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A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day in the 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, Thomas F. Byrne and James Mahoney.

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

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

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the minutes of meetings, 5th and 6th 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.

The Mayor drew attention to the words "rated premises" which appeared in the minutes of 5th ultimo in relation to domestic scavenging service and pointed out that this should read "postal address". The Town Clerk agreed to insert a correction in these minutes.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

An acknowledgement was read from the relatives of the late Seamus Gallagher of the vote of sympathy passed with them in their recent bereavement.

A letter was also read from the Minister for Industry and Commerce, acknowledging receipt of the resolution adopted at last meeting on the subject of redundancy in the malting industry.

A letter was submitted from the Superintendent, Garda Siochana, on the appointment of Traffic Wardens, setting out details of the number of pupils attending each school in the town, and it was decided that a copy of this letter be circulated to the members for their information.

SOCIAL STUDY CONGRESS

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to extend a Civic Welcome to those attending the Social Study Congress to be held in St. Peter's College, Wexford, from 2nd to 9th August.

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SWIMMING POOL AT FERRYBANK

A recommendation was submitted from the Ferrybank Committee, that a swimming pool on the lines of the "Ascon" pool be provided there. It was explained that this pool would cost approximately £68,000. Arising out of this matter, the County Manager intimated that he thought it only right at this juncture to inform the Corporation of their existing and prospective debt which was as follows:-

1. Capital Debt at 31st March, 1969:-

(a) Housing		£1,259,433
(b) Sanitary Services		42,293
(c) Loans and Grants		79,466
(d) Ferrybank		8,000
(e) Vocational Education		1,500
(f) Miscellaneous		
(i) Offices	£3,655	
(ii) Bridge	4,794	
(iii) Stores	997	
(iv) Lorry	4,101	
(v) Deficits	14,000	
(vi) Traffic Signs	900	
		<u>28,447</u>
		1,419,139

2. Prospective Capital Debt:-

(a) Waterworks Improvement	£153,000	
(b) King Street/Parnell Street	65,000	
(c) Housing (say 300 houses) approximately	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,218,000</u>
		<u>£2,647,139</u>

3. In addition to the foregoing, land has been acquired for an extension of St. Ibar's Cemetery. As the laying out of this land as a modern Cemetery will take some time, work will require to commence as soon as possible, if it is to be available when all graves in the existing Cemetery are taken. The cost of this work has not yet been estimated but it will run into some thousands of pounds.

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The provision of car parks on a large scale is also becoming an urgent necessity and various other minor but necessary improvement projects have been suggested from time to time and only postponed due to lack of capital.

As well, it would appear from the local press that the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee propose to erect a new Vocational School and if the financing of this follows the existing practice, the Corporation will be responsible for 50%.

After some discussion, it was proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, that the Council agree in principle to the provision of a pool on the lines of the "Ascon" one. This proposal was unanimously adopted. Arising out of this matter, it was further agreed that a meeting with representatives of the Corporation and Bord Failte be held as soon as possible after the General Election, to discuss this project, and it was further suggested that when this meeting took place, the Bord Failte representatives should be urged to nominate one officer to deal with the Ferrybank project, and that it be a permanent feature on the agenda of the Corporation, so that the matter will not be lost sight of.

Regarding the Caravan Park, the Town Clerk intimated that he had been trying to contact the Architect for the last week, and eventually had been successful in having Mr. O'Dowd come to Wexford on the following day for a meeting with the Contractor and Mr. Lennon to try and deal with outstanding matters there, which would include the lighting of the park etc. The meeting was also informed that a Selection Board would meet the following day to interview applicants for the post of Supervisor.

CAR PARKS

The next business was correspondence from M/s J. J. Stafford & Sons, Mr. Breen, Waterford and Wexford Chamber of Commerce regarding the provision of car parks. M/s Stafford suggested that the Corporation should make an offer which would receive their immediate attention. Mr. Breen's letter was on similar lines, and the Chamber of Commerce urged the Corporation to try and expedite the provision of car parks along the main traffic route of the Quay. This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion, at the end of which it was decided to appoint a Valuer to obtain the valuation of the property of M/s Breen and Staffords for consideration at the next meeting of the Corporation.

