary.

FIRE BRIGADE

The next business was to consider a suggestion that the Wexford Fire Brigade be amalgamated with the remainder of the Brigades in the County under the control of the County Council. In the event of this been agreed, the Corporation would pay to the County Council its proportion of the cost of the County fire service on the basis of the product of 1d. in the £.

It was explained to the meeting, that a short time ago a conference had been held between members and officials of the County Council and members and officials of the Urban Councils in the County, where matters of mutual interest were discussed, in so far as Wexford Borough was concerned, the main interest was the Fire Brigade. It was the only fire brigade outside the County control and as a new fire officer was about to be appointed, it was thought that this would be a suitable time to arrange for amalgamation.

Alderman Byrne thereupon moved that the Wexford Borough Fire Brigade be handed over to the Wexford County Council as part of the County Fire Organisation, the Corporation to pay its proportion of the charges for the County fire services on the basis of the product of 1d. in the £, Alderman Morris seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

12th August, 1968.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

Councillor Peter Roche submitted the following resolutions for approval for transmission to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

1. That the means test for the Old Age pensioners be abolished.
2. That this conference protest in the strongest possible manner to the Minister for Health, of the indifferent treatment given by some doctors to holders of Medical Cards.
3. That this conference calls on the Minister for Justice to control the rent charged for accommodation provided in houses let in separate tenements

Councillor Peter Roche moved the adoption of 1 regarding means test for Old Age Pensioners, this was seconded by Councillor Dunne and unanimously adopted.

The second resolution however, did not meet with favour. It was considered that the resolution as set out, and coming from a responsible body like Wexford Corporation, would suggest that the "indifferent treatment" was general, and would undoubtedly lead to an enquiry for specific cases, and if such cases had been reported to the Health Authority.

Councillor Peter Roche was asked had he instances of indifferent treatment. If so had he reported them to the Health Authority. If not on what grounds did he base his complaint. The Councillor did give one specific case, which he stated had been reported to the Health Authority, and he understood was at present with the Minister for Health. However, the members in general did not favour this motion, and although it was proposed by Councillor Roche seconded by Councillor Dunne, only four voted for, while six voted against. This particular motion was declared lost.

The third resolution regarding rent control, which was moved by Councillor Roche, and seconded by Councillor Dunne was adopted unanimously.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL

Councillor Dunne then moved "that we the members of Wexford Corporation, democratically elected, wish to protest to the Minister for Justice against the introduction of the Criminal Justice Bill which is a denial of the rights of public democracy". This motion was seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, and gave rise to a lengthy and sometimes acrimonious discussion, at the end of which a vote was taken, when three voted for and six against the resolution, which was declared lost.

HOUSING ACTION COMMITTEE

Correspondence with the Secretary of the Housing Action Committee was read by Town Clerk. The Committee requested the Corporation to receive a deputation, and Councillor Dunne proposed that a deputation be received, Councillor Peter Roche seconded, but after some discussion a vote was taken when the request was refused by seven votes against and two for.

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QUESTION

A question in the name of His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Cullimore asks for a report as to when building on sites at Thomas Clarke Place and John's Gate Street would commence; and when the sites at Talbot Street would be cleared.

The Town Clerk gave the following reply to the question:-

The Council will recall that for some years past the complaint was frequently made that all Council houses were of the same design and constant requests were made to alter the appearance of these dwellings.

In an effort to meet this, an Architect was employed to lay-out and design houses for the Thomas Clarke Place and John's Gate Street areas. Very pleasing designs were agreed on and tenders invited for their erection.

For Thomas Clarke Place, the lowest tender for 20 houses was £69,214 or £3,461 each. This price was considered much too high and meetings were held between the Architect, Quantity Surveyors and your Technical Officers with a view to effecting a reduction in cost. Certain reductions in the standards of the lay-out were considered as well as the omission of some features of the house plan, but the resultant cost reductions only amounted to £345 per house, leaving the overall estimated cost £3,121. Various other alternatives were examined, but without success in reducing the price to a reasonable one.

Following discussions between the Department's Inspector and Council officials, it was decided to revise the Thomas Clarke Place lay-out to accommodate the house at present being constructed at Kennedy Park and application has been made to the Minister for Local Government for approval to the revised lay-out and proposed house plan.

For John's Gate Street, the Contractor's price for the 12 houses was £37,215 or £3,101.10.0d. per house; and the Direct Labour Unit £20,144 or £1,679 per house. Again, the lowest price was considered much too high for the accommodation to be provided and after discussions with the Department's Inspector it was decided to revise the lay-out with a view to the erection of some of the small bungalows about to be built at Davitt Road South. This work is in hands and the consent of the Minister to the proposed revision will be sought immediately the drawings and estimates are ready.

TALBOT STREET CLEARANCE

The Wexford Compulsory Purchase (Grogan's Road, Talbot Street, Green Street) Order, 1966, became operative on 30th July, 1968. On 1st August, 1968, an Order was made that the necessary steps be taken to enable the Council to enter on and take possession of 22 parcels of land on the east side of Talbot Street and north side of Green Street. These 22 parcels represent partly demolished houses. The legal steps have been initiated and the Council will be empowered to take possession on the 26th August, 1968. Steps will then be taken to complete the demolition of these houses and clear the sites.

12th August, 1968.

The Town Clerk also pointed out that if the Thomas Clarke Place houses were erected at an all-in cost of £3,600 (£3,461 plus £139 cost of site) the annual charge would be:-

Loan Charges	£288	
Maintenance	36	£324
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Less subsidy of $\frac{2}{3}$ rds loan charges on £1,650		88
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Net cost to tenant and ratepayers or £4.10.10d. per week.		£236

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Peter Roche asked the amount spent on Consulting Engineers, and the Town Clerk informed him that the total sum earned by the Consultant for the waterworks and sewerage schemes at Whitemill etc. ~~has~~ amounted to £11,223, out-of-pocket expenses amounted to £659, making the total £11,882.

TRAFFIC SIGNS AT MAUDLINTOWN

Councillors Peter Roche and Thomas Roche referred to the need for more traffic signs at Maudlintown, and possibly a pedestrian crossing there. The Borough Surveyor replied that all legal signs that could be erected in the area were there, and as far as a pedestrian crossing was concerned, a survey would be needed, and he proposed to have such a survey carried out as soon as possible.

TELEPHONE KIOSK

It was unanimously decided to request the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to provide telephone kiosks at Maudlintown and the Old Pound.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE

It was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, to approve of the proposals submitted by the Borough Surveyor for the expenditure of the grant from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote this year.

CAR PARKING

Councillor Flaherty referred to the parking of cars on the Wexford Bridge and intimated that having regard to the very heavy volume of traffic thereon, that this constituted a traffic hazard.

The members of the Corporation on the County Council were requested to take this matter up with that body who control the bridge.

Alderman Byrne referred to the parking of cars at the North side of the Bridge, and at Pierce's foundry both of which constituted a hazard by reason of diminution of vision, and it was decided to take this matter up with the Gardai.

At the request of Councillor Roche, the Borough Surveyor promised to provide a seat at Maudlintown.

The Surveyor also promised to investigate the rubble in the gardens of the new houses in the Faythe, and a mound of earth behind a house at Davitt Road South. Reference was also made to a very big drop from the garden of some of the houses at Piercestown to the river, and it was thought that these should be fenced.

The meeting then terminated

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2nd September, 1968.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris and Thomas Roche.

In attendance: County Manager, Acting Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

CONGRATULATIONS

Before the meeting commenced, His Worship the Mayor, proposed a vote of congratulations to the two Wexford Hurling teams and their captains who had won the senior and minor hurling finals on the previous Sunday, 1st September, 1968. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thomas Byrne and most enthusiastically supported by all present and passed unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 12th August, 1968, having been circulated to members were taken as read, approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Postmaster in acknowledgment of representations by the Town Clerk regarding the provision of telephone kiosks, stated that the matter had been referred to the Department's Engineering Branch, was read and noted.

A letter from the Association of Municipal Authorities acknowledging receipt of motions put forward for that body's Annual Conference was read.

DELEGATE TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

Councillor John Cullimore not being in a position to attend the conference, the meeting decided to elect a substitute delegate. The following members were proposed as delegates:-

1. Councillor Peter Roche - proposed by Councillor John Dunne and seconded by Alderman James Mahoney.
2. Alderman Thomas Byrne - proposed by Councillor Desmond Corish and seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche.
3. Alderman Kevin Morris - proposed by Councillor John Flaherty and seconded by Councillor James Morris.

A poll was taken and the following was the result:-

For Councillor Peter Roche:- Alderman James Mahoney, Councillor John Dunne and Councillor Peter Roche (3).

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For Alderman Thomas Byrne:- Alderman Thomas Byrne, Councillor Desmond Corish and Councillor Thomas Roche (3).

For Alderman Kevin Morris:- Alderman Kevin Morris, Alderman James Jenkins, Councillor John Cullimore, Councillor John Flaherty and Councillor James Morris (5)

A second poll was then taken between Councillor Peter Roche and Alderman Thomas Byrne, after it had been agreed that the one to receive the lower number of votes would be eliminated. The result was as follows:-

For Councillor Peter Roche:- Alderman James Mahoney, Alderman Jenkins, Mayor, Councillor John Dunne and Councillor Peter Roche (4)

For Alderman Thomas Byrne:- Aldermen Kevin Morris and Thomas Byrne, Councillors Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Flaherty, James Morris and Thomas Roche (7)

Councillor Peter Roche having been eliminated, a final poll was taken between Aldermen Thomas Byrne and Kevin Morris, which had the following results:-

For Alderman Thomas Byrne:- Aldermen James Mahoney and Thomas Byrne, Councillors Desmond Corish, Peter Roche and Thomas Roche (5)

For Alderman Kevin Morris:- Aldermen Kevin Morris and James Jenkins, Councillors John Cullimore, John Flaherty and James Morris (5)

Councillor John Dunne did not vote and as both Alderman Thomas Byrne and Alderman Kevin Morris received five votes each, His Worship the Mayor exercised his casting vote in favour of Alderman Kevin Morris, who was thereby elected to fill the office of delegate to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities in place of Councillor John Cullimore.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CORISH

The following motion by Councillor Desmond Corish was deferred to a special meeting of the Council which it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Corish seconded by Alderman Byrne, should be held on Monday 9th September, 1968 at 8 o'clock p.m.

"In view of the recent report concerning Health and Hospital Regionalisation, that the Corporation protest in the strongest possible manner at the omission of Wexford as a centre for a General Hospital".

THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION LOAN

A letter from the Minister for Education was read which gave approval to the raising of a loan of £1,500 for the purpose of making a grant to the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee. The Minister's letter intimated that a refund of 50% of the annual repayment charges would be made by his Department.

2nd September, 1968.

On the proposal of Councillor John Flaherty seconded by Alderman Thomas Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that, pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 28 lunasa, 1968, of the Minister for Education, the sum of £1,500 (one thousand five hundred pounds) be borrowed from the National Bank of Ireland Ltd., to enable the Corporation to make a grant to the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for provision of extra classrooms and equipment, to be repaid within five years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said letter of sanction provided, the said principal sum to be repaid by 10 equal half-yearly instalments of £150, on the first day of May and the first day of November, in each year (the first of such payments to be made on the first day of May, 1969) and the interest to be paid on the dates hereinbefore provided for payment of principal.

MOTIONS OF ALDERMAN MAHONEY

(a) His Worship the Mayor ruled that Alderman Mahoney's motion "That the Ferrybank Caravan Park Management Committee be enlarged to all Corporation members wishing to join" as not in accordance with Standing Orders, and as the matter had been decided at the previous meeting of the Council, it could not be brought up again until a period of six months had elapsed from the time of the original decision, unless the motion was signed by the proposer and twenty five per cent of the members of the Council.

(b) The motion "Consider rents and rates of Corporation houses", was discussed at length and a proposal that the matter be further discussed at a later date by Alderman Mahoney was defeated on a show of hands.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Mahoney raised the matter of telephone kiosks for Corish Park, Bishopswater, Maudlintown, William Street and John Street. It was noted that the matter was under examination by Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

Councillor Peter Roche queried the letting of a house in Kennedy Park and suggested that the points list had not been adhered to. His Worship the Mayor asked the Councillor to see the Acting Town Clerk about the matter.

Alderman Mahoney queried the raising of rent in the case of the transfer of the tenancy of No. 24, Hantoon Road to Miss Johanna Murphy, on the death of her sister. It was decided to refer the case to the Town Clerk for investigation.

In reply to a question, the Borough Surveyor informed Councillor Peter Roche (1) that the cost of the car park in Abbey Street was approximately £420, and (2) that the bins at the end of St. John's Road were cleared weekly and that he would check that this was being done.

Alderman Mahoney was informed (1) that potholes in the road at Wolfe Tone Villas would be repaired within the next 10 days and (2) that the parking of cars in St. Peter's Square and the speed of traffic was a matter for the Garda Siochana.

Alderman Byrne was informed in reply to a question that attendants at public toilets were given pro rata pay increases on the 10th round and the pensioners increases would be paid on receipt of the appropriate authorisation from the Department.

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His Worship the Mayor asked if there was any further progress in the matter of litter bins and was informed that the bins had not yet arrived, and immediately they did, their erection would proceed.

The meeting then terminated.

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9th September, 1968.

A special meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at eight o'clock p.m., the members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, in the chair.

Aldermen: Kevin Morris, James Mahoney and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, Fintan O'Leary and James Morris.

In attendance: County Manager, Acting Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CORISH

Councillor Corish proposing the motion for the discussion of which this meeting had been called emphasised the need for a general hospital in the Wexford area, and formally proposed "In view of the recent report concerning Health and Hospital Regionalisation, that the Corporation protest in the strongest possible manner at the omission of Wexford as a centre for a General Hospital".

All members present contributed to the discussion and the County Manager reported the progress to date in improving the facilities in Wexford and outlined briefly the processes involved in the provision of hospitals. After discussion, the members recommended unanimously that the Minister for Health be written to and that he be strongly requested to list Wexford as a site for a General Hospital.

WATER SUPPLY

The Borough Surveyor reported to the Council, the position regarding water supply which had become acute due to the prolonged spell of dry weather. He was happy to state that since the report had been prepared, the supply had improved and so far restrictions on the supply were not necessary. He would carefully supervise the position and it was agreed that he should take steps to conserve the supply should it become necessary.

Alderman Mahoney raised the matter of the provision of buses to the hospital in Enniscorthy on Thursdays and Sundays to enable people to visit patients. It was agreed to ask C.I.E. to provide such buses.

The meeting then terminated.



7th October, 1968.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at 8.15 p.m., the members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, in the chair.

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, Kevin C. Morris and James Mahoney.

Councillors: Fintan O'Leary, John Flaherty, Peter Roche, Thomas Roche, John Dunne, John Cullimore and Desmond Corish.

In attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne seconded by Alderman Morris, the minutes of meetings held on 2nd and 9th September, 1968, 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.

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced, His Worship the Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late James Kennedy, T.D. Councillor Flaherty seconded the motion which was supported by Aldermen Byrne, Kevin Morris, James Mahoney, Councillors Cullimore, O'Leary, Thomas Roche, Corish, County Manager, Town Clerk and other officials.

Councillor Dunne proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the Keegan family of Enniscorthy, on the death of Miss Teresa Keegan who played an active part in Enniscorthy during 1916 Rebellion. Councillor Peter Roche seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, by County Manager, Town Clerk and other officials.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

CONGRATULATIONS

His Worship the Mayor proposed the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the County Wexford Camogie Team on winning the All-Ireland championship, Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was unanimously adopted.

DERRY PROTEST

Alderman Byrne moved a motion of protest against the police brutality in Derry during the weekend. Alderman Mahoney seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, and unanimously adopted.

CIVIC RECEPTION

According to notice given, Councillor Dunne moved:-
"That a civic reception be extended to senior and minor hurling teams, camogie team, St. Peter's College senior college champions, handballers, Loí Garman and H.F.C. bands, sports star of the year and any others who brought All-Ireland honours to Loí Garman during the year 1968". Councillor Peter Roche seconded this motion.