Arising out of this, the meeting was informed that application had been received from M/s J. J. Stafford & Sons (Wexford) Ltd., for a planning permission to erect grain storage bins on a site at Oyster Lane/Paul Quay. The meeting was also informed that this particular site had been reserved in the Development Plan as an off-street car park, and in the circumstances, it was not possible to grant the permission asked for by M/s Stafford.

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A letter was read from the Architects on behalf of M/s Staffords intimating that the bins were readily demounted; that they were urgently required to accommodate this year's harvest; and that they would give an undertaking that should at any time their property be required by the Corporation for car parking, they would take down the bins at their own expense, and would be prepared to forego compensation either for the cost of such work or for costs resulting from same. In other words the ground on which the bins would be sited would be treated for valuation purposes as open general storage space for which purpose it is now used.

In view of the urgency of the case, the Architects asked that this matter receive early attention.

After some discussion, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, that the permission of the Minister for Local Government be sought under Section 26(3) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to the granting of permission for the erection of the bins on the terms set out on behalf of M/s Stafford. A complaint was also made that no action had been taken on the decision of the Corporation to have machinery removed from car parks, and the Town Clerk admitted that due to the pressure of work, he had been unable to refer this matter to the Corporation Solicitor, but that he would do so shortly.

SPEED LIMITS

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Peter Roche moved "That this Council recommend to the Garda Authorities, the fixing of a speed limit of 15 to 20 m.p.h. on the road from Ard Carman side of Kennedy Park, through Kennedy Park, Corish Park, Wolfe Tone Villas and St. Aidan's Crescent, down to the junction of Thomas Street and Joseph Street". After some discussion, this motion was amended to include a speed limit of 20 m.p.h. throughout the town, which was seconded by Alderman Mahoney, and agreed to refer it to the Gardai for consideration.

DIFFERENTIAL RENTS

Councillor Peter Roche also moved "That in arriving at income for the purpose of differential rents in housing schemes where these rents apply, that the allowance of 10/= per child be increased". The Town Clerk asked Councillor Roche to defer this motion as a Committee of officials was at present drafting a new scheme of differential rents for the County Manager, which would come before the various councils in the County in the near future. Councillor Roche agreed to defer his motion.

Arising out of this, Alderman Mahoney raised the question of the rent charged to a man named Murphy of Bishopswater, and the County Manager promised to review this at an early date.

RATES

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Dunne moved "That owing to the continued yearly spiralling increases in the rates, that this Council press the Government to give immediate first priority to considering some other just and acceptable alternative to raising revenue for local authorities". Councillor Peter Roche seconded the motion which was supported by all the members with the exception of Alderman Morris, and adopted.

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POSTAL VOTES FOR SAILORS

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Dunne moved "That we the members of Wexford Corporation call on the Government to give postal votes for the general elections and local elections, to all Irish seamen". Alderman Mahoney seconded this motion, which was amended to include the employees of the Irish Lights serving on Lightships and Lighthouses around the coast, and adopted.

BUCHANAN REPORT

In accordance with notice given, His Worship the Mayor moved "Wexford Corporation strongly disagrees with the location of industrial growth centres set out in the Buchanan Report. We call on the Government to develop the long established industrial tradition of Wexford, by having Wexford designated as a suitable centre". Alderman Mahoney seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members and unanimously adopted.

COUNTY CLINIC SERVICES.

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Mahoney moved "That this Council recommend that better services be provided at County Council Clinics". Councillor Peter Roche seconded. In moving this motion, the Alderman complained about the absence of the Dispensary Chemist to dispense prescriptions in the dispensary. The County Manager intervened to explain the reason for this and the action he had taken to have prescriptions dispensed by local retail chemists. Having regard to the Manager's explanation, the complaint was withdrawn.

The Manager also explained that he was investigating the possibility of having evening clinics in the dispensaries, but so far he had not been able to get a favourable reaction from the doctors.

HOUSING

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Mahoney moved "That the Corporation examine the subject of housing in all its aspects". Arising out of this, the Mayor pointed out to the Alderman that such a motion with such wide terms of reference, would take a considerable time, and as it was now already late in the present meeting, he suggested that the Alderman raise the matter on a future occasion, and arrange to have a special meeting to discuss housing. The Alderman agreed to this suggestion and asked about repairs to doors etc. and the Borough Surveyor informed him that some 50 doors were on order to replace defective ones in various Corporation houses.