7th October, 1968.

This motion gave rise to a lengthy discussion, and while all the members favoured the proposal, there was some doubt expressed as to how it could be held, and eventually, Councillor Corish proposed that a committee be appointed to examine how Councillor Dunne's proposal could be implemented. This was seconded by Councillor O'Leary, and on a poll was carried by six votes for, to three against. It was decided to appoint a committee of six, and the following names were suggested:- Alderman Mahoney, Councillors Dunne, O'Leary, Peter Roche, Thomas Roche, Cullimore and His Worship the Mayor. Alderman Mahoney and Councillor Peter Roche refused to act on any committee, and it was then decided that the committee should consist of the remaining four members, with His Worship the Mayor ex-officio.

It was also agreed that the committee should meet on Thursday next at 7.30 p.m.

REFERENDUM

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Dunne also moved "That the members of Wexford Corporation request the Government to abandon the Referendum - which nobody asked for - and devote the money to be spent on the housing needs of the people". Councillor Peter Roche seconded this motion and after a lengthy discussion, a poll was taken when they voted for, Aldermen Byrna and Mahoney, Councillors Corish, Cullimore, Dunne, Thomas Roche, Peter Roche and His Worship the Mayor (8) Against, Alderman Morris, Councillors Flaherty and O'Leary (3). The motion was declared carried.

ATTENDANCE OF CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER AT HOUSING COMMITTEE.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Peter Roche moved "That the Chief Medical Officer be asked to attend a meeting of the Housing Committee once a month". At the request of the County Manager, the Councillor amended this motion to read "That the Chief Medical Officer be asked to attend a meeting of the Housing Committee periodically" to examine the points system, and this motion was unanimously agreed to.

TRAFFIC

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Mahoney moved "That the Main Street and other narrow streets in Wexford will not cater for parked cars". In this motion the Alderman pointed out that parking of cars on the Main Street and other narrow streets was a danger to pedestrians, and he felt that the Main Street in particular, should be a pedestrian street only. Councillor Dunne seconded this motion, but it was eventually agreed that a review of the traffic bye-laws could usefully be undertaken in the near future, and in the first instance, the Town Clerk was asked to request the Garda Síochána to draw up a report setting out their experience in the administration of the code over the past four years. When this report was ready, a joint committee could be arranged to consider what amendments, if any, could be made in the Traffic Code.

7th October, 1968.

TRAVELLING SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government, setting out the new rates of travelling and subsistence allowance for members, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, the new rates were approved.

GRANT TO REDMOND PARK

On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the payment of the annual grant of £300 towards the maintenance of the Major Willie Redmond Memorial Park was approved.

FESTIVAL LIGHTING

An application was received from Wexford Junior Chamber of Commerce for authorisation to erect flood and strip lighting for the Wexford Festival, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Alderman Morris, it was agreed by nine votes for and two against, that the usual grant of £250 (less the cost of electricity to be paid by the Council) be made to the Junior Chamber towards the cost of lighting the town during the Festival.

TIDY TOWN COMPETITION

The report of the adjudicators on the Tidy Towns Competition, a copy of which had been furnished to the members, was now submitted, and it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the matter to the next meeting.

QUESTIONS

Councillor Peter Roche asked "In the cleansing of the Horse River, what was the actual part of the river being cleaned, and from where it had begun?"

The Borough Surveyor informed him that the work had commenced at the Quay, and he was working back up the river as far as the money available went.

Alderman Mahoney asked "Were the fireplaces in Bishopswater Corporation houses ever rejected in Waterford?" In reply to this question, the Town Clerk stated that there could be two answers.

1. If Alderman Mahoney meant that the fireplaces in the Bishopswater houses had been rejected by the Waterford Corporation, and then used in Wexford, the answer was no.

2. If the Alderman meant were the type of fireplaces used in Bishopswater houses ever rejected in Waterford, the answer was that the officials of Wexford Corporation had no knowledge of what Waterford had done.

MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE

On the proposal of Alderman K. C. Morris, seconded by Alderman T. F. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the allowance of the Mayor for the quarter ended 30th September, 1968, be fixed at One hundred and forty pounds (£140).

OVERDRAFT

On the motion of Alderman T. F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue account in the sum of £60,000 and on the Capital account in the sum of £40,000 was approved for the quarter ending 31st December, 1968.

The meeting then terminated.

James J. J. J.

4th November, 1968.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, in the chair.

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne, Kevin C. Morris and James Mahoney.

Councillors: John Cullimore, John Dunne, Peter Roche, Fintan O'Leary, Thomas Roche, Desmond Corish and James J. Morris.

In attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Alderman Morris, the minutes of meeting held on 7th ultimo, copy of which had been circulated 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, His Worship the Mayor, moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Dr. Thomas E. Pierse, who had been Medical Officer of Health for the Borough up to the operation of the Health Act, 1941, when he had been transferred to the Health Authority and became an officer of the County Council. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, by County Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

Alderman Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the wife and family of the late Don Davern, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries. Alderman Morris seconded this motion, which was also supported by all members present, County Manager and Officials.

Councillor Peter Roche proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the ex-Councillor Ed. Hall on the tragic death of his brother-in-law, Mr. James Whelan, Emmet Place. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion, which was supported by all the other members and officials. The three resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Councillor Dunne moved that a resolution of thanks be passed to Alderman Mahoney on his efforts for re-opening the Wexford Harbour, Councillor Peter Roche seconded. Alderman Byrne intimated that while he was very happy to see that Wexford Harbour had once again been able to take a boat, he didn't think it right that individual members should be eulogised, and that any thanks due, should go to the Harbour Commissioners, and the Mayor moved that the thanks of the Corporation be extended to the Harbour Commissioners in their efforts to have the Harbour re-opened.

CONGRATULATIONS

His Worship the Mayor, proposed a vote of congratulations to the Council of the Wexford Festival, The Fringe Events Committee, Garda Siochana and all those who had made the 1968 Wexford Festival the success it was. Alderman Morris seconded the motion who was supported by Alderman Byrne, Councillors Thomas Roche, Cullimore and James J. Morris.

TOWN FLOODING

Before the business on the agenda commenced, the County Manager asked permission to make a statement on the flooding which had taken place in the town over the week-end, and stated that he sympathised with all those who had been affected by it. He had asked the Borough Surveyor to report on this matter, and he now submitted the following from Mr. Leyden:-

Surface water flooding occurred at various locations in the Borough on Saturday 2/11/1968. A violent thunderstorm raged during the early hours of that day, culminating with heavy rainfall. Records indicate that rain occurred between 5.10 a.m. and 6 a.m. when an amount of 21.4 m.m. fell at Municipal Buildings. The severest intensity of rainfall was between 5.15 a.m. and 5.30 a.m. when a rate of 65.6 m.m. per hour was registered. High tide occurred at 5.19 a.m. and therefore coincided with the period of maximum rainfall intensity. Flood levels reached 17.00 feet O.D. Coolree readings were 53 m.m.; intensities were greater to the West of the town.

Actual flooding was first observed at Mill Road/Joseph Street/King Street junctions at 6.20 a.m. in conjunction with a flow of muddy water coursing along Distillery Road from the direction of Bishopswater, and rapidly followed at King Street Upper and South Main Street.

Every premises on both sides of King Street Upper was affected as were premises on both sides of South Main Street from the junction of King Street to Bride Street. Premises at Bishopswater, Upper John Street, The Faythe, Auburn Terrace and St. Joseph's Boys' Club were also inundated.

Considerable damage to property occurred by virtue of water inflow to King Street and South Main Street premises, and only in a minority of cases were business proprietors able to remove stocks to safe levels. A concrete block wall, south of Bishopswater Bridge, which contained a watercourse was breached and the outflow from this breach caused flooding to a premises at Bishopswater Cross. A private car, parked adjacent to the Rope Walk Yard gate in King Street, was submerged by the flood waters. A bicycle was washed down to King Street from the higher levels. A notable feature of this particular flood was the considerable quantity of silt and debris carried by the waters and deposited within premises.

This flooding, as with previous flooding in the King Street area, was attributable to excessive run-off from the Bishopswater catchment, which the 2 available discharge culverts at King Street Lower and Stonebridge are incapable of discharging.

The interval period of flooding occurrences is lessening. This is proven by actual occurrence and also from the Consulting Engineer's data of November, 1967, wherein his calculated maximum discharge flow from the catchment has, between the years 1945 and 1967, increased from 405 cusecs to 612 cusecs, i.e. an increase of 51%. The present determination of increased discharge, the Consultant has stated, is due to the fact that the character of the Bishopswater catchment has been altered.

Of the remaining locations, the flooding at John Street Upper requires a comment. Houses here have been affected during rainstorms within the recent months when other areas have not been so affected. Flooding has been caused by road drainage water not discharging through the surface gully grids where the grids have become blocked with debris, leaves etc. The one particular location concerned is subject to flows which enenate from the high ground on St. John's Road and over-run the gully traps on the steep incline, arriving finally in John Street with associated debris which clog the surface grids. Removal of this debris re-establishes the drainage. Such conditions existed on the occasion of this occurrence, and have also caused flooding previously.

Reports indicate that flooding at Auburn Terrace on this occasion was not so extensive as on former occasions. A level of 1" to 2" of flood water has been stated. Recent cleansing of underground catch-pits at the North Station prove efficacious to minimise flooding in this low lying area.

The Town Foreman turned out for duty at 5.45 a.m. on the date of the occurrence, under appalling and terrifying weather conditions. He organised the assembling of the Corporation staff to alleviate the distress of the persons affected by flooding, re-establishing drainage through choked gully traps within back yards and private property, and commencing cleaning-up operations.

A very lengthy discussion took place on this flood problem, during which it was pointed out to the members that at the end of 1967 they had received a report from their Engineering Consultants suggesting a scheme for the alleviation of flooding in the King Street area, and at their April meeting, 1968, they had directed that a copy of the report be sent to the Minister for Local Government, for:-

- (a) examination by the Minister's technical officers;
- (b) an indication of what State assistance would be given towards the project;
- (c) an indication as to whether or not a long term loan would be issued from the Local Loans Fund to finance the work.

This request had been transmitted to the Department on 16th April, last, and under date of 9th May, an acknowledgement had been received. Since then it was understood that an Engineering Inspector from the Department had visited the area, but no further communication had been received on the matter. Various suggestions were made regarding this problem, including one that Dutch Engineers should be called in to report on it, and reference was also made to flooding in other parts of the town, such as the north end and Grogan's Road.

Eventually it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, that top level discussion take place between the Engineering staffs of the County Council, Corporation and Department of Local Government, and that the County Council be requested to permit their engineers to take part in the discussion.

This motion was agreed to, and it was also decided to ask the Department of Local Government to reply to the Town Clerk's letter of 18th April, last.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A letter was read from Sr. M. Gertrude, Convent of St. Louis, Ramsgrange, the only surviving member of the Keegan family of Enniscorthy, acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed by the Corporation at their last meeting on the death of her sister, Miss Teresa Keegan.

A letter was also read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, intimating that it was intended to provide a telephone kiosk to serve the Maudlintown area, subject to the availability of a suitable site. The question of erecting a kiosk in the Old Pound would be considered when the next annual programme was being compiled.

While the action of the Department in providing a kiosk at Maudlintown was appreciated, strong objection was made to the continued postponement of the provision of a kiosk at the Old Pound, which the Corporation had been asking for, for a number of years, as this area was completely isolated from telephone communication, and the Town Clerk was asked to take the matter up again with the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

A letter was also read from the District Manager, Coras Iompair Eireann, on the subject of a suggestion that a bus service should be provided to the Hospital at Brownswood, Enniscorthy, on Thursdays and Sunday afternoons. The District Manager intimated that this had been carefully considered, and the Company was not satisfied that sufficient support would be forthcoming to make it an economical proposition, and that their request must be declined.

A letter was also read from the Wexford Pigeon Club, objecting to the hilarious attitude of members of the Corporation at the last meeting, when reference was made to the championships won by the club during the year.

TIDY TOWN'S COMPETITION

The next business was to consider the report of the adjudicators on the tidy town's competition adjourned from last meeting.

A copy of this report had been circulated to the members, when it was felt that more could be done to tidy the town before the next year's competition took place, and it was pointed out that the report was an improvement on previous reports, but that more co-operation should be given by the public.

TOURIST ORGANISATION

The next business on the agenda was to appoint a representative to attend the Annual General Meeting of the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation. Councillor Corish proposed that Alderman Byrne be appointed, and Councillor Thomas Roche seconded. Some members however, objected to any representative being sent, and on a poll being taken, six voted for the proposal and five against. Alderman Byrne was therefore appointed to represent the Corporation at the Annual General Meeting.

TOWN GUIDES

In accordance with notice given, His Worship the Mayor, moved "That Wexford Corporation express its best thanks to the Old Wexford Society Guides for the wonderful work they do in summer in promoting Wexford as a Tourist centre". Alderman Morris seconded the motion which was supported by the members, and unanimously agreed to.

TRAFFIC - MONCK STREET. ETC.

The next business was to receive a memorial from the residents of Monck Street, requesting parking facilities for business purposes, and suggesting that it be made a one-way street. A motion also appeared in the name of His Worship the Mayor: "That immediate steps be taken to provide car parks with a view to furthering the Tourist potential of Wexford". Both these motions were taken together, and all the members sympathised with the position of the people of Monck Street, in which street, the parking of cars was prohibited by the 1964 Traffic Bye-Laws, and it was agreed that in the next revision of the Bye-Laws, Monck Street should receive careful consideration.

The Mayor also referred to the need for the provision of car parks in the town, and suggested a number of areas that might be acquired, and converted into parks. Arising out of this matter, the following report was submitted by the Borough Surveyor, in connection with the Mayor's motion.

The policy of the Corporation, on the recommendations of its officials, since 1965 has been to provide car park areas to cater for the needs of the traffic which utilises the facilities of the town.

The needs are assessed by the fact that a very low percentage of the present total traffic in Wexford town is through traffic. Such a low percentage indicates that most of the present access traffic is utilising Wexford as a centre for work, shopping, business and entertainment. Not only is it considered necessary to cater for access traffic but facilities must be provided for internal traffic and further to induce through traffic to stop for a period in the town. An indication of the earnest of the Corporation in this matter of off-street parking is the provision of vehicle gates in all Corporation houses where it is suitable to erect same. An examination of the present position within the Central area and the future requirements, is warranted.

Between 1965 and 1968, the Corporation has provided off-street car parks at Temperance Row, Abbey Street, Back Street and Keyser's Lane. The areas so provided cater for 92 cars. During the same period, private developers have catered for 90 cars on off-street locations.

Up to the period 31/3/1969, the Corporation will provide spaces for a further 97 cars, and proposals at present before the Corporation indicate that private developers will provide 30 additional spaces.

The area referred to as the Central area, is that bounded by Auburn Terrace, Glenna Terrace, Hill Street, John Street, School Street, Joseph Street, Mill Road, Swan View and Parnell Street.

The relevant data on parking within the Central area is as follows:-

Parking demand in the area on a typical week-day, 1968.	1000 spaces.
Total number of off-street and kerbside parking spaces available, 1968.	1200 spaces.
Parking demand in the area in 30 years hence.	3000 spaces.

From 1968 onwards, it is confidently expected that 1800 spaces will be required or a minimum of 60 spaces per annum. This forecast does not include the provision of spaces to replace those eliminated by any new traffic arrangements and abolition of kerbside parking.

When it is considered that space needs per car parking bay is 25 sq. yards, the ultimate requirement in the future would be 10 acres. To utilise a proportion as high as 10 acres of central area land for ground level car parking is not realistic, and thus in about 15 years consideration to multi-storey parking may be necessary.