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SALE OF LAND

The following recommendations were submitted from the County Manager:-

- (a) That land at Whitemill North be leased to M/s Canon Building Ltd.; and
- (b) That land at Whitemill North be sold to Elwex Ltd.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 88, Sub-Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1966, notices of these two recommendations were issued on 7th and 26th May, 1969 respectively.

As regards recommendation (a) that land be leased to M/s Canon Buildings, Ltd., this recommendation was withdrawn as M/s Canon had recently visited Wexford and decided on another site. When he had submitted the necessary plans etc. covering the proposed new site, a fresh notice would be issued to the members in the matter.

Resolution (b) that land at Whitemill North be sold to M/s Elwex Ltd. as a site for a factory, was then put to the meeting, and unanimously approved on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

HOUSING

Alderman Mahoney asked a question regarding the removal from the housing priority list of a man named Browne, living in a hut at Drinagh, and was informed by the County Manager that he had removed this man from the priority list as he was living outside the Borough. He felt that the Corporation had enough residents in the Borough to re-house at the moment, and that if he was to allocate houses to applicants from the Rural area, the Corporation would not view it with favour. However, if the Corporation so desired, he would place this man back on the list, and this was unanimously agreed to.

QUESTIONS BY ALDERMAN MAHONEY

(a) What is the position regarding repairs to roads and footpaths? In reply to this question, the Town Clerk stated it was assumed the Alderman was referring to the streets disturbed by the Electricity Supply Board, that is Main Street and High Street. Two tradesmen were now employed on the Main Street working from each end, and it was hoped that the work would be completed within the next few weeks, when the men would start at High Street. It was pointed out to the members, that work could only be carried out on four days each week, due to the enormous amount of traffic on Fridays. As well the weather was not suitable for concrete work until recently, and if it had been possible to close sections of the street to traffic, the work could have been carried out more expeditiously.

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(b) What progress had been made to construct the tunnel at Parnell Street for the relief of flooding in King Street? The Town Clerk replied that on the 23rd January, the Consultants informed the Council that it would take at least 6 months to prepare the necessary contract documents. When these were ready, they would be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval, and when such was received, the work would be advertised for tender.

(c) The Alderman also raised a question regarding the Standing Orders of the Council, and the Town Clerk informed him that a sub-committee had met a long time ago and made certain suggestions which he (Town Clerk) had embodied in a report for the members of the Committee. Since then he had not heard from any of the members as to whether or not they agreed with the suggested amendments and it was decided that a further meeting of the sub-committee should be held as soon as possible.

The Alderman raised a further question regarding sewerage at Barrack Street/Lambert Place, and was informed by the Borough Surveyor that this was being carried out for the local residents by their own Contractor. It had nothing to do with the Corporation, as it was not the sewer that was at fault, but the drainage from the houses.

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLOR DUNNE.

Councillor Dunne asked "What was the present position regarding the future of the Town Hall, Cornmarket as a museum or picture gallery?" He was informed by the Town Clerk that provision had been made in the current year's estimate for the expenditure of a sum of £400 as the first instalment of a 5-year plan to preserve the building. The first step was to instal a heating system in the Assembly Room and to renovate the main stair case. This work would commence after the General Election Count. The officials of the Corporation were in communication with the Electricity Supply Board regarding the installation of the heating.

In reply to a further question, Councillor Dunne was informed that the cost to date of the work at St. Peter's Square was £177, and the work at Swan View £1,700.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the unsatisfactory lighting of the Wexford Bridge, and asked that the matter be taken up with the County Council, as an accident had occurred there on the previous Saturday night. He, the Mayor, felt that a 'Sharp Left Turn' sign should be placed on the bridge.

SALE OF HOUSES

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, a recommendation from the County Manager that the sale price of the houses at Bernadette Place be fixed at £3,000, subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government was agreed to.