The immediate future proposals recommended to the Corporation are acquisition of the following areas:-

- Derelict properties in High Street to provide extension to Keyser's Lane car park, accommodation 10 cars.
- Derelict site at Bride Street to accommodate 30 cars.
- Derelict site at Abbey Street to accommodate 8 cars.

Current development costs suggest £60 per ground level car space excluding purchase price and demolition of obsolete property.

Whereas the Corporation has kept pace with demands the availability of low cost development land within the Central area will determine further forward planning. Were the supply of spaces to lag behind the demand, it may suggest to commercial interests to provide off-street car parking facilities for the benefit of their customers both local and tourist.

Survey suggests that suitable areas lie between Main Street and Quays, where small car park gaps could be introduced. From the commercial aspect, such a provision would have a considerable effect on the environmental impact of the Town whereby the shopping area could be actually seen by through traffic along the Quays, with consequent desire to stop off-street and view the area.

An example of such impact is afforded temporarily, at least, by the demolition of buildings at the junction of Common Quay Street/The Quays, whereby the shopping area is visible and inviting.

At the end of the discussion, the County Manager pointed out that the acquisition and provision of car parks would cost a considerable amount of money, and it was explained that the only grants available would be those from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, which might be devoted to developing car parks, provided the ground was owned by the Corporation.

It was eventually agreed that this matter justified the consideration by a special meeting, and it was decided to convene a special meeting of the Council for Monday, 11th instant, to consider this matter of car parks.

It was also agreed on the proposal of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, that the letter from the Monck Street residents be forwarded to the Garda.

It was further agreed, that the Garda be asked to meet the Corporation soon, to consider the revision of the 1964 Bye-Laws, which meeting had been requested at the October meeting of the Council.

ISSUE OF MEDICAL CARDS

Alderman Mahoney moved "That the Minister for Health be requested to authorise the issue of medical cards to persons earning less than £15 per week. Councillor Dunne seconded this motion. Councillor Peter Roche however, complained that people going to the County Hall to inquire about medical benefits, were being sent from one person to another, and got no satisfaction, and named two officers of the County Council in this connection. The County Manager strongly defended the officers named, and considered them two of the most courteous and efficient officers in the employment of Wexford County Council.

The courtesy of the officials concerned was also spoken of by many other members present who took strong exception to the attack made on them by Councillor Peter Roche.

On a vote being taken, ten members voted for Alderman Mahoney's motion, and Alderman Morris abstained.

ERECTION OF HOUSES

Alderman Mahoney also moved that houses be erected on derelict sites in the north end of the town, this motion was seconded by Councillor Dunne and agreed to.

QUESTIONS

Councillor Peter Roche asked when it was proposed to proceed with the repair of houses sold to tenants and was informed that this work was well in hands and would be completed by the end of the financial year.

Councillor Peter Roche also asked why was the rent of 61, St. Aidan's Crescent increased by 11/= per week, and was informed that this was a new tenancy to which the graded rent scheme was applied, and the income of the occupiers justified the increased rent.

126 HOUSE SCHEME AT SLIPPERY GREEN

The Town Clerk reported that the extras and increases on the 126-house scheme at Slippery Green amounted to £23,746. The expenditure to date was £271,700 and it was estimated that a sum of £12,800 would be needed to complete the scheme. This would make the total cost £284,500 or £2,258 per house. As the original loan was only £261,000 a supplementary loan of £23,500 was now required.

It was thereupon unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, that the Minister for Local Government be requested to sanction the raising of a supplementary loan of £23,500 to complete the 126-house scheme at Slippery Green, the said loan to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works; and undertake that the instalments of the loan now proposed, as well as of any existing loans, will be punctually remitted at the dates which they become due.

LIGHTS AT ROCHE'S TERRACE

Alderman Mahoney referred to the need for lights at Roche's Terrace, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine this. Reference was also made to the lighting of Wexford Bridge, and it was pointed out that this was a matter for the County Council, but that instructions had already been given to the Electricity Supply Board to carry out necessary repairs there.

Councillor O'Leary referred to the amalgamation of the Smith Engineering Group with M/s Britains and Lincoln and Nolan, and feared that this amalgamation might have an effect on the Smith factories in Wexford.

The Mayor intimated however, that when he became aware of the amalgamation, he had sought an interview with the Smith Manager in Wexford, and was informed that there was no intention of closing down any of the Wexford factories.

The meeting then terminated.

James John
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11th November, 1968.

A Special Committee Meeting of the Council was held this day, pursuant to the decision arrived at on 4th instant, to consider the question of parking places in the town.

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, presided, with Aldermen Kevin Morris and James Mahoney.

Councillors: John Cullimore, Fintan O'Leary, Thomas Roche, James J. Morris, Peter Roche and John Dunne.

The agenda for this special meeting contained an intimation that the Chamber of Commerce and other traders, had requested that they be permitted to place their views before the Council.

Before the meeting commenced, Alderman Mahoney strongly objected to the receipt of the deputation, on the ground that the Council had recently refused to receive a deputation from the Housing Action Committee. It was pointed out however, that the Standing Orders of the Council provided that the Council would have to decide whether or not to receive any deputation, and that the request of the Chamber of Commerce and other traders was quite in order up to the present. It was now up to the meeting to decide whether or not the deputation would be received. Alderman Morris thereupon proposed that the deputation be received, and this was seconded by Councillor Cullimore. On a vote being taken, seven voted for and two against, and it was decided to receive the deputation.

The deputation then came before the meeting, and consisted of M/s James Browne, Jeffrey, Corcoran, Coffey, Cunningham and Hassett.

When the deputation entered the meeting, Councillor Peter Roche intimated that he considered that as no written application was before the meeting, the deputation was not in order, and then left the Council Chamber. He was followed by Alderman Mahoney.

Mr. Hassett on behalf of the deputation, thanked the Council for receiving them, and spoke of the need for parking in the town. He pointed out that the British Railway sailings to Rosslare for the 1969 season would consist of 4 daily sailings, each carrying 120 cars, and that the Continental car ferry would make two sailings per week. This worked out at approximately 3,600 cars per week into Rosslare, and the Chamber of Commerce and the traders felt that if visible parking was available on or near the Quays, a number of these people would stay in Wexford for some time.

The other members of the deputation also spoke of the need for car parking facilities, and the following suggested places were named:-

1. Site at South side of Henrietta Street.
2. The filling in of the Crescent.
3. Property abutting on Church Lane from Custom House Quay to the rere of St. Iberius Church.
4. The derelict ground adjoining the North Railway Station.
5. The existing market place in the Bull Ring.
6. Property at Bride Street and the Rope Walk Yard.
7. The old cot-safe at the North Railway Station was also suggested as a very large parking place, if it was filled in.

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An examination of the Development Plan adopted by the Corporation showed that most of these sites had already been nominated by the Corporation as potential parking places.

The suggestion that the Old Pound should be lined as a car park was also made, but the deputation was informed that this had already been approved by the Department of Local Government, and would start inside a week or so. A general discussion took place on the need for car parks in town, after which the deputation withdrew.

The Corporation then carefully examined the various suggestions made, and decided to request the Borough Surveyor to report on the cost of providing car parks in the following areas in the order mentioned:-

1. The Market Yard, Bull Ring.
2. Property abutting on Church Lane.
3. Rope Walk Yard, and Bride Street.
4. C.I.E. ground at Redmond Road.
5. Henrietta Street.
6. Property at Crescent Quay.

COMPLAINT AGAINST WORKMEN

A letter was read from the Irish Transport and General Workers Union intimating that their members employed by Wexford Corporation took great exception to the unsubstantiated allegations made by Councillor Dunne at the meeting held on 4th. As reported in the Press, this implied that the workers were negligent in carrying out their duties particularly in relation to the cleaning of road gullies, thus conveying the impression that they were responsible for at least some of the recent street flooding. Their members felt very strongly on this matter, and requested the Council to receive a deputation to place their views before them.

As the present meeting was not a full meeting of the Council, it was decided that this letter be placed on the agenda for the December meeting.

FERRYBANK

Reference was made to the Ferrybank Development, and to the fact that up to the present, Bord Failte had not been able to give a decision as to whether or not they would favour the substitution of an indoor heated pool for the outdoor pool originally planned there, and it was agreed on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, that steps be taken to proceed with Part 3 of the Ferrybank Development next year, and that the Town Clerk get in touch with the Architects on this matter as soon as possible.

The meeting then terminated.

James J. ...
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2nd December, 1968.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, in the chair.

Aldermen: Kevin C. Morris, James Mahoney and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Dunne, Desmond Corish, John Cullimore,
Fintan O'Leary, Thomas Roche, James J. Morris
and Peter Roche.

In attendance: County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, the minutes of 4th and 11th ultimo, 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. Arising out of the minutes, Councillor Corish asked for permission to raise a matter of public urgency in connection with the lighting of the town in the morning time, and the Mayor intimated that he could raise this matter on item No. 6 on the agenda.

Also arising out of the minutes, Alderman Byrne referred to his appointment to attend the meeting of the Irish Tourist Association, and complained that he had not received the agenda for this meeting. The Town Clerk explained that this was partly his fault. In 1967, he received a phone call from the Tourist Board a few days before the Annual Meeting, that a member be appointed to attend, but as no meeting would have been held prior to the date of the 1967 meeting, he had requested the Mayor, Alderman Morris, to attend the meeting. The attendance of Alderman Morris at this meeting had been approved at a subsequent meeting of the Council, and he had been appointed as the Council's delegate.

When the Association requested the appointment of a delegate for 1968, the Town Clerk had overlooked the fact that Alderman Morris had been appointed in 1967 to represent the Corporation, and it was probably due to this oversight that Alderman Byrne had not received the notice.

Before the ordinary business commenced. His Worship the Mayor referred to the very heavy agenda before them, and asked for the co-operation of the members in seeing that it was dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

SYMPATHY

The Mayor then moved that the Corporation place on record their sorrow at the passing of Senator Miss Margaret Pearse, the last surviving member of the Pearse family of 1916. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present; and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Acknowledgements were read from the family of the late Dr. Pierse, acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with them, and from the Commissioner of the Gardai Siochana acknowledging the vote of congratulations to the Gardai on their excellent work during the period of the Wexford Festival.

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FLOODING AT KING STREET

With reference to previous discussions on the question of the Consultant's scheme for dealing with the flooding of King Street, a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that he approved the proposal submitted for the relief of flooding in King Street, subject to:-

1. the contract documents providing for alternative tenders for a box culvert and a twin-pipe culvert; and
2. the top water level in the diversion channel being adequate to discharge flood flows against high tides.

No objection was seen to the preparation of contract documents on this basis.

This letter gave rise to a very lengthy discussion, during which Councillor Corish referred to a meeting of the King Street residents, previous to the present meeting, when the possibility that a warning would be given before floods, was considered.

Reference was also made to the drainage of the proposed 150 houses at Whitemill aggravating the flooding in the area. Eventually Councillor Corish proposed the adoption of the scheme as prepared by the Consultants, and this was seconded by Alderman Byrne. Other members, however, referred to the responsibility of the County Council in this matter, and the Mayor suggested that the Corporation should ask the Dutch Embassy for the names of Dutch firms of Consultants who might be asked to advise on the flooding problem. Eventually it was decided to adjourn consideration of the whole matter until:-

1. the Borough Surveyor and County Engineer had had a discussion on the report;
2. to enable the Minister for Local Government to reply to previous queries regarding Loan and State Grants; and
3. to enable the Dutch Embassy to be requested to submit names of Consultants who might be asked to advise on the problem.

Before the discussion on this scheme ended, the Corporation unanimously thanked the Borough Surveyor and his staff for their work during the recent flooding in the King Street area.

SALE OF LAND AT WHITEMILL SOUTH

A recommendation was submitted from the Wexford County Manager that approximately 7 acres of land at Whitemill South, Wexford, which had been acquired from Mr. Ambrose Duignan, be demised to the community of the Sisters of Mercy for the sum of £2,500, on which the community proposed to erect a school.

Notice of this proposal had been issued to each member on the 20th ultimo, in compliance with the provision of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Kevin C. Morris, it was unanimously agreed that the proposal of the Manager to demise the land be approved.

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SWIMMING POOL AT FERRYBANK

A letter addressed to the County Manager from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, regarding the allocation of funds for the provision of swimming pools, was next submitted. This intimated that in the case of pools costing more than £25,000, the amount of local voluntary contribution should not be less than 20% of the cost, and that the amount of loan capital provided for any one pool should be restricted to a sum not exceeding £50,000.

In this connection, reference was made to a previous discussion, when the Corporation had asked Bord Failte what their attitude would be to the amendment of the swimming pool project to provide for an indoor heated pool, rather than an open air unheated pool, and up to the present no reply had been received. It was thereupon decided upon the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche, that the Town Clerk should press for a reply from Bord Failte, and that they should be requested to receive a deputation from the Corporation to discuss the matter.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

In accordance with the notice given, Alderman Mahoney moved that an extra light be provided at Roche's Terrace, this was seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche, and unanimously agreed to.

It was also agreed on the motion of Councillor Desmond Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the public lights be lighted until the end of February from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Arising out of this discussion on public lighting, a question was asked regarding the lighting of Main Street, and the Town Clerk informed the meeting that some time ago he had requested the Electricity Supply Board to submit a special scheme for the Main Street apart from the alterations at present being carried out to the remainder of the town's lighting system, but up to the present he had not received the Board's proposals for the Main Street. He understood, however, that the delay was due to the fact that the Board intended to place all the existing overhead cables along the Main Street under-ground in the New Year, and when this was done, they would be in a better position to submit a proposal for the proper lighting of the Street.

HOUSING ALLOCATION

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Mahoney moved "That the housing allocation points system be strictly adhered to". Councillor Peter Roche seconded this proposal, which was unanimously agreed to. Apparently the reason for Alderman Mahoney's motion was that a man named Pitman who had been placed on the priority list had not received a house. It was explained to the meeting, however, that this man was a squatter who had taken possession of a house in Talbot Street, from which the Council had already removed a tenant, and that unless he left the premises in Talbot Street, it would not be possible to re-house him, except at the loss of a subsidy of some £60 a year for the next 50 years.

CONTROL OF RENTS

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Peter Roche moved "That the Council request the Minister for Justice to introduce legislation without delay for the control of rents of properties let in separate tenements". Alderman Mahoney seconded this proposal, which was unanimously agreed to.

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RE-HOUSING OF RESIDENTS OF KING STREET

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Dunne moved "That the residents of King Street affected by flooding, be given first priority in the new housing scheme at Talbot Street (Pearse Road)". In this connection, it was pointed out that a survey of the King Street area would be carried out by the Health and Engineering staffs early in the New Year, and in view of this, it was decided to defer any decision on Councillor Dunne's motion until the survey was made.

SURVEY OF SITES

Councillor Dunne also moved "That a survey of sites in the north end of the town be taken and houses built thereon". Alderman Mahoney seconded this motion which was agreed to. Arising out of this, the Mayor mentioned places such as the rere of George Street/John Street, and the rere of Redmond Park, as well as the provision of blocks of flats or maisonettes.

SMALL INDUSTRIES SCHEME

In accordance with notice given, His Worship the Mayor moved "That Wexford Corporation request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to extend the benefits of the Small Industry Scheme to County Wexford forthwith". This motion was seconded by Alderman Morris, and unanimously agreed to.

TRAFFIC PROBLEM

It was unanimously decided to hold a special Committee meeting of the Corporation on 9th instant at 8.30 p.m., to discuss the traffic problem with representatives of the Gardai Siochana.

DEPUTATION FROM IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION

A letter was read from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union requesting the Council to receive a deputation of the Corporation employees regarding the allegations of negligence of duty on their part. On the motion of Councillor Thomas Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to receive this deputation.

DEPUTATION FROM HOUSING ACTION COMMITTEE

In accordance with the notice given, Councillor Dunne moved "That the resolution of 12th August, 1968, refusing to receive a deputation of the Housing Action Committee be rescinded. This was agreed to and it was further decided that a deputation of the Housing Action Committee be received at the next meeting of the Council.

QUESTIONS

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Peter Roche asked "What was the result, if any, of the traffic survey recently carried out in Maudlintown?", and was informed the survey showed that a pedestrian crossing was justified. In the reply to Alderman Mahoney, it was stated that the report of the survey had been forwarded to the County Engineer for consideration of the provision of a pedestrian crossing there, as the road was a main road under the jurisdiction of the County Council.

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In reply to Alderman Mahoney, it was stated that the workmen who were discharged from the Housing Scheme at Kennedy Park were discharged due to redundancy. In reply to Councillor Thomas Roche, it was stated that the wall referred to at Batts Street was not considered dangerous. Councillor Dunne asked what was the position regarding Civic Welcome to All-Ireland holders, and it was decided that a meeting of the special committee dealing with this matter should be convened early in the New Year.

SALARY AND PENSION ADJUSTMENTS

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Corish, it was unanimously agreed that pension increases, under the Pension Increases Act, 1968, be granted to superannuated officers and servants of the Corporation at a total cost of £200 in the current year.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, it was unanimously agreed that the salary scale of the storekeeper be fixed at £800 x £50 - £1,300 per annum, with effect from 1st April, 1968, at a cost of £100 in the current financial year.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, it was also unanimously agreed that the salaries of all the officers of the Corporation other than Engineering and Medical, be granted an increase of 9% with effect as from 1st June, 1968, at a cost of £1,150 in the current financial year.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT MAIN STREET/ABBEY STREET AND CORNMARKE FOR WHITE'S HOTEL

There was submitted to the meeting, a plan for a proposed development at White's Hotel, Wexford, which involved a large building and the exchange of houses between the Corporation and the proprietors of the hotel.

It was explained to the meeting that this development project had been carried out so far in close consultation with the officials of the Corporation, and they had been consulted on every step taken by the Hotel proprietors and their Architects. The project involved the demolition of 8 houses in Cornmarket and Abbey Street owned by the Corporation which would need to be demolished and the tenants re-housed in the very near future. In return, the Hotel proprietors propose to grant the Corporation 5 houses in Abbey Street and the shop section of The Gem at the intersection of George Street and Abbey Street which would provide for the ultimate widening of Abbey Street from George Street to Cornmarket.

The meeting felt that every assistance should be given to the developers in this case, and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the suggested exchange of property between the Hotel and the Corporation be agreed to and that the necessary steps be taken to re-house the tenants as soon as possible.

The meeting then terminated.

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9th December, 1968.

A Special Committee Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half-past eight o'clock p.m. to review in conjunction with the Gardai Siochana, the operation of the traffic bye-laws, the members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, in the chair.

Aldermen: Kevin C. Morris and James Mahoney.

Councillors: Peter Roche, John Dunne, John Cullimore, Thomas Roche and James Morris.

The Gardai Siochana was represented by Inspector Fehily and Sergeant Mullarky.

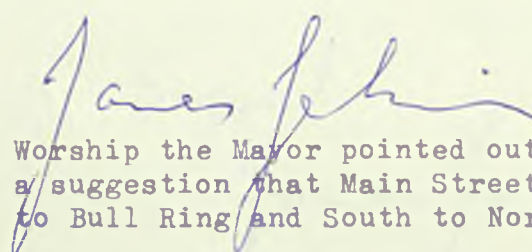
In attendance: Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

The meeting had a general talk over the operation of the parking bye-laws and the Gardai felt that no drastic changes were necessary in the existing bye-laws, except that more parking facilities should be provided near the Main Street. During the discussion, special mention was made of Monck Street, John Street, Main Street, High Street, Henrietta Street and some of the streets on the outskirts of the town, where it was thought that parking should be permitted only on one side; the designation of newly-provided car parks, the position on the Quays. The lighting and lining of car parks was also discussed, as was the question of fire hydrants, and the operation of the parking bye-laws in the Main Street after 6 p.m.

After a very lengthy discussion on all matters connected with the parking problem, it was decided that the Corporation officials and the Gardai should get together in the New Year and draft a report of what they consider should be done, for consideration by the Corporation.

Before the meeting terminated, Councillor Peter Roche proposed a vote of thanks to the Gardai officials for their attendance and the assistance they had given to the meeting. Alderman Mahoney seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present and unanimously adopted.

The meeting then terminated.



At meeting on 13th January, 1969, his Worship the Mayor pointed out that at the above meeting it was also agreed that a suggestion that Main Street traffic should be north to south from Selskar to Bull Ring and South to North from Stonebridge to Bullring.

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With reference to minutes of 2nd instant when it was decided to request Bord Failte to receive a deputation to discuss the suggested alteration of proposed swimming pool at Ferrybank from an outdoor one to an indoor heated pool. Representatives of Bord Failte met representatives of the Corporation and the Tourist Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce in the Municipal Buildings this day at 3.0 p.m.

The Corporation was represented by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins (who presided) with Alderman Mahoney and Councillor Peter Roche.

Bord Failte was represented by Messrs. Barry, Cassidy and O'Donnell.

The Tourist Development Committee of Wexford Chamber of Commerce was represented by Mrs. B. Wallace and Messrs. James Browne and Richard Sinnott.

The meeting examined the entire Ferrybank Project with particular reference to the swimming pool as well as the capital and operating cost thereof, and it was finally decided that the Bord Failte Representative would compile a report for submission to the Corporation setting out the estimated cost of providing an indoor heated pool together with an estimate of operating costs and potential revenue. The Council could then decide how it would be financed.

The meeting terminated after the Mayor had thanked the various representatives for their attendance.

Signed
James Jenkins

13th January, 1969.

A quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half past seven o'clock p.m., the members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin C. Morris and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Cullimore, John Dunne, Desmond Corish,
Fintan O'Leary.

In attendance: Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

Before the business of the meeting commenced, Alderman Mahoney proposed congratulations to Mr. Joseph Walsh, a son of a former member of the Council on the attainment of the golden jubilee of his marriage.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the minutes of meetings of 2nd, 9th and 11th December, 1968, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor, after His Worship had drawn attention to an omission from the minutes of 9th December. In this connection, His Worship pointed out, that at the meeting with the Gardai on the question of traffic control, a suggestion was made that Main Street traffic should be north to south from Selskar to Bullring, and south to north from Stonebridge to Bullring.

The Town Clerk undertook to insert the correction as an addendum to the minutes of 9th December.

Alderman Byrne also referred to the minutes of 2nd ultimo on the question of the appointment of a representative to attend the Annual Meeting of the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, and reserved the right to raise the matter of a letter from the Association at a later date.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

An acknowledgment was read from the relatives of the late Don Davern, T.D. of the vote of sympathy passed on his unexpected death.

A letter was also read from the Minister for Industry and Commerce acknowledging receipt of the resolution of the Corporation adopted at the last meeting, requesting the extension of the Small Industry Scheme to County Wexford.

HOUSING TENDERS

Three tenders were submitted for the erection of 20 houses at Thomas Clarke Place. They were from:-

M/s Cleary and Doyle, Barntown, who quoted a total of £61,065;

M/s Redmond Bros., St. Peter's Square, who quoted £60,300; and

Mr. Thomas J. Millar, Housing Engineer, from the Corporation Direct Labour Unit, who quoted £55,117. The three tenders were referred to the County Manager for the appropriate attention.

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Arising out of this, the officials were asked to examine the question of alternative accommodation for Mr. Stamp, whose fish and chip business would be disturbed by this scheme, and Mr. Wilson, whose coal business would also be disturbed by the scheme.

KING STREET FLOODING

Three letters were read in connection with the above. The first was from the Minister for Local Government, stating that the scheme would qualify for a long-term loan from the Local Loans Fund in due course, and subsidy at the normal rate applicable to Sanitary Services Schemes would be paid on the approved costs of the work.

The second letter from the Royal Dutch Embassy, naming firms of Consulting Engineers who would be prepared to assist the Corporation in examining the problem.

As well, there were a number of questions by His Worship the Mayor, on the various aspects of the scheme, and a motion in the name of Councillor Peter Roche, "That this Council call a special meeting at the earliest possible date, to discuss the problem of flooding in King Street and South Main Street".

A letter was also read from the Wexford County Manager regretting his inability to be present at the meeting, and pointing out that a competent Irish Engineering Consultant was engaged to report on this problem some years ago, and his appointment had been sanctioned by the Minister. This Consultant has made all necessary inquiries for dealing with the problem and submitted a scheme together with the cost of implementing same. The Consultant's proposals had been endorsed by the Department of Local Government, and the Council's own Engineer, and the Corporation were authorised to invite tenders. The Consultant would have to be paid his fees for work done to date, and if any other firm were now to be appointed to advise on the work, they would also have to be paid fees on a scale acceptable to them, in addition to out-of-pocket expenses.

In view of the fact that the Minister had authorised the Corporation to invite tenders for the work, he advised the Council to seriously consider this aspect of the matter in the light of the foregoing.

After some discussion, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Morris seconded by Alderman Byrne, to hold a special meeting of the Council on 20th instant or the nearest possible date, and to invite the Consultant to be present when the matter of King Street could be discussed in full.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Under date of 16th ultimo, by letter No. L.85/6/4, the Minister for Local Government referred to previous correspondence concerning Wexford Waterworks Improvement Scheme, and stated that he approved the contract documents for Stage 1 (estimated cost £153,000) which would include a proposal to increase the capacity of the Improvement Scheme to 1.5 million gallons per day.

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On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the scheme as submitted by the Consultant was unanimously adopted, and it was also agreed that he should now prepare contract documents for the work.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Dunne moved that "Pedestrian crossings be provided at town entrance to New Bridge, Slaney Street, and at the Parnell Street/Barrack Street junction", Alderman Mahoney seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the necessary survey be carried out by the Surveyor to ascertain if the traffic at these points warranted pedestrian crossings.

PARKING IN BULLRING

Councillor Dunne also moved that "parking be prohibited in front of 1798 memorial in the Bullring", Alderman Mahoney seconded this motion, but it was decided to deal with it along with No. 13 on the agenda, which was a report from the Borough Surveyor on the cost of providing parking places.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

The next motion was in the name of Councillor Peter Roche "That the Minister for Local Government be requested to examine the conditions of employment of the men working on employment schemes, to ensure them a guaranteed week's pay during their period of employment".

Owing to the absence of Councillor Peter Roche, it was decided to defer this to the next meeting.

TOWN HALL, CORNMARKE

The following report was read from the Wexford County Manager regarding the Old Town Hall at Cornmarket:-

"As you are aware, a certain amount of redecoration has been carried out to above with funds presented by Georgian Society through the good offices of Col. Price, and a valuable Chandelier and Lantern have been provided also, by the Friends of the Wexford Festival, also through the offices of Col. Price, to whom thanks are due for his interest in the Building and its restoration. A small amount of Corporation funds have also been expended to supplement the sums provided from outside, in securing the restoration of the building which had been empty and almost neglected for some years. Indeed, it was well on the way to becoming derelict when the above mentioned gentleman got Hon. Desmond Guinness interested enough to provide some funds for redecoration.

I have been in touch with Bord Failte in an effort to secure additional funds towards the complete restoration of the building, with a view to having it as a worthwhile centre of civic activity in the Town Centre, instead of becoming just another ruin in a most central position in the town.

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The Bord's archaeologist visited the building and has suggested that before further consideration can be given to my application, it would be necessary to decide what the future of the Town Hall should be, and are the Corporation prepared to maintain it in good condition and bear the cost of maintenance, insurance, supervision, etc. for its use as say a Civic Museum, Picture Gallery or whatever would be decided?

A decision on the foregoing will be required from the Corporation before an estimate could be prepared as to what is required to complete the work already done and provide adequate heating including the matters mentioned above"

After some discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the report of the County Manager be adopted, and that ~~an~~ approval be given to his suggestions for the future use of the building as a museum or art gallery, or some such form of civic centre.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL

The following motion in the names of Aldermen Mahoney and Byrne, Councillors Dunne, Corish, Thomas Roche and Peter Roche, was next moved "That we the members of Wexford Corporation, democratically elected, wish to protest to the Minister for Justice, against the continued introduction of the Criminal Justice Bill, which is a denial of our Civil Rights".

Councillor Dunne moved this motion, which was seconded by Alderman Byrne.

On the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor, the movers of the motion agreed to insert the words "In its present form" after the word "Bill", and a vote was then taken when six members voted for the motion and two against. The motion was declared carried.

EAVE CHUTES

Alderman Mahoney moved that the Borough Council consider the condition of eave chutes, footpaths and roads in the Borough.

He referred to the condition of eave chutes on various properties in the town, including Corporate property, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to have a report made on the eave chutes in the town, so that necessary notices could be served on the occupiers of the various properties to have them cleaned or repaired. The Alderman also referred to holes in the footpaths, and the Borough Surveyor promised to attend to these, if he would name the particular ones he had noticed.

PARKING ON FOOTPATHS

Alderman Mahoney further moved "That the parking of motor cars on footpaths be prohibited". This motion was also agreed and it was decided to call the attention of the Gardai to this matter.

CINEMA LICENCE

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The motion was seconded by Councillor Corish, a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, was executed in respect of the Palace Cinema.

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PARKING PLACES

Item No. 13 on the agenda was a report from the Borough Surveyor on the cost of converting six suggested sites into parking places, and with this, was to be taken Councillor Dunne's motion No. 7, "That parking be prohibited in front of the 1798 memorial in the Bullring". In this connection, the Mayor pointed out that the Council had still two deputations to receive, and he did not think that they would be able to give satisfactory consideration to the Borough Surveyor's report at the present meeting, so the matter was adjourned to the February meeting.

QUESTIONS

Alderman Mahoney asked "What are the arrangements for women signing on in the Local Employment Exchange"?, and was informed that this had nothing whatever to do with the Corporation, it was entirely a matter for the Labour Exchange Authorities, but the Alderman asked that the attention of the Authorities be drawn to the fact that the women were embarrassed by having to sign in the same room as the men.

The Alderman also asked when was the last inspection of third and fourth storey flats made in the Borough, and was informed that it was not the practice to inspect third and fourth storey flats in the Borough, but if he named any particular ones he wanted inspected, it would be done. The only occasion when these came under notice was when applicants for them applied for re-housing or when a developer proposed to convert any three and four storey buildings into flats.

Alderman Mahoney also asked when would the gardens in Kennedy Park be fenced, and was informed that this work had commenced.

RATES

Alderman Morris referred to summonses which had been issued the previous week against defaulting rate payers, and bitterly complained about this action on the part of the rate collector. The Town Clerk however, informed him that in no case had a summons been issued prior to several reminders and a six day notice being served, and it was the Town Clerk's opinion that the rate collector was most lenient. The Town Clerk further informed him if the first moiety of the rates had been paid, he was certain that no legal proceedings would have been instituted for the second moiety at this stage by the collector. He promised however to look into the matter, and ascertain that six day notices had been served in all cases where summonses had been issued.

DUMPING, WILLIAM STREET

Alderman Morris also referred to dumping in William Street, and it was pointed out that dumping was on private property, but that the attention of the Health Inspector would be drawn to it.

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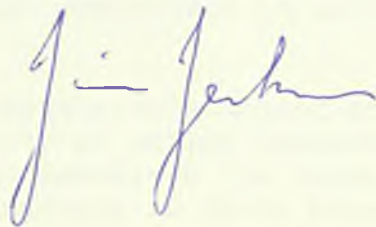
DEPUTATION FROM THE IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS'
UNION.

The next business was to receive a deputation from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union who took a strong exception to an unsubstantiated allegation made by Councillor Dunne at the November meeting of the Council, that the Corporation employees were negligent in carrying out their duties, particularly in relation to the cleaning of road gullies, and thus by implication conveyed the impression that they were responsible for at least some of the recent street flooding. The deputation was led by Mr. J. Howlin, Secretary of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, who also acted as spokesman, and spoke at length on the complaint which had been made, and strongly denied that the workers were negligent in anyway in the discharge of their duties.