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TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET AREA

A draft plan was submitted for the Talbot Street/Green Street area for the information of the members, and the following explanation given:-

1. The whole area involved was included even though some parts will not be available for development for some years.
2. The new road leading east off Talbot Street would not be available for 1st stage of development, therefore, entry would be from Green Street (B). When the 2nd stage is reached, I would be in favour of blocking off this entrance and allow only pedestrian traffic through here. Entrance would be then off Talbot Street.
3. First stage development would be house Nos. 1-38, 43-48, 57-61 and 69-82. A plot of ground (C.C.) which comprises back gardens to existing houses would have to be acquired for back gardens to house Nos. 28-32. A plot (A) would have to be acquired to provide turn table and improve access to houses 37 and 38.
4. A further play area could be established as shown at the rear of houses 72 to 82, with pedestrian way entrance, which would also serve the proposed Forth Estate Shopping Centre.
5. The establishment of lock-up shops or otherwise in Talbot Street would be a matter for decision.
6. Total number of houses available in first stage development would be 70 or 78 if shopping area were included. In second stage development, 20 houses would be available.
7. Total area of site, $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres - 13 houses to the acre. 7.3 ft. of road per house, not including Green Street or Talbot Street.

The County Manager also intimated to the meeting that he proposed to employ an Architect to examine the draft plan and to deal with the whole area from an architectural point of view and to design a house for it.

The meeting then terminated.

1st July, 1969.

A meeting between the Corporation and representatives of Bord Failte Eireann, regarding Stage 2 of the Ferrybank Project, was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at 3 o'clock p.m., those present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Jenkins, who presided.

Aldermen: Kevin Morris and Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: Peter Roche, Thomas Roche, John Cullimore and James J. Morris.

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

Bord Failte Eireann was represented by Mr. John O'Donnell. The South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation was represented by Mr. Michael Cusack and Mrs. B. Wallace.

A message was received from Mr. O'Donnell that his car had broken down and that he would be a little late for the meeting.

At the outset, reference was made to the long delay in proceeding with the Ferrybank Project, and the Town Clerk submitted a statement dealing with this whole question from December 1961, when the Corporation agreed to purchase the land for the development, up to 22nd April, 1968, when the contractor signed the contract for the Caravan Site, which provided for the work to be completed within four months from 25th March, 1968. From this it was seen that the delays in the Ferrybank Project were not due in any way to any of the Corporation or their officials.

The present meeting had been called to decide on the question of a swimming pool, and after Mr. O'Donnell attended, the matter was discussed in detail. Reference was made to the Ascon 25 metre heated indoor pool, which Mr. O'Donnell intimated would be acceptable to Bord Failte. When the question of the provision of the pool and its probable cost had been discussed at length, it was unanimously agreed that the Department of Local Government and Bord Failte be written to officially and asked if the usual grants would be available for the provision of a pool on the style of the Ascon pool, several of which had recently been provided in the Dublin area, and if it would be in order for the Corporation to appoint an Architect to prepare plans for the provision of such a pool.

When the question of the swimming pool had been disposed of, a general discussion took place on the entire Ferrybank Project.

As regards the sea wall, it was intimated by the Borough Surveyor, that it was proposed to erect a low wall and to grade the bank down to it, and Mr. Casey and Mr. Lennon were to produce a plan and specification for this work.

It was also suggested that adjacent land to the present development site should be acquired as soon as possible for future activities, and it was thought that the owners of such land might be ascertained with a view to acquiring same.

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The question of the provision of a caravan for the caretaker was also raised, and the Town Clerk intimated that he was obtaining tenders for a caravan. It was also agreed that a "No Trespass" notice should be provided at the site, and that a sign pointing to the caravan park should be provided approximately 100 yards above the entrance on the Dublin road.

Finally, it was decided that in connection with the caravan park, that one officer from Bord Failte should be nominated to deal with the entire project, and that some member of the Corporation staff should also be assigned similar duties, so that if any delays occurred in future work at Ferrybank, it could be followed up without delay.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Byrne

7th July, 1969.

A quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day in the Assembly Rooms, Cornmarket, 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: Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Flaherty, Thomas Roche, John Dunne, Peter Roche, Fintan O'Leary and James Morris.

In attendance: Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

MINUTES

On the motion of Alderman Byrne seconded by Councillor 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.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business of the quarterly meeting was the election of a Mayor, who would hold office until quarterly meeting to be held not more than 14 days before or after 8th July, 1970, and until a successor had been appointed and made a declaration of acceptance of office.

The Mayor then asked for nominations for the office of Mayor.

Councillor Corish proposed Alderman Byrne and Councillor Thomas Roche seconded. Alderman Morris proposed Councillor John Flaherty and Councillor Fintan O'Leary seconded. Alderman Mahoney proposed Councillor Peter Roche who seconded himself. Before a poll was taken as between the candidates, the Town Clerk intimated to the members that once a poll had commenced, no further nominations could be received.