After Mr. Howlin had spoken, he thanked the Corporation for receiving the deputation and withdrew.

The next deputation was from a meeting of the Housing Action Committee, who presented a memorial of the various points they wished to draw the attention of the Council to. A copy of this memorial is attached to these minutes.

The meeting then terminated.



Statement presented by deputation from Housing
Action Committee to Meeting of
Wexford Borough Council on 13th January, 1969.

Mr. Mayor - Gentlemen,

We should like to begin by thanking you for receiving us here tonight. We realise that the decision to do so was to many of you an agonizing one, although we are puzzled as to why this should be so. Our purpose is neither to encourage Revolution, Anarchy, Communism or any other form of thought or conduct likely to offend this august body. We are concerned solely with the problem of Wexford's Housing needs. We therefore most humbly submit the following observations.

We would urge the need for more frequent meeting of the Corporation Housing Committee. We understand that this Body has met only once during the term of the present Corporation. The Medical Officer and Sanitary Inspector should attend and give whatever information is necessary in regard to points distribution and other problems and disputes relating to Housing allocation. We regard this as being extremely important and think it would go a long way towards dispelling the widespread feelings of mistrust and confusion which exist at present. The idea is held by many that a wide area of Local Government administration is still accessible to patronage and political intercession.

A prime cause of dissatisfaction with the present system of allocation is the ease and frequency with which houses have been obtained by people who deliberately choose to live in unsuitable dwellings purely for the purpose of jumping the Housing queue. We are aware that some flats are being used again and again for this reason. In our opinion the length of time an applicant has been on the Housing List should be of prime importance in assessing his points position.

We would advise that a sharp distinction should be drawn between genuine housing needs and dirty or untidy conditions. Under no circumstances should applicants be penalised (in terms of points allotted) for attempting to improve matters in their homes.

In the view of the committee sound houses should never be demolished unless new houses are scheduled for immediate building on the same sites. The present practice of demolishing habitable homes and allowing the sites to remain as gaping, ugly and often unused car parks is a scandal and a blot on the reputation of this Council.

We feel that the question of housing transfers, especially mutual exchanges, has been underated as a means of solving housing needs. A mutual exchange for example could solve two housing problems at no cost. There can be situations of family depletion due to emigration, marriage death and so on. In these cases we sometimes find two or even one old person living in a three bedroomed house. In other instances as you know very large families are living in two bedroomed houses. We also find certain problems relating to rent levels and locality preferences etc., which could be resolved in this way. We feel that people who wish to transfer for valid reasons should receive every encouragement and facility to do so. A practical suggestion in this regard would be to offer the Davitt Road old peoples bungalows at present being built, to any old couple or single person who wished to transfer there from Corporation houses. This would release larger houses for allocation to families and provide more suitable and cheaper accommodation nearer to churches and shopping centres for the older folk. It would also mean in effect that the Corporation could house large families at the cost of building old folks bungalows.

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The question of building two story maisonettes, the bottom flats of which could be let to old people and the upper flats to newlyweds should be examined. These could by the nature of their use be quite small flats and would be particularly suitable for development of inner town sites. They could provide a variation of housing design badly needed in Wexford. We feel these could provide an exciting environmental aid. Needless to add the young marrieds would be eligible for larger houses when needed.

A far greater sense of urgency should be directed towards the basic question of the building of more houses. An important point in this regard should be the acceptance of the principle of the maintenance of a direct labour force of at least present strength. The direct labour unit provides a valuable source of employment in Wexford town and has shown consistently that it can save ratepayers money by providing good quality houses at a cheaper price. However once this principle has been established we see no reason why the direct labour unit should not be supplemented where necessary by independent contractors. The whole question of the provision of more houses should be treated as the emergency it is.

Finally Gentlemen, we call upon you to exercise more imaginative concern and greater control over the affairs of housing and indeed our whole Urban environment including community and housing design, shopping facilities play centres etc..

We would wish to see the present Council discard the old sterile political attitudes and the action crippling concept of the Wexford Corporation as a meek sanctioning body for the status quo.

We challenge you to emerge as a dynamic forward looking change hungry group of Wexford men determined that when your period of office has ended our town will be a better place for strangers to gaze at and for ourselves to live in.

23rd January, 1969.

A special meeting of the Council was held this day, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, to consider the Consulting Engineer's report on the King Street flooding problem. The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin C. Morris and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Dunne, Desmond Corish, Fintan O'Leary and James J. Morris.

In attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

M/s Tyghe and Farrell from the Engineering Consultants, M/s T. J. O'Connor & Co., were also present.

The main problem which seemed to concern the members was, how the water in the diversion tunnel from King Street to the sea would be able to get out against a high tide, and what steps could be taken to relieve tidal flooding in King Street even without heavy rainfall bringing water in from the hinterland?

Mr. Tyghe explained in detail how and why water in the pressure pipe could be discharged against the tide and how they proposed to get the maximum amount of water out. He also explained that with the tunnel, the problem of tidal flooding in other parts of King Street could be overcome by sealing off these parts from the river outlets, and pumping the sewage back into the tunnel referred to in his report. If the tunnel work was done, then the sewage could be pumped back, but if the tunnel was not provided nothing whatever could be done to stop tidal flooding.

A number of minor questions were also put to Mr. Tyghe, which he satisfactorily answered, and gave figures showing the quantities of water which fell in the area round King Street, and the amount of water which the pressure tunnel was designed to take away.

After discussing the matter at length, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Mr. Tyghe for his attendance and patience in answering the various questions put to him, and he thanked the members for their courtesy and attention. M/s Tyghe and Farrell then left the meeting.

When the Consultants had left the meeting, it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the scheme as proposed by the Consultants for the provision of a diversion tunnel from King Street through Parnell Street to the sea be adopted, and that they be instructed to prepare the necessary contract documents.

Arising out of this, His Worship the Mayor referred to the responsibility of the County Council in this matter, he felt that approximately 60% of the flood waters were coming from outside the town, that the County Council had some financial responsibility to assist the Corporation in this matter, and after some discussion, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, to ask the County Council to meet a deputation from the Corporation to discuss this question.

The meeting then terminated.

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3rd February, 1969.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Thomas Byrne and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: Desmond Corish, Peter Roche, John Dunne, Thomas Roche, James J. Morris, Fintan O'Leary and John Flaherty.

In attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the minutes of 13th and 23rd ultimo, 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.

Arising out of the minutes of 13th ultimo, Alderman Byrne intimated that he was not accepting a letter from the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation regarding their failure to inform him of a meeting.

SYMPATHY

Alderman Mahoney proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. James Sinnott, Kevin Barry Street, a former Mayor of Wexford, and long time member of the Corporation, on the death of his brother. Alderman Byrne seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager, Town Clerk and other officials, and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Acknowledgements of resolutions passed at previous meetings were read from the Garda Síochána regarding the parking of vehicles on footpaths. From the Department of Justice regarding rents of properties let in separate tenements. From the Department of Justice regarding the Criminal Justice Bill. From the Employment Exchange regarding the segregation of males and females while signing the unemployment register. From the Department of Posts and Telegraphs intimating that they proposed to erect a telephone kiosk at William Street. Arising out of this latter letter, it was pointed out that the Borough Surveyor was not satisfied with the actual site proposed, and that he was in correspondence with the Department on the matter.

The first business on the agenda was the consideration of parking places and traffic, and these items were set out as follows:-

3. (a) Report from Borough Surveyor on cost of converting six sites into car parks;

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- (b) Suggested use by E.S.B. of part of converted Market Site;
- (c) Motion by Councillor Dunne to prohibit parking in front of 1798 Monument in Bull Ring.
- (d) To consider report of Consultants on traffic survey.
A copy of their final report was sent you in March, 1968.
- (e) Motion by Councillor Dunne: "That when proposed new car parks become a reality, the Main Street be made a clearway".

A lengthy discussion took place on 3 (a) Report from Borough Surveyor on cost of converting six sites into car parks, and during the discussion, it was obvious that the majority of members were not prepared to authorise the finance to enable these proposals to be implemented, and eventually it was seen that only two members, namely: the Mayor, and Councillor O'Leary favoured implementing any part of the report for the provision of these car parks, and the matter was declared defeated without a division.

In view of the defeat of the proposal to provide these six car parks, the suggested use by the E.S.B. of part of the converted Market site could not be proceeded with. As regards motion 3 (b) To prohibit parking in front of 1798 Monument in Bull Ring, it was pointed out to Councillor Dunne that this could only be dealt with in a review of the parking Bye-Laws and would be considered whenever such a review took place. As regards 3(d) Report of Traffic Consultants, this was considered of too much importance to be dealt with at the present meeting, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Corish, consideration was adjourned to a later date to enable the members to examine the reports submitted by the Consultants. Motion 3(e) by Councillor Dunne could not be proceeded with, in view of the defeat of the proposal to provide car parks.

SALE OF LAND

A recommendation from the Wexford County Manager that approximately 8 acres of land at Whitemill South be sold to Messrs Bolger and Noonan, of Irish Excavation Co. Ltd., for £6,000, on which they proposed to erect houses, was next before the meeting. In compliance with the provision of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 88 of Housing Act, 1966, notice of this proposal had been given to each member of the Council under date of 8th January, 1969, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, the recommendation of the Manager was unanimously approved.

The County Manager also recommended that approximately 5.6 acres of land at Clonard be sold to Rev. Thomas Murphy, Catholic Administrator, for the sum of £2,000 on which it was intended to build a Church. In compliance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, notice of this proposal was given to each member of the Council under date of 15th January, 1969, and on the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, the recommendation of the Manager was unanimously approved.

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EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Peter Roche moved "That the Minister for Local Government examine the conditions of employment of the men working on employment schemes, to ensure them a guaranteed week's pay during their period of employment. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion. During the discussion, it was pointed out that if men who were engaged on these employment schemes were unable to work any day during their period of employment, they were not entitled to receive unemployment assistance for such day, unless the period during which they could not work amounted to at least 3 days.

The motion was supported by all the members present, and unanimously agreed to.

MEETING OF HOUSING COMMITTEE

It was agreed on the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor that a meeting of the housing committee be held on Monday 17th February, 1969 at 7.30 p.m., and that the Chief Medical Officer be requested to attend.

PORTABLE BAND STAND.

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Mahoney moved that a portable band stand be provided for Wexford. Councillor ~~Dunne~~ Roche seconded, but the proposal was adjourned to enable the Borough Surveyor to provide an estimate of the cost.

HOUSE REPAIRS

Alderman Mahoney also moved that repairs to Corporation houses be speeded up. Councillor Dunne seconded this motion, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that all repairs, in so far as money was available, would be carried out before 31st March.

SELSKAR STREET SEWER

Councillor Dunne moved "That an examination of the main sewer pipe at Selskar from Oliver Plunkett Street to White's Hotel be carried out as soon as possible". Alderman Mahoney seconded. In this connection, the Borough Surveyor explained that they had already examined and cleaned the sewer from White's Hotel to Oliver Plunkett Street corner, and quite recently they had opened the sewer at Selskar and carried out certain alterations there, but both sewers were being kept under constant examination, owing to the flat nature of the ground there.

FERRYBANK

In accordance with notice given, the Mayor raised the matter of the further development at Ferrybank, and the Town Clerk explained that he had been in communication with the Architect, regarding the completion of the Ferrybank Caravan Park, and he now proposed to ask for a meeting on the site between the Architect, the Contractor and representatives of the Corporation.

As regards the proposed swimming pool, a very lengthy analysis of costings had been received over the weekend from Bord Failte, and these were at present under examination. When this examination had been completed, a report would be submitted to the Corporation for a decision.

Arising out of this, it was suggested that the itinerants who were camping at Ferrybank at the moment should be removed by legal processes if necessary, but a number of members objected to this, and the proposal was not pressed.

NORTH END

In reply to a question by Alderman Mahoney as to what steps had been taken with regard to the building of the north end of the town, the Town Clerk stated that they were at present examining a field containing some 8 acres of land lying between Spawell Road and Newtown, with a view to ascertaining if it was possible to build houses on it. If it was possible, a scheme would be submitted to the Corporation.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

In a further reply to Alderman Mahoney, it was stated that a letter had been received from the Electricity Supply Board, intimating that a light at Roche's Terrace would be provided in the near future.

PHONE BOOTHS

A further question was, "What progress had been made towards the provision of extra phone booths"? and it was pointed out that the Corporation had been in constant touch with the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, regarding the provision of phone booths. They had secured the provision of one in Maudlintown, and the Department had been requested to provide one at St. Peter's Square in the 1969/70 programme, but the Alderman thought that further phone booths should be provided at Corish Park, Kennedy Park and Bishopswater areas.

CIVIC WELCOME

Councillor Dunne asked what was the present position regarding the Civic Welcome to All-Ireland winners, and it was pointed out to him by the Town Clerk that this was a matter for himself and the committee to decide what was to be done.

LAND AT CORNMARKE

In further reply to Councillor Dunne, the Town Clerk gave an up-to-date position regarding the proposed exchange of land between the Corporation and Sloans at the Bull Ring, Cornmarket.

ST. JOHN'S ROAD

A memo was submitted from the residents of St. John's Road, requesting that the grass margin there be tarred, and this was referred to the Borough Surveyor for an estimate of cost.

WHITEMILL ROAD

Reference was also made to the condition of the Whitemill Road at Kennedy Park, where a large gap existed between the footpaths and boundary walls of the houses. The Borough Surveyor explained that it was intended to widen this road and that the footpaths would eventually have to be moved alongside the boundary walls. The condition of a broken wall at Bishopswater was also referred to the Borough Surveyor for repairs.

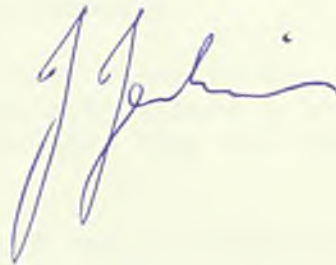
PLANNING CONFERENCE

The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that a conference on Town Planning would be held in Dublin in the month of May, and the members were entitled to nominate a representative to be present, but the nomination of a representative was adjourned to a later date.

OVERDRAFT

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £60,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £40,000 was approved for the quarter ending 31st March, 1969.

The meeting then terminated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. J. Flaherty', is written in a cursive style.

24th February, 1969.

A meeting of the Housing Committee of the Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half-past eight o'clock p.m., the members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, in the chair.

Aldermen: Kevin C. Morris and James Mahoney.

Councillors: John Flaherty, Peter Roche, John Dunne, Desmond Corish and James J. Morris.

In attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor, Borough Accountant and Chief Medical Officer.

An apology was made for the absence of Alderman Byrne.

At the outset, a question was raised as to the notification to members of persons who had been rehoused from the housing list, and it was decided as persons were rehoused from the existing priority list, notification should be given to the members.

A general discussion took place on the priority list at present in operation which contained approximately 50 names, and it was unanimously agreed that this list was too big, and that future lists should not exceed 25 to 30 persons.

Alderman Mahoney raised the question of transfers from one Corporation house to another and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed that applications would be considered from tenants of Corporation houses containing only 3 rooms (living room and 2 bedrooms) for transfer to houses with more bedroom accommodation. Such applications would be referred to the Chief Medical Officer who would allocate points to them on an overcrowding basis in the same way as other applicants for houses, and these people would then take their place on the current priority list and allocated the larger houses when their turn came.

It was also agreed that public notice of this decision should be given in the local Press.

A question also arose about the length of time persons were waiting on the housing list, and the question of allocation of points to them discussed. It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, that 2 points should be granted for every year the person was on the housing list, up to a maximum of 10 points.

After a general discussion on the allocation of houses with the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Finucane retired from the meeting.

The Town Clerk intimated that the County Council would receive a deputation at the next meeting to discuss King Street problem, and it was decided in view of the short time available, that the Council should be asked to receive the deputation on Tuesday, 8th April, and on the motion of Councillor Corish seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was decided to appoint 4 members with the Mayor to comprise the deputation. The following were appointed:- Aldermen Morris and Mahoney, Councillors Peter Roche and Desmond Corish.

The County Manager referred to the supervision of the Direct Labour Housing Schemes, and intimated that Mr. Millar was at present ill, but that for the time being, the Borough Surveyor was in charge. Possibly it would be necessary to have a replacement for Mr. Millar in the near future.

Reference was also made to the commencement of Thomas Clarke Place and John's Gate Street Housing Schemes. The Town Clerk explained that the County Manager had received a deputation from the Trade's Council on the previous Friday evening, when this matter was discussed, as a result of which the Manager had directed him, Town Clerk, to communicate with the Department, and urge immediate sanction for the commencement of these schemes.

It was unanimously decided that the Town Clerk should also mention in his letter that the Housing Committee of the Corporation were seriously perturbed at the redundancy on the existing Direct Labour Schemes and the urgent need for the commencement of new schemes.

The County Manager explained to the meeting that as a result of applications from 2 firms to develop a housing site containing 6 acres of land at Clonard, he had advertised this in the public Press. No further offer had been received except the two original offers:- Munster Homes Ltd., and McInerney Construction Ltd. Both their proposals had been referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report, and the Manager read the following report submitted by Mr. Leyden:-

"In response to public enquiries for the development of 6 acres of land for housing development at Clonard, two applications have been received as follows:-

1. Munster Homes Ltd., 1, Clare Street, Dublin.
2. McInerney Construction Co. Ltd., Lismore Park, Waterford.

1. Messrs Munster Homes Ltd., offer £10,500 for the land. It is proposed that development will be carried out by the Corporation at the purchasers expense which is estimated at £6,000.

2. Messrs McInerney Ltd., offer £4,000 - they carrying out the development.

I recommend that offer No. 2 be not considered as it is desirable that Corporation carry out the development of roads, sewers, watermains etc. The reason for such a requirement is that certain services must be laid over and above the requirement of this particular development to provide for future development of the contiguous area.

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The Corporation are the only and proper authority to construct such services and recoup the outlay applicable to the partial development. By a private developer undertaking this work financial adjustments in favour of the developer would accrue, rendering final settlement complicated.

Regarding offer from Munster Homes Ltd., the position regarding development is clarified. The site demands good-class detached residential units. The plan submitted by Munster Homes Ltd. for a bungalow of 1150 sq. ft. is not within the criteria envisaged. Detached residences of the order of 1400 sq. ft. are more applicable to the neighbourhood - preferably 2 storey construction.

I recommend that Corporation policy be reviewed in relation to the disposal of the 16 sites, and that the matter of disposing individual sites to interest parties be investigated. The disposal of land "en bloc" to a commercial organisation, could have severe repercussions on house-values and introduce inflationary price levels. As the Corporation has one such project in hand at Whitmill South, I consider that for the present the system should be balanced by encouraging home-seekers to build on individual sites. There would appear to be a demand among the middle-income group for such individual house building, and encouraging this policy may be the means of providing homes for these persons at reasonable cost. The individuality of various home designs to an approved standard would enhance this particular area."

The members considered this report, but did not feel that the time at their disposal enabled them to give a decision and adjourned the matter until next meeting.

The meeting then terminated.



3rd March, 1969.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Thomas Byrne and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: Peter Roche, James J. Morris, John Dunne and Desmond Corish at a later stage.

In attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Alderman Morris, the minutes of meeting of 3rd February, 1969, copy of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

Arising out of the minutes, Councillor Roche intimated that it was he and not Councillor Thomas Roche as appeared in the minutes, who had seconded the proposal to provide a portable band stand in the town.

SYMPATHY

Before the business of the meeting commenced, His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the wife and children of the late Seamus Gallagher, former County Secretary. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, by County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

Councillor Dunne moved that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to the relatives of the late James Hanlon, an employee of the Corporation, who had met his death under tragic circumstances recently. Alderman Byrne seconded this motion, which was also supported by all the members and officials present. Both motions were adopted in respectful silence.

RESIGNATION OF BOROUGH SURVEYOR

The County Manager reported to the meeting that the Borough Surveyor had tendered his resignation on his appointment as Borough Engineer to Galway Corporation, and the Manager wished him and his family well in his new post. The members and officials also wished Mr. Leyden well, for which he returned thanks.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

A letter was read from the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee inviting the Corporation to attend the parade to the 12.0 o'clock Mass in the Church of Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, St. Patrick's Day, and it was unanimously decided to attend on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris. Alderman Morris, however, intimated that he would be unable to be present as he would be out of the country on that day.

EASTER COMMEMORATION.

A letter was read from the Secretary, National Graves' Association requesting the Corporation to attend the 11.0 o'clock Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, on Easter Sunday, and take part in a parade to St. Ibar's Cemetery in the afternoon.

Alderman Byrne proposed that the Corporation attend the Mass as usual, and it would be left open to individual members as to whether or not they would take part in the afternoon parade. Councillor James Morris seconded. Councillor Dunne however, proposed that the Corporation attend at both ceremonies, Mass and parade, which was seconded by Councillor Peter Roche.

It was decided however, that the Corporation adhere to the practice of previous years, and attend the Mass as a body, and leave it open to individual members to take part in the parade, in the afternoon.

At this stage, Councillor Desmond Corish attended the meeting.

GRASS MARGINS, ST. JOHN'S ROAD

With reference to minutes of last meeting, when a memorial was submitted from the residents of St. John's Road, requesting that the grass margin there be tarmacadamed, a report was read from the Borough Surveyor intimating that the estimated cost of this work would be £750.

The Borough Surveyor further intimated that "if the purpose of the residents' desire for tarmacadam is to permit parking on the margins, a more advantageous scheme would be the complete removal of the margins and associated trees, including resiting poles, thereby affecting a wider traffic carriageway".

On the motion of Councillor Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the matter be adjourned to enable the Borough Surveyor to submit a report on the cost of widening the roadway. Arising out of the Surveyor's report on the footpath at St. John's Road, Councillor Peter Roche referred to the condition of the footpaths at Wolfe Tone Villas, and the Borough Surveyor agreed that they required renewal, and intimated that he would again include them in proposals for relief work.

TRAFFIC REPORT

With reference to minutes of last meeting, when the report of the Traffic Consultants was before the Council and adjourned to the present meeting, it was unanimously decided to adjourn this matter until after the estimates had been disposed of for the current year, as it was thought that this report would need lengthy consideration. Arising out of this matter, Alderman Byrne referred to a report in the Sunday Press regarding the traffic on the Main Street, and pointed out the serious damage such misleading reports could do to Tourist Traffic.

TRAFFIC CONGRESS

With reference to minutes of last meeting, when it was intimated that the Council could nominate a member to attend the Congress of the International Federation for Housing and Planning, Alderman Byrne proposed that the Mayor be appointed to attend, and Councillor Corish seconded. Alderman Mahoney, however, proposed that Councillor Peter Roche be appointed, and Councillor Dunne seconded. On a show of hands 4 voted for His Worship the Mayor and 3 for Councillor Peter Roche. The Mayor was accordingly declared elected to represent the Corporation at the Congress.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES INSURANCES

A letter was read from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., requesting the Council to appoint one of its members or officers to attend the 43rd Annual General Meeting of the Company at an early date.

Alderman Byrne proposed that Councillor Corish, who represented the Corporation last year, again be appointed, Councillor James J. Morris seconded. Councillor Peter Roche, however, proposed that Alderman Mahoney be appointed, Councillor Dunne seconded. On a show of hands 4 voted for Councillor Corish and 3 for Alderman Mahoney. Councillor Corish was declared elected.

SALARY INCREASE FOR ENGINEERS

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was agreed that the 9% increase, granted to all officers as from 1st May, 1968, be granted to the Engineering staff, and that £300 be approved for the payment of the increase.

His Worship the Mayor, however, wished to be recorded as being objecting in principle to percentage increases.

DISPENSARY SESSIONS

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Peter Roche moved "That this Corporation request the Health Authority to look into the possibility of having evening sessions at Health Dispensaries at least once a week, from 6 to 8 p.m. Alderman Mahoney seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

SOCIAL WELFARE PAYMENTS

Councillor Peter Roche also moved "That the Corporation protest most strongly to the Minister for Social Welfare, re delayed payments of Social Welfare Benefit to persons out of work through illness". Alderman Mahoney seconded this motion.

A number of members apparently had similar experience to that of Councillor Peter Roche, of complaints from persons whose sickness benefit was unreasonably delayed by the Department of Social Welfare, and the motion was unanimously agreed to.

A motion in the name of Alderman Mahoney, "That public conveniences be provided at St. Ibar's Cemetery" was adjourned until next meeting to enable the Borough Surveyor to examine the possibility of providing these in the existing caretaker's lodge, which was not at present in use as a dwelling.

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Mahoney moved "That we call on the government to reduce the tax on plug tobacco for Old Age Pensioners". Councillor Dunne seconded this motion, which was agreed to.

CINEMA LICENCE

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, was issued in respect of the Abbey Cinema.

QUESTIONS

Copies of questions by Mayor at this meeting and replies thereto, were circulated to the members, and a further copy is attached to original minutes.

Councillor Peter Roche asked when repairs to the wall at 132, Corish Park would be undertaken, and was informed that this work had already commenced.

Councillor Peter Roche also asked when it was proposed to commence further housing schemes, and was informed that the decision of the Housing Committee on the previous week to ask the Department to expedite the sanction to proposed erection of houses at Thomas Clarke Place and John's Gate Street had been sent. Certain queries had been received regarding the John's Gate Street Scheme, which were being dealt with. Councillor Peter Roche also asked what provision was being made for small shop-keepers in the redevelopment of the Green Street area, and was informed that in the plan at present being prepared for the area, which would eventually come before the Council, provision was being made for shops.

TRINITY STREET BALL ALLEY

Alderman Mahoney referred to the light being obstructed from the house at the end of Emmet Place by the ball alley, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had an application from a person to lease a piece of ground there, which he would be examining during the next week or so, and he would also examine the affect of the ball alley on the light of the house adjoining.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD RENT

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, it was unanimously decided to agree to a proposal of the Manager, that a rent of £1¹/₂ per year be charged to the Electricity Supply Board for a transformer site at Allen Street, be compounded for a payment of £20 plus an annual fine of 1/-.

FERRYBANK

With reference to previous discussions on the Ferrybank Scheme, the Town Clerk intimated that accompanied by the Mayor and Borough Surveyor, they had inspected the site with the Architects, Engineers and Contractor, on the previous Tuesday, and they were anything but satisfied with the progress. Bord Failte had raised questions regarding the Caravan Park, and they were inclined to agree with them that the site was not suitable for the caravans to be mechanically parked thereon.

This would mean that the pads would have to be increased in size and the Town Clerk intimated that he had asked the Architect to submit to him, if possible, by to-night's meeting, an up-to-date statement of the cost of the scheme to date, together with an estimate of the cost of providing the necessary pads.

He had received the estimate for the pads from him, but no statement as to the actual cost to date. The estimate came from Mr. Lennon, Consulting Engineer, and was as follows:-

"Further to our meeting of 25th February on site, I have now obtained a quotation from Mr. Browne, Building Contractor, for the following work:

"Extend existing concrete caravan pads by a width of 6'0" along one side and 6'0" across the inner end, giving a total stand size of 30'0" x 20'0"." The estimated cost of the above work is £2,095.0.0d.

This extension is necessary in order to comply with the new requirements of Bord Failte. It might be pointed out that the rates concerned are based upon those prevailing in the priced Bill of Quantities, hence, if they had been included in the original Bill, the ultimate cost would have been the same.

As we discussed at the time, I am not in favour of completing the laying of the Macadam and concrete kerbs on that section of the roadway running from the main road to the actual entrance point of the Caravan site. This is partly because I feel there may be residual settlement of that portion of the road which adjoins the very deep part of the sewer, and partly because I feel that such completed road and kerbs would be permanently and extensively damaged during the further development of the site below the line of the Caravan Park.

I have therefore asked the builder to quote for preparing and twice surface dressing this section of the roadway, and omitting the kerbs for the time being. This would give a perfectly good entrance road to the site and would effect a saving of £878.0.0d. in the cost of the job. If approved, the work would take about one week to complete, although I would not like to have the surface dressing commenced until the extra concrete work is completed at the Caravan stands.

I have confirmed these prices with Mr. Kevin Fox, Architect, by 'phone. He in turn, is negotiating with Bord Failte in connection with the other matters raised by them".

This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion, at the end of which it was agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, that the size of the pads would have to be increased, and that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Bord Failte be requested to this alteration at a cost of £2,095. Reference was also made to the necessity for retaining wall at the sea side of the Caravan Site, and the Town Clerk was asked to discuss this matter with Mr. Lennon, and obtain from him an up-to-date report as soon as possible.

The meeting then terminated.



BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Copies of questions by the Mayor and replies given thereto at Council meeting on 3rd March, 1969.

Question A. What proportion of the Wexford Town Rates is paid by:-

1. The business people of the Main Street, Selskar, Stonebridge and Quay area of the town?
2. What proportion is paid by private dwellinghouse owners?
3. What proportion is paid by Corporation dwellinghouse tenants?

Replies:

1. The proportion of rates paid out of the properties situated in the areas mentioned in A1 is 28%.
2. The proportion of rates paid out of properties situated in the remainder of the town, including houses provided by the Corporation and sold to the occupiers, but excluding houses provided by the Corporation and let to weekly tenants is 51.5%.
3. The proportion of rates paid by weekly tenants of the Corporation (excluding tenant-purchasers) is 20.5%

Question B. How many Corporation houses have had marble fireplaces installed and what was the cost to the Corporation?

Reply: No Corporation house has had a marble fireplace installed by the Corporation. The adjective "marble" is generally misused in alluding to a "concrete tiled surround" and no Corporation house has been supplied with this type of fireplace either.

Questions C. 1. What areas adjoining Main Street/Quay area of Wexford are set out in the Town Plan as suitable for car parking areas?

The areas hereunder are listed in Part 3, Par.2.1. (e) as reservations for off-street car parks.

1. Lands at Custom House Quay next Church Street.
2. Lands at Crescent Quay.
3. Lands at Paul Quay next Oyster Lane.
4. Lands at Market Yard, Bull Ring.

2. What space of time does the Town Plan set out as the time that should be taken to implement the Plan in general, and parking place areas in particular?

The period of the plan is set out in Pt.3, Par.1.1., and stated as 5 years from its adoption, which was 4/12/1967.

Questions C. 3. What areas did the Traffic Experts suggest in their written report as necessary for parking places?

Possible car parking areas suggested by the traffic consultants were as follows:-

Lands next North End Garage - Redmond Road.

Reclaimed land between Wexford Bridge and C.I.E. Goods Shed.

Lands to the north of Church Street.

Lands at Crescent Quay.

Market Place at Bull Ring.

Lands to the south of Oyster Lane.

Lands north of Gas Works (converted by Talbot Hotel).

Rope Walk Yard.

Mallin Street (converted to car park).

4. What did they say as to the degree of urgency of the parking problem?

The present average parking demand in Wexford is 900 parking spaces on a typical week day. Future parking requirements are estimated at 3000 spaces in 2000 A.D. Therefore over 30 years some 2100 additional spaces are required or 70 average additional spaces per annum. This annual requirement excludes provision for spaces to replace those eliminated by future traffic regulations.

Future demand is highly dependent on whether parking in the central area is free or restricted.

The possible areas available for clearing to provide parking will give 1700 spaces. To provide for the estimated 3000 spaces would require 16 acres which could not be provided realistically within the central area and therefore multi-storey car parks will be required eventually.

The consultants reiterate the already known facts that parking regulations must be applied to central area car parks as it is in the interest of the business life of the central area to have a quick exchange of cars. Those with quick errands in the central area should be able to find a parking place easily and have a short walking distance, and therefore spaces in the centre of town should have permitted short-time parking only. Visitors with longer errands and people working in the central area must park further away from their destination.

Question D. Who has the final responsibility to see that the Town Plan is implemented?