Alderman Mahoney complained of the procedure adopted last year in selecting the Mayor, when two members tied, and the question of who would be Mayor was decided by lot. He felt that the procedure had not been properly explained to the members, but it was pointed out that in each case, the members themselves decided the procedure, that is, whether a person whose name was drawn from the hat was elected or eliminated. The Alderman complained that this had not been done on the last occasion, although several members and the Corporation Solicitor intimated that it had.

A poll was then taken as between Alderman Byrne, Councillors Flaherty and Roche, when there voted for Alderman Byrne: Aldermen Jenkins and Byrne, Councillors Corish, Cullimore, Thomas Roche and Dunne. Six. For Councillor Flaherty: Alderman Kevin Morris, Councillors Flaherty, O'Leary and J.J.Morris. Four. For Councillor Peter Roche: Alderman Mahoney and Councillor Peter Roche. Two.

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As no candidate had a clear majority, Councillor Peter Roche was eliminated and a second poll taken, when there voted for Alderman Byrne: Aldermen Mahoney, Jenkins and Byrne, Councillors Corish, Cullimore, Thomas Roche, John Dunne and Peter Roche. Eight. For Councillor Flaherty: Alderman Morris, Councillors Flaherty, O'Leary and J.J. Morris. Four. Alderman Byrne was formally declared elected, and made and subscribed the declaration of acceptance of office provided by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840 and the Local Government Act, 1941.

Before leaving the chair, the outgoing Mayor, Alderman Jenkins, thanked all the members and officials who had helped him during his year of office. He also thanked all the clubs, organisations etc. in the town who had invited him to various functions, and all who had helped him in any way to carry out his duties during the previous twelve months.

The outgoing Mayor criticised the system of Local Government intimating that all powers seemed to be vested in the County Manager and officials, and while the Manager and officials were always prepared to listen to representations and advice from the members, they were not always prepared to act on same.

Alderman Jenkins then vested Alderman Byrne with the Robes and Chain of Office, and Alderman Byrne took the chair. Alderman Byrne thanked all the members who had voted him into the present Office, and also congratulated the outgoing Mayor for his work during the past twelve months. All the members present then congratulated the new Mayor and thanked Alderman Jenkins for the manner in which he had conducted the business of the Corporation and the Town during the previous twelve months, at the end of which Alderman Jenkins thanked the members for their kind remarks.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The following acknowledgements were read:-

1. From the Department of the Taoiseach, acknowledging the resolution of the Corporation regarding rates, which he stated had been passed to the Ministers for Local Government and Finance for their consideration.
2. From the Minister for Local Government acknowledging the resolution passed at a recent meeting regarding the giving of postal votes to Irish seamen, and stating that the question of extending postal voting facilities to such other categories of persons was considered by the joint committee of the Dail and Senate in 1950/61, but they recommended against any further extension, mainly because they considered that the resultant greatly increased risk of abuse, would not be justified.
3. A letter was read from the Secretary, County Council, regarding the lighting on Wexford Bridge, and the provision of a 'Sharp Left Turn' sign, which he had referred to the County Engineer for his attention.

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MUNICIPAL RATE 1969/70.

The next business was to formally make a Municipal Rate of 85/= in the pound on the property rateable thereto for the local financial year ending on 31st March, 1970, as agreed and adopted on 3rd April, 1969.

Once again Alderman Mahoney, Councillors Roche and Dunne, who had objected to the adoption of the rate on 3rd April, again objected to the making of a rate, but on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, the following resolution was adopted with Alderman Mahoney, Councillors Roche and Dunne dissenting "That a Municipal Rate of 85/= 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, 1970, as agreed and adopted on 3rd April, 1969".

The rate book containing the various items of rate was therefore sealed and signed on behalf of the Council, as well as the warrant authorising its collection.

TRAFFIC AND FUNERALS

The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that he had received a lengthy letter from the Superintendent, Garda Siochana, on the subject of the resolution adopted by the Council regarding the reduction of the 30 m.p.h. speed limit in Wexford, which he, Town Clerk, proposed to circulate to the members for consideration at the next meeting.

In the final paragraph of the letter, however, the Superintendent stated "it is proposed that as and from 1st proximo, all funerals from Bride Street and Rowe Street Churches to Crosstown cemetery, should proceed along John Street, Hill Street and Redmond Monument. This it is felt would eliminate the existing delay to traffic along Main Street and Quays".

As the Council would not meet again before 1st August, the date on which the Superintendent proposed to make the new regulation, the Town Clerk now asked for the views of the members on this proposal.

All the members unanimously agreed that the suggestion of the Garda to take funerals off the Main Street and Quays was a good one, and it was approved.

Arising out of this, the question of car parks and parking on the Quays was raised, and the Town Clerk informed the meeting that he would have information regarding the suggested car parks for the next meeting. Reference was also made to the bollards which C.I.E. had at present unloaded on the Quays, and the members were anxious to know there it was proposed to place these.

Councillor Cullimore referred to indiscriminate parking in Common Quay Street on the previous Saturday night, when a doctor who wished to go to Ely Nursing Home could not get down the street, and the Town Clerk promised to take this matter up with the Garda.

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OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, an increase in the overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account for the quarter ended 30th June, 1969, from £60,000 to £80,000 was agreed.

It was also agreed on the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, that overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £80,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £60,000 be authorised for the quarter ending on 30th September, 1969.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

On the proposal of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris, quarterly meetings of the Council were fixed for 6th October, 1969; 5th January, 1970 and 6th April, 1970, at the usual times.

SALE OF LAND

A recommendation from the County Manager that a plot of ground at Whitemill North be sold to Mr. P. C. Cox for the sum of £900, on which Mr. Cox proposed to erect a factory, was approved on the motion of Alderman Morris seconded by Alderman Jenkins. Notice of this proposal by the Manager was given to each member on 20th June, 1969.

TRAFFIC WARDENS

A report from the Garda Síochána on the subject of traffic wardens, a copy of which had already been supplied to the members, was adjourned for consideration at next meeting, with other traffic problems.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

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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 Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin C. Morris and James Jenkins.

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

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

MINUTES

Councillor Cullimore proposed the adoption of the minutes of 1st and 7th July, 1969. This was seconded by Alderman Morris. Alderman Mahoney, however, referred to the minutes of 7th July, and again raised the question of the election of a Mayor in 1968. He claimed that on that occasion he should have been declared elected. The members, however, agreed by six votes for, to three against, that the minutes of the 1st and 7th July, were an accurate record of the proceedings, and they were signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Acknowledgements were read from the Ministers for Industry and Commerce and Local Government, of the resolution passed at the previous meeting regarding the Buchanan report.

PARKING PLACES AND TRAFFIC

The first item under this heading was to receive independent valuations of premises proposed to be acquired as parking places, and at the suggestion of the Town Clerk, it was unanimously agreed that pending further negotiations with the owners of the properties, these valuations should be in committee.

The valuations were made by Mr. Thomas J. O'Brien, Auctioneer and Valuer, who had been appointed by the Manager for the purpose. In the case of the property at Custom House Quay and Church Lane, owned by M/s J. J. Stafford & Sons, he placed the value at £13,000, and in the case of premises at Henrietta Street owned by M/s Breen & Co., Waterford, he placed a valuation of £8,000.

After some discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk should open negotiations with the owners of the properties based on the valuations above quoted, as the need for parking places between the Quays and the Main Street was becoming more evident and urgent every day.

In this connection, the Town Clerk reported that he had communicated with the Department of Local Government, inquiring if grants and long-term loans would be made available for parking places in the town, after explaining to them the urgent need for them in Wexford, and giving them some idea of what they are likely to cost. He had received a formal acknowledgement only, and it was now decided that he should again communicate with the Department to inquire if a decision had been made on his previous request.

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SPEED LIMITS

The second item under the above heading was a letter from the Garda Síochána intimating that they would not favour a reduction of the 30-mile speed limit in the Borough. Most of the members accepted the Garda view with the exception of Councillor Peter Roche and Alderman Mahoney, who maintained that the speed at which motor cars were travelling through the town was much too high.

FUNERAL ROUTES

In this letter from the Garda on the matter of the 30 m.p.h. speed limit, they stated that it was proposed that as from 1st August, all funerals from Bride Street and Rowe Street churches to Crosstown Cemetery should proceed along John Street, Hill Street and Redmond Monument. This, it was felt, would eliminate the existing delay to traffic along the Main Street.