Reply: The Wexford Borough Council.

18th March, 1969.

A special meeting of the Corporation as a Finance Committee was held this day in the Municipal Buildings, at 8 o'clock p.m., the members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, in the chair.

Aldermen: Thomas Byrne and James Mahoney.

Councillors: Fintan O'Leary, James J. Morris, Peter Roche, John Dunne, Thomas Roche and Desmond Corish.

The meeting had been called for a preliminary examination of the estimates of expenditure and receipts for the financial year ending 31st March, 1970. Details of the estimates had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting, and showed that the estimated expenditure excluding the County Council demand, which was not available, amounted to £195,533 an increase over the current year of £12,314. The estimated receipts amounted to £112,848, an increase of £1,525.

The meeting examined each item of receipts and expenditure in detail, but at that stage they were not able to suggest any alterations and it was decided to hold a further meeting on 26th instant before the Estimates Meeting, due to be held on 31st instant.

LOAN FOR ERECTION OF 20 HOUSES.

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Corish, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:-
"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to sanction the borrowing from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, of the sum of £60,000 (Sixty thousand pounds) for the erection of 20 houses at Thomas Clarke Place, and that an undertaking be given to the Commissioners that the instalments of the loan now proposed as well as of any existing loan, will be punctually remitted at the dates on which they become due, namely, 1st May and 1st November, each year".

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING

A report from the Borough Surveyor on the domestic scavenging was submitted to the meeting, and it was decided to circulate this for consideration by the members at a later stage.

OLD ANCHOR

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, a recommendation from the County Manager that an old anchor recovered in one of the lanes of the town, be given to the Maritime Museum, was approved.

Reference was made to the following matters, which were referred to the Borough Surveyor and Housing Engineer:-
The defective wall at Bishopswater Bridge and a defective wall at Corish Park. The Borough Surveyor was asked to attend to these matters. The fencing of the houses, in the course of erection at Kennedy Park, was referred to the Housing Engineer for consideration.

18th March, 1969.

An estimate was submitted from the Electricity Supply Board for the supply and erection of twelve 250 watt mercury fluorescent lights at North and South Main Street, for the capital sum of £820, subject to an annual charge of £9.12.0d. for dusk to 2.a.m. lamps, and £11.7.0d. per annum for dusk to dawn lamps.

On the motion of Councillor Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the tender of the Electricity Supply Board for this partial improvement of the Main Street lighting was unanimously approved.

The meeting then terminated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. J. Corish', is written in a cursive style.

26th March, 1969.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation as a Finance Committee was held this day in the Municipal Buildings at half past eight o'clock p.m., the members present being:-

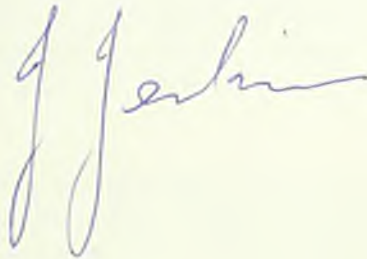
His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, in the chair.

Councillors: Fintan O'Leary, James J. Morris, Peter Roche and John Dunne.

The Town Clerk reported that he had now received the County Council demand which amounted to £61,950, making the total estimated expenditure for the year £257,483. The receipts were estimated at £112,848 leaving a net sum of £144,635 to be raised by rates. To this had to be added a debit balance for supplementary estimates during the year, amounting to £3,475, making the gross amount to be raised by rates £148,110, which would require a rate of 85/2 or an increase of 7/4 in the pound on the current year's figure.

Once again, the meeting examined in detail the estimates of receipts and expenditure, but could not make any alteration in the figures as submitted by the County Manager.

The meeting then terminated.

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31st March, 1969.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: Peter Roche, John Flaherty, Desmond Corish, John Dunne, John Cullimore, James J. Morris, Fintan O'Leary and Thomas Roche.

In attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

SYMPATHY

Before the meeting commenced, His Worship the Mayor moved, that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Frank Staples, V.S., who had been Veterinary Officer for the Wexford Corporation since 1908. Councillor Cullimore seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, by the officials, and adopted in respectful silence.

Alderman Byrne apologised for his absence from the preliminary meetings, and contended that the rate of 85/2, now suggested, was much too high, and considered that a rate of 84/8 would be sufficient to meet the services of the Council for the coming year.

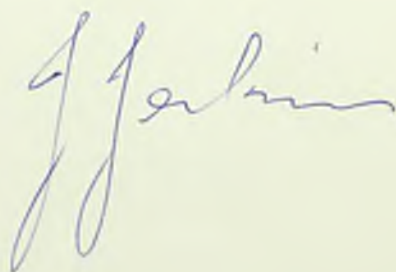
When asked to indicate where the 6d. in the pound could be saved, or receipts increased to cover that amount, the Alderman was unable to answer, but intimated if the meeting was adjourned, he would give the Town Clerk figures during the week showing how this 6d. could be saved.

Councillor Corish, however, referred to the fact that standards had to be maintained and could not see how the rate recommended by the County Manager could be reduced.

Councillors Dunne and Peter Roche and Alderman Mahoney objected to any increase in the rates, and Councillor Peter Roche complained that nothing had been done to have money allocated from central funds over the years past to meet some of the increased expenditure of local authorities.

After some discussion, His Worship the Mayor proposed that the meeting be adjourned to Thursday, April 3rd, at 7.30 p.m.. this was seconded by Councillor James J. Morris and agreed.

The meeting then terminated.



Wexford

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Estimate of Expenses and Determination of Rates in the Pound

FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1970

TABLE A.—EXPENDITURE

Service (1)	NATURE OF EXPENDITURE (2)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED					
		Estimated by Manager (3)			Adopted by Council (4)		
Urban Roads	Ordinary Road Works	3,825	0	0	3,825	0	0
	Special Grant Works	4,773	0	0	4,773	0	0
	TOTAL ...	8,598	0	0	8,598	0	0
Sanitary	Sanitary	33,940	0	0	33,940	0	0
	TOTAL ...	33,940	0	0	33,940	0	0
Housing	Housing of the Working Classes	98,790	0	0	98,790	0	0
	Local Assistance Schemes	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,190	0	0	6,190	0	0
	TOTAL ...	104,980	0	0	104,980	0	0
General Urban Purposes							
County Council Services							
Main Roads	Main Roads	16,449	0	0	16,449	0	0
Public Assistance	Public Assistance	3,989	0	0	3,989	0	0
Health (County)	Health (County)	38,313	0	0	38,313	0	0
General Purposes (County)	General Purposes (County)	2,591	0	0	2,591	0	0
Separate Charges	Separate Charges	608	0	0	608	0	0
Unemployment Assistance	Unemployment Assistance	1,300	0	0	1,300	0	0
	Public Libraries						
Other Urban Purposes	Tourist Development	100	0	0	100	0	0
	Town and Regional Planning						
	Vocational Education	5,295	0	0	5,295	0	0
	Other Purposes	35,320	0	0	35,320	0	0
	Materials Expense (Balance)	6,000	0	0	6,000	0	0
	Machinery Expense (Balance)						
	TOTAL ...	109,965	0	0	109,965	0	0
Main Roads Maintained by Urban Authority (Net)							

TABLE B.—RECEIPTS

Service (1)	NATURE OF RECEIPTS (2)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED					
		Estimated by Manager (3)			Adopted by Council (4)		
URBAN ROADS	State Grants (to be specified) ...						
	Emergency Schemes	2,800	0	0	2,800	0	0
	Urban Roads Improvement	1,573	0	0	1,573	0	0
	Other Receipts	150	0	0	150	0	0
	TOTAL	4,523	0	0	4,523	0	0
SANITARY	State Grants (to be specified) ... Sewerage Schemes, Water Supply Schemes & Public Conveniences	1,600	0	0	1,600	0	0
	Other Receipts	5,450	0	0	5,550	0	0
	TOTAL	7,050	0	0	7,150	0	0
HOUSING	Housing of the Working Classes						
	Rents	48,000	0	0	48,000	0	0
	State Grants ...	29,000	0	0	29,000	0	0
	Other Receipts						
	Local Assistance Schemes						
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,800	0	0	6,800	0	0
	TOTAL	83,800	0	0	83,800	0	0
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES	State Grants (to be specified) ... Chap. Iul Scheme	4,500	0	0	4,500	0	0
	Contribution in lieu of Rates	1,650	0	0	1,700	0	0
	School Meals	400	0	0	400	0	0
	Vocational Education	875	0	0	875	0	0
	Other Receipts	3,200	0	0	3,200	0	0
	Materials Expense (Balance)	6,800	0	0	6,800	0	0
	Machinery Expense (Balance)						
	TOTAL	17,475	0	0	17,525	0	0

TABLE C.— CALCULATIONS OF RATES IN THE POUND

Nature of Service (1)	Estimated Gross Expenditure (Table A) (2)		Estimated Receipts (Table B) (3)		Net Estimated Expenditure (4)		CALCULATIONS OF SUM TO BE RAISED						Rate in the Pound on the Valuation of the Area (£ 34,800) (8) (pence)
							Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5)		Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (6)		Amount Leviable (7)		
URBAN ROADS ...	8,598	0 0	4,523	0 0	4,075	0 0					4,075	0 0	28.0
SANITARY ...	33,940	0 0	7,150	0 0	26,790	0 0	9,500	0 0			17,290	0 0	119.3
HOUSING ...	104,980	0 0	83,800	0 0	21,180	0 0	6,000	0 0			15,180	0 0	104.6
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES													
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES													
MAIN ROADS ...	16,449	0 0			16,449	0 0					16,449	0 0	113.4
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ...	3,989	0 0			3,989	0 0					3,989	0 0	27.5
HEALTH (County) ...	38,313	0 0			38,313	0 0					38,313	0 0	264.2
GENERAL PURPOSES (County)	2,591	0 0			2,591	0 0					2,591	0 0	17.8
SEPARATE CHARGES ...	608	0 0			608	0 0					608	0 0	4.1
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	1,300	0 0			1,300	0 0					1,300	0 0	9.0
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES ...	46,715	0 0	17,525	0 0	29,190	0 0			18,975	0 0	48,165	0 0	332.1
TOTAL GENERAL RATE													1,020.0

TOTAL GENERAL RATE ...

CERTIFICATE

I hereby Certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Urban District Council held this 3rd day of April 1969, the Council did by resolution adopt the estimate of expenses set forth in Tables A. B. and C. and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said estimate the rates set forth in Column (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, 1970.

Dated this 3rd day of April 1969

Signed Jane John Mayor or Chairman.

Countersigned [Signature] Town Clerk.

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3rd April, 1969.

The adjourned Estimates Meeting was held this day in the Municipal Buildings at half past seven o'clock p.m., the members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, in the chair.

Alderman: Mahoney.

Councillors: Peter Roche, John Dunne, John Cullimore, James J. Morris, John Flaherty, Desmond Corish and Thomas Roche.

In attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Accountant and Borough Surveyor.

Before the business of the meeting commenced, Councillor Flaherty referred to an allegation made at a previous meeting that he had had a fireplace installed in his house at McDermott Terrace at the expense of the Corporation. He now handed over to the Mayor, documentary evidence, showing that the fireplace and equipment had been purchased by his family, and that the old equipment had been returned to the Corporation store.

With reference to minutes of last meeting, the Town Clerk stated in reply to a query, that he had heard nothing from Alderman Byrne regarding the suggestions made by the Alderman that the rate could be reduced by 6d. in the pound.

The present estimate provided for an allowance of £300 for the Mayor, which could be adjusted during the year if the Council so desired.

The County Manager recommended that a salary scale of £2,405 by £90 to £2,945 be fixed for the Borough Surveyor, and a salary scale of £1,950 by £54 to £2,355 for the Assistant Borough Surveyor, in accordance with a recent arbitration decision. The Manager explained to the meeting that payment of this new award was held up by the Government pending a review by the higher officers' Salary Board, and that payment would not be made until this review had taken place.

It was therefore agreed on the motion of Councillor J. J. Morris, seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche, that the allowance of the Mayor for the year 1969/70 be fixed for the present at £300 to be reviewed during the year, if necessary. This proposal was agreed to. The recommendation of the County Manager regarding the salaries of the Engineers was also agreed on the motion of Councillor Corish seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche.

The Town Clerk then explained to the meeting that the County Manager had again reviewed the estimates, and while he was unable to make any alteration in the estimated expenditure, he felt that the estimated receipts for the scavenging on the main roads could be increased by £100 and the estimated receipts from Government Rates by £50, and this would enable a rate of 85/= in the pound to suffice.

3rd April, 1969.

Councillor Corish therefore proposed that the Corporation agree on a Municipal Rate of 85/= in the pound for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1970. Councillor John Cullimore seconded this proposition. Councillors Peter Roche, and John Dunne, and Alderman Mahoney objected to any rate being struck, and on a poll being taken, there voted for: Councillors Thomas Roche, Desmond Corish, John Flaherty, Fintan O'Leary, James J. Morris, John Cullimore and His Worship the Mayor. Seven. Against: Councillors Dunne and Peter Roche, and Alderman Mahoney. Three. The rate of 85/= in the pound was then adopted.

The Town Clerk reported that the rate warrant for the year just ended amounted to £110,444, of which had been collected and discount allowed of £107,543, which was a collection of 97.5%.

OVER EXPENDITURE FOR 1968/69.

On the motion of Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Corish, over expenditure of £1,400 on the roads account, £1,900 on the housing account was approved, after it was explained to the meeting that savings of £1,500 on sanitary services and £1,700 on general purposes were estimated.

OVERDRAFT

On the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, overdraft accommodation on the revenue account in the sum of £60,000, and on the capital account in the sum of £40,000 was approved for the quarter ending 30th June, 1969.

The meeting then terminated.

James J. Morris
April 3rd 1969

8th April, 1969.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day 20 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half-past seven o'clock p.m., the members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin C. Morris and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Cullimore, John Dunne, Fintan O'Leary,
Peter Roche, Desmond Corish and James J. Morris.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Flaherty.

The Town Clerk and Borough Accountant were in attendance.

SYMPATHY

Councillor James J. Morris proposed a vote of sympathy with Alderman Byrne on the death of his cousin, Mr. John Doyle, and coupled therewith the widow and family of Mr. Doyle. Alderman K. C. Morris seconded the proposal which was supported by the other members; by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf; and by the Borough Accountant. The proposal was adopted in respectful silence.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor Cullimore seconded by Alderman Byrne, the minutes of previous meeting, copy of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Rev. Bro. P. C. Hanlon, acknowledged receipt of the vote of sympathy passed on the death of his brother.

The Secretary, County Council acknowledged receipt of resolution requesting evening sessions at health dispensary.

The Department of Posts and Telegraphs acknowledged receipt of resolution regarding the provision of telephone kiosks on Council Housing Estates.

DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING SITE

The County Manager recommended that the Corporation should themselves undertake the development for private building of a site at Clonard. Previously two commercial developers had expressed interest in the site, but one had withdrawn, and in view of this, the Manager made the foregoing recommendation.

During the ensuing discussion, the Mayor and Councillor O'Leary favoured the commercial developer and the Mayor also suggested a joint effort. Councillor Corish, however, proposed that the recommendation of the Manager be approved. This was seconded by Alderman Byrne and adopted by seven votes for to three against.

CAR PARKS

A letter was submitted from the Chamber of Commerce requesting the Council to give urgent priority to the provision of Car Parks.

This letter gave rise to a lengthy discussion on sites for car parks and traffic signs, during which the Town Clerk was directed to communicate with the owners of sites (considered suitable) at Henrietta Street and Church Lane/Custom House Quay to ascertain if they were prepared to dispose of the sites and if so at what price. The Town Clerk was also instructed to have lights provided in the existing off-street car parks.

TRAFFIC WARDENS

A letter was read from Rev. Mother, Loreto Convent, requesting the provision of a Traffic Warden near the school at peak hours. The Town Clerk explained that the Council could appoint such wardens only on the recommendation of the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana, and it was agreed to request the views of the Garda on the request as well as the need (if any) of wardens at the other schools in the Town.