This paragraph of the Garda letter had been read for the Corporation at the meeting held on 7th July, when it was unanimously decided that it was a good idea that funerals should be routed along the streets suggested.

Since then, however, a motion had been put down in the names of Alderman Mahoney, Councillors Morris, Corish and Dunne to rescind the resolution of 7th July, approving the decision of the Garda to alter the route of funerals.

Before any discussion took place on this motion to rescind the previous resolution, the Town Clerk pointed out to avoid any misunderstanding afterwards, that to rescind this resolution would require a two-thirds majority of the Council, and as well, in his, Town Clerk's opinion, the intimation from the Garda Síochána regarding these routes was a matter of courtesy to the Corporation and that the question of routing traffic was entirely a matter for them.

This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion, at the end of which the Town Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Garda and suggest that the following alternatives might be considered by them:-

1. funerals from Bride Street church to proceed via Joseph Street, King Street and the Quays; and,
2. funerals from Rowe Street to proceed via John Street, George Street, Lower Abbey Street and Slaney Street; or via John Street, George Street, Selskar Street and Monck Street.

Pending a reply from the Garda on these suggestions, the motion to rescind the resolution of 7th July was deferred.

11th August, 1969.

TRAFFIC WARDENS

A lengthy letter under date of 7th June from the Garda Síochána, on the matter of traffic wardens, a copy of which had been circulated to the members, showed that there were 4,454 children attending seven schools in Wexford, and in the view of the Garda, the need for the appointment of a warden at the Loreto Convent, was no greater than any other school named. The Garda intimated if the Council considered it necessary, to have traffic wardens appointed, they would have to seek the consent of the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána in accordance with Section 96 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961.

The members felt that they could not afford to employ seven traffic wardens in the town, and felt that if traffic barriers were erected outside the schools and some attention given to the younger children leaving school by the teachers, that the matter would be satisfactorily resolved.

A doubt was expressed about the ability to place a traffic barrier at the Loreto Convent, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to look into this matter.

TRAFFIC PLAN

The next matter under the heading of parking places was to consider the traffic plan prepared for the Borough by Orrje & Co., Traffic Consultants.

The report of these consultants had been before the Council on a few occasions, and it was now suggested that the Council should adopt the report in principle.

After it had been explained to the members that the adoption of the report in principle would not prejudice them in any way, of a say in whether or not any or all of the recommendations should be carried out, the Mayor proposed that the report of Orrje & Co., Traffic Consultants be adopted in principle. This was seconded by Alderman Morris and unanimously agreed to.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Councillor Dunne moved "That the opening hours of the public conveniences at Selskar be extended by one hour on Sunday mornings during the tourist season". This matter was discussed at length, during which it was pointed out that there were ample facilities for tourists at O'Hanrahan station, where the morning train from Rosslare Harbour stopped, and most of the members felt that the matter should be deferred, and on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Alderman Morris, a motion to defer the proposal of Councillor Dunne was carried by eight votes for, to two against.

11th August, 1969.

SOCIAL WELFARE AGENT

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Peter Roche moved "That this Corporation request the Minister for Social Welfare to appoint a Social Welfare Agent at Wexford for the receiving of medical certificates and the making of payments on same". Alderman Mahoney seconded this motion. This matter had been raised at the March meeting of the Council, and under date of 6th March, the Town Clerk had written to the Minister on the subject of the delay in the payment of the Social Welfare benefits to persons out of work through illness, but up to date no reply had been received to his communication.

Further reference was now made to this matter, and it appeared that practically every member of the Council had received complaints of unreasonable delay in the payment of these benefits. Some members went so far as to say that they had to go to the expense (that they could ill afford) of telephoning the Department in an effort to secure payment of benefits long overdue.

It was also stated that a number of persons were constantly having to be granted Home Assistance, while waiting for payment from the Department, and this had cost the Local Health Authority some thousands of pounds.

The motion as proposed by Councillor Peter Roche and seconded by Alderman Mahoney was unanimously adopted.

EMPLOYMENT FACILITIES

Councillor Peter Roche also moved the following resolution in his name: "That this Corporation demand that the Minister for Labour bring in legislation to see that proper use is made of facilities available at local Employment Exchanges by local firms when they have vacancies available.

Objection was taken immediately to the word 'demand' in the resolution and Councillor Roche replaced it by the word 'request'. Alderman Mahoney seconded the motion, but some of the members felt that legislation on these lines would be taking away from employers the right to employ who they liked, and after some discussion, an amended motion was agreed to as follows:- "That this Corporation request the Minister for Labour to ensure that the best use is made of the facilities available at local Employment Exchanges for the filling of vacancies by local firms". Alderman Morris dissented from the resolution and it was also agreed that the Minister be requested to instruct his local Managers to circularise the firms in their areas and request them to notify vacancies as they occurred.

150 HOUSES AT WHITEMILL

On the proposal of Councillor Corish, seconded by Councillor J. J. Morris, it was unanimously agreed that the Minister for Local Government be requested to approve the raising of a loan of £414,000 for the erection of 150 houses at Whitemill North and that an undertaking be given to the Commissioners of public works in Ireland that the instalments of this loan and of all outstanding loans, could be eventually repaid on the due date.

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ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

An intimation was received from the Secretary of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland that the 56th Annual Conference would be held in Nenagh on 16th, 17th and 18th, September, 1969, and that any motions for the agenda should reach him not later than 16th instant. The following two resolutions were agreed to be forwarded to the Association for discussion at the Annual Conference:-

1. That the Conference request the Minister for Finance to examine the possibility of increasing the amount of non-taxable income for single persons and couples whose families have grown up.
2. That this Conference request the Minister for Social Welfare to appoint a Social Welfare agent in each town for the receiving of medical certificates and the making of payments on same.

COMMODORE BARRY COMMEMORATION

The next business was to fix a date for the holding of the Annual Commemoration of the Unveiling of the Commodore John Barry Statue and to make the necessary arrangements. Alderman Morris proposed that the commemoration be held on 28th September and Councillor Flaherty seconded. Alderman Jenkins proposed 21st September, and Alderman Mahoney seconded.

No decision, however, was taken on which date to hold the commemoration, but a committee of four Aldermen was appointed to arrange for a person to lay the wreath and to fix the date to suit the convenience of that person. It was further agreed that the committee of Aldermen should meet on Tuesday, 12th instant, at 8.30 p.m. Councillor Peter Roche objected to the appointment of a committee and felt that the matter should be decided by the Borough Corporation.

BOAT AT CRESCENT

Arising out of this matter, a complaint was made of a wrecked boat at the Crescent Quay, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to have it removed.

CORPORATION TO ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD

A recommendation from the County Manager that 75 square feet of ground at Allen Street be leased to the Electricity Supply Board as a transformer site, at a fine of £20 and a rent of 1/= per annum, was next submitted. On being assured that this did not in any way interfere with the existing parking place at Allen Street, the recommendation of the Manager was unanimously agreed to on the motion of Alderman Morris seconded by Councillor Flaherty.

Arising out of this question of parking places, a complaint was made regarding the parking of vehicles on footpaths in various parts of the town, and the attention of the Garda was to be drawn to this practice.

QUESTIONS

In reply to a question by Councillor Dunne, it was intimated that the car park at Abbey Street would be cleaned and tarmacadamed in the Autumn of this year. Councillor Roche asked when would the fencing at Kennedy Park be completed, and he was informed that this matter would have to wait until the Housing Engineer returned to work, and it was decided that he be informed that the Corporation insist on this work being carried out immediately the men resume duty after the annual holidays. A further question was asked by Councillor Roche as to when repairs to houses purchased by tenants would be completed, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that of 53 houses, 35 had been done, and the 18 outstanding would be dealt with in the immediate future.

A final question by Councillor Roche as to whether or not points were available for each person who had applied for a house, and been inspected by the Sanitary Officer irrespective of the current priority list. The Town Clerk informed him that he had no information regarding points, except what was on the current priority list submitted by the Chief Medical Officer.

FERRYBANK TOILETS

Alderman Mahoney complained of the public being prohibited from using the toilets at Ferrybank, and the Town Clerk pointed out that these toilets were provided for the people using the caravan site. Before the general public had been prohibited from using them, damage had been done and some of the hand basins had actually been pulled out of the wall, but it was decided to ask the Borough Surveyor to prepare plans for the provision of a toilet at Ferrybank, and then request the County Council to provide same as it was in their area. A complaint was also made regarding the charge