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Peter Roche moved: "That this Corporation request the Manager of the Local Employment Exchange to look into the possibility of having more co-operation from his staff with persons wishing to sign the Unemployment Register". Councillor Dunne seconded.

During the discussion, it appeared that certain hours were fixed for different people to sign, and on occasions it had been found impossible to attend at the prescribed time due to such circumstances as attendance at the hospital or clinic, and it was in such circumstances that the Councillor requested some leniency to be shown.

In reply to the Town Clerk, Councillor Roche stated he was not aware that any person had been refused permission to sign, merely because he did not attend at the prescribed time.

On the suggestion of the Mayor, Councillor Roche agreed to add the words "who have been detained by extenuating circumstances" to his motion and it was then adopted.

GO-SLOW SIGN AT MAUDLINTOWN.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Peter Roche also moved: "We the members of this Corporation request that immediate action now be taken for the erection of 'Go-Slow' sign or pedestrian crossing at cross of Maudlintown, Faythe, William Street. This is now vitally necessary as we approach the coming Tourist Season". This motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne; adopted, and the Town Clerk requested to again take up the matter immediately with the County Council, who had been previously requested to provide a pedestrian crossing there.

TENANT-PURCHASE SCHEMES

Alderman Mahoney moved: "That the Corporation introduce schemes of tenant-purchase for as many of its houses as possible". Councillor Peter Roche seconded. Alderman Mahoney requested that the purchase prices be the same as those that operated prior to September 1967, but the Town Clerk informed the meeting that such prices would not be again approved by the Minister for Local Government. Any new purchase schemes would have to be based on current replacement costs. The Town Clerk also informed the meeting that if any person applied to him for a purchase price, he would supply one based on replacement cost, which would be reduced by a percentage in the case of tenants who had occupied Council houses for over five years. If they agreed to the terms, he would then seek the approval of the Council and the Minister for Local Government.

TRAFFIC AT WEXFORD BRIDGE

The Borough Surveyor reported that having taken a survey of the traffic at the junction of Commercial Quay and Wexford Bridge, he was satisfied that the provision of a pedestrian crossing was not warranted. He recommended, however, that a further survey be made in the month of August. The report was noted.

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING

A report (copy circulated) from the Borough Surveyor on the Domestic Scavenging service, was adjourned to next meeting for the attendance of the Acting Borough Surveyor.

QUESTIONS

Councillor Peter Roche was given the names of various local firms who had supplied materials for housing schemes. He was also informed that tenders were obtained for all materials used on direct labour housing scheme.

Councillor Roche was also informed that one inquiry for a factory site was received before the advertising sign was erected at the south entrance to the Town and four since its erection.

Councillor Roche was informed that reinstatement of footpaths on Main Street would commence about 14th instant, if Electricity Supply Board work was completed.

Alderman Mahoney was informed that the Council now only owned four of the houses at Distillery Road and nine at Roche's Terrace. He was also informed that the occupier was legally responsible for the maintenance of eave chutes.

Alderman asked for members to assist him in revoking a resolution setting up a Committee to look into and make recommendations regarding the management of the car park at Ferrybank, but got no response to his request.

Alderman Byrne and Councillor Corish were informed that on 1st May, 1967, the Council agreed to grant a right-of-way over part of the ground attached to the house at Mannix Place occupied by Mr. Fintan Hall and this decision had now been implemented. They were also informed that when Mr. Hall was given possession of the house at Mannix Place, he was informed by the Town Clerk that he would not have the use of all the garden as the granting of the right-of-way was then contemplated.

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The meeting then terminated.

James J. ...
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5th May, 1969.

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

Alderman James Jenkins, Mayor, in the chair.

Aldermen Kevin C. Morris, and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Flaherty, John Cullimore, James J. Morris and Fintan O'Leary.

An apology was made on behalf of Councillor Desmond Corish for his absence.

In attendance: Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Alderman Morris, the minutes of the previous meeting, copy of which had been circulated with the agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

Before the meeting commenced, His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the widow and family of the late Patrick Sutton, who for over 35 years, had been caretaker of St. Ibar's Cemetery. The motion was seconded by Councillor J. J. Morris, supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager, and on his own behalf, and the Borough Accountant. The resolution was passed in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Acknowledgements of resolutions passed at previous meeting were read from the Department of Labour, regarding the attendance of persons at the Local Employment Exchange, to sign the unemployment register, and this letter was considered very satisfactory.

A letter was also read from the Department of Social Welfare explaining the rule how persons on work under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote qualified for unemployment benefit on days they could not work.

A letter was also read from the Superintendent, Garda Siochana, regarding the request of the Corporation for information on the subject of the provision of Traffic Wardens.

QUARTERLY MEETING

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously decided to hold a quarterly meeting of the Council on 7th July, 1969, in the Town Hall, Cornmarket, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

5th May, 1969.

PROVISION OF CAR PARKS

With reference to minutes of last meeting, when the question of car parks was under consideration, and the Town Clerk had been asked to communicate with the proprietors of property at Henrietta Street and Church Lane, to ascertain if they would be prepared to sell and if so at what price. As regards the property at Henrietta Street, the Town Clerk intimated that he had written to the owner and had received no reply. The property at Church Lane/Custom House Quay was owned by M/s J. J. Stafford & Sons, and held under a lease for 60 years at a rent of £60 per annum, with a Poor Law Valuation of £41.10.0d. The Company offered the entire property for the sum of £17,000 and portion of it for £6,000.

After some discussion, it was decided to defer consideration of this to enable the Town Clerk to enquire from M/s Staffords if they would be prepared to accept a lower price, and to seek an answer from the proprietor of the ground at Henrietta Street.

Arising out of car parks, a complaint was made regarding the proposed development at St. Peter's Square to provide a car park in the centre of the square. It appeared that a number of the residents had strong objection to the proposed development, particularly in relation to the marking of spaces in front of the dwellings on the south side of the square. They also objected to the method proposed for the parking of cars in the centre of the square.

The Borough Surveyor intimated that he had discussed this matter with the ladies who objected, and had agreed with them not to mark the ground in front of their dwellings. As far as the centre of the square was concerned, the Borough Surveyor expressed the opinion that what was proposed to be done would make the square much safer for both pedestrians and motorists crossing it, as it would keep the traffic in particular lanes. The islands he proposed at the south and north corners of the square would prevent sharp turning on these corners and would also tend to prevent accidents. The members, however, felt that the putting of kerbs in the centre of the square might be dangerous and it would be safer to mark the square and not to erect kerbs for the present.

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING SERVICE

The next business was to consider a report from the former Borough Surveyor on the domestic scavenging service. A copy of this report had been supplied to each member, and it was suggested that provision be made for the collection of refuse from plastic bins as well as metal, that one receptacle or paper sack would be collected only from each rated premises, and that a charge be suggested for bins in excess of one. The Town Clerk was asked to redraft the recommendation on the lines of the amendments suggested, and to submit the matter for further consideration by the Council.

5th May, 1969.

JOHN'S GATE STREET/CORNMARKET AREA.

In accordance with notice given, His Worship the Mayor, moved: "That Wexford Corporation immediately see to the general tidying of the Cornmarket/John's Gate Street area, which is being frequently passed through by visitors to Wexford".

In moving this motion, His Worship complained of the amount of material other than motor vehicles in the car parks at Back Street and John's Gate Street, and suggested that notice should be served on the owners of the property in the car parks, requiring them to have such removed, otherwise the Corporation would take steps to remove it themselves, and proceed against them for the costs. Councillor Cullimore seconded this motion, which was unanimously adopted.

REDUNDANCY IN MALTING TRADE

His Worship the Mayor also moved: "That Wexford Corporation request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to make efforts to generate new industrial employment in Wexford for the men being made redundant in the malting industry in the area". Alderman Byrne seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members present, and unanimously adopted.

Motions in the names of Councillors Peter Roche and John Dunne were deferred, owing to the absence of these two members.

EXCHANGE OF LAND AT CORNMARKET/BULL RING

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, a recommendation from the Wexford County Manager that a plot of ground at Cornmarket be demised to M/s Alex Sloan & Co. Ltd., in exchange for a plot of ground at the junction of Cornmarket and Bull Ring, which is required by the Council for street widening, was unanimously adopted.

AUDIT, VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A copy of the report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the two years ended 31/3/1960, was submitted to the meeting, and considered satisfactory.

LOAN FOR ERECTION AND PURCHASE OF HOUSES

On the proposal of Alderman Kevin C. Morris, seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £20,000 (Twenty thousand pounds) from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, for the purpose of making advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966.

5th May, 1969.

FERRYBANK DEVELOPMENT

A motion in the name of the Mayor: "That Bord Failte be requested to receive a deputation to discuss the provision of a swimming pool and other amenities at Ferrybank" gave rise to a general discussion on the whole question of the completion of the Caravan Park there, as well as the provision of a swimming pool, and it was unanimously decided that the Ferrybank Committee should meet on 6th instant with the Contractor and Mr. Lennon, one of the Consultants to ascertain the position there.

Suggestions were made that the Ascon 25 metre pool would suit the site and the Committee were asked to examine this in more detail, and report back to the Corporation.

URBAN ROADS IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Proposals for the expenditure of the Urban Roads Improvement Grant 1968/9 were submitted by the Acting Borough Surveyor. These included the replacement of the disturbed footpaths at North and South Main Streets, as well as the removal of corners at Windmills Hill to provide for better traffic vision, these proposals were unanimously approved on the proposal of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Flaherty.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

Regarding the priority list for housing, the Town Clerk intimated that this was ready, except for the embodiment of transfers in the ordinary priority list. The Town Clerk recalled that during the life of the existing priority list, complaints had been made that a number of people with the same number of points had not been fairly treated in as much as the list was copied exactly as it came from the Medical Officer. A suggestion had been made during the year that in future lists where the number of points were equal, that a draw should take place. It was unanimously agreed now that this should be done, and a draw taken for the position of each person with the same number of points on the list.

MAINTENANCE TRADESMEN AGREEMENT

On the motion of Councillor Flaherty seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was granted to the payment of the new rate for maintenance tradesmen, subject to the officials being satisfied that the agreement applied to the tradesmen employed by the Corporation.

The following questions were asked by His Worship the Mayor:-

1. How does the number of houses built by Wexford Corporation in the last two years correspond to the schedule of house building set out in the Wexford Town Plan?

How many are at present awaiting allocation to a Corporation house?

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Will the Town Plan schedule meet the present demand for houses?

REPLY:- The number of houses completed by the Corporation in the two calendar years 31st December, 1968, was 81.

The development plan adopted in December, 1967, does not set out the number of houses to be erected in each year, but declares that 324 shall be provided in the term of the plan.

2. When will the building of houses commence at:-

- (i) Thomas Clarke Place
- (ii) John's Gate Street.

REPLY:- The building scheme at Thomas Clarke Place will commence as soon as money is made available. The building scheme at John's Gate Street will commence when final documents submitted on 2nd April, 1969, are approved and money made available.

3. When will the site be cleared and the plan prepared for the Talbot Street Housing Scheme?

Reply:- A draft plan for Talbot Street/Green Street area is now available for inspection by members.

4. What progress has been made towards developing the building scheme at Spawell Road on land to be acquired from Wexford County Council?

How many houses is this likely to accommodate and what type of houses are they likely to be?

Would this site accommodate a trial number of flatlets (maisonettes)?

REPLY:- The land offered by the County Council in Newtown/Hospital Road has been surveyed and is considered unsuitable for building purposes. Other land in the same area has been offered, and a survey of it will be made to ascertain if it is suitable.

5. When will work start preparing the developed sites at Summerhill?

REPLY:- The Corporation Consultant has promised the Contract drawings for this and other related areas within three weeks. The work will then be advertised for tender and will commence when accepted tender is sanctioned and money made available.

6. Were the Corporation or its officials interviewed by any University group making a survey of Wexford at any time?
If so, was a copy of the survey supplied to the Corporation?

REPLY:- The Corporation officials were not consulted by any group making a survey of Wexford, and no copy of any survey was supplied to the Corporation.

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QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLOR CORISH

Councillor Corish asked the following questions:-

What is the up-to-date position of the King Street Flooding Relief Project

- (a) with regard to County Council's attitude,
- (b) with regard to Department of Local Government's attitude re urgency concerning commencement of scheme and financial provisions required.

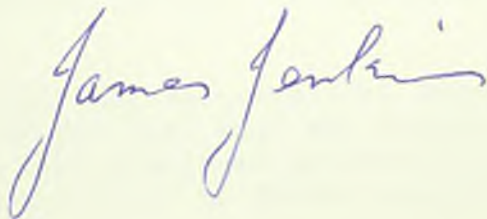
REPLY: A deputation from the Corporation recently attended a meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the County Council re King Street Flooding, but no official information has yet been received of the Council's attitude.

As regards the scheme generally, the Corporation on 23rd January, last, adopted a scheme prepared by their Consultants and on 28th idem, the Consultants were instructed to prepare the necessary Contract documents on the basis of which tenders would be invited. The Department's attitude was intimated in letter dated 12th November, 1968, when the proposals of the Consultants were approved and authorisation given for preparation of contract documents, as well as in their letter of 19th December, 1968, intimating that the scheme would qualify for a long term loan from the Local Loans Fund in due course. Subsidy at the rate normally applicable would be payable on the approved cost of work.

As regards the Talbot Street/Green Street development plan, it was decided that a copy should be available for consideration by the members at the next meeting.

Councillor Cullimore referred to a report he had received to the effect that a petrol storage tank was being erected over a watermain at Newtown, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine this.

The meeting then terminated.



6th May, 1969.

A meeting of the special committee re Ferrybank was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings at 8.15 p.m., the members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, in the chair.

Aldermen Byrne and Morris, and Councillor J. J. Morris.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were in attendance, as were also Mr. Albert Lennon, one of the Consultants and Mr. James Browne, Contractor.

At the outset, the following queries were raised, and answered:-

1. Activity: The Engineering Contractor reported that the building of the boundary wall between the Corporation property and that of the John of God Nuns was in progress.

That Roadstone would commence surfacing the roadway on 7th and they would be completed during the week. The fitting of electrical appliances was in hand, but up to the present, however, the coin operated washing machines etc. had not arrived, and Mr. Lennon undertook to take this matter up immediately with the Architects.

2. Condition of the ground: The Contractor intimated that the ground had been rotovated and that grass would soon be growing on it.
3. The Laundry: It was reported that washing machines, ironing boards and incinerators had been ordered. As regards chairs, there was no provision in the bill of quantities, but these could be provided locally.

4. As regards the general appearance of the site, the question of the demolition of the old wall was raised, and the contractor undertook to give Mr. Lennon an estimate for this, which Mr. Lennon thought would be between two and three hundred pounds.

5. A question was also raised regarding the number of tent-pitches permitted, and the members thought that this was rather small. The Town Clerk reported that this was fixed by Bord Failte, but he did not think that anyone would be turned away for the sake of one or two more.

6. It was decided that notice boards indicating the Caravan Site should be prepared by the Contractor and placed in position.

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Finally, the Contractor intimated that the Caravan Park would be handed over not later than 4 weeks, but if possible by the 23rd instant.

A question was raised regarding the retaining wall at the foot of the cliff, and it was agreed that Mr. Lennon and Mr. Casey, Acting Borough Surveyor, should work out a plan for dealing with this.

At this stage, Mr. Lennon and Mr. Browne withdrew, and the Corporation went on to the question of the provision of a swimming pool, and in this connection, reference was made to the swimming pool provided by M/s Ascon, at a cost of £68,000, and it was decided that the provision of this pool should be recommended to the Corporation at their next meeting.

The question of the provision of a caretaker was also raised, and it was decided to suggest to the County Manager that a wage of between £12 and £15 a week should be fixed for this post.

The meeting then terminated after a general discussion on the provision of a shop and public toilets.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "James Lennon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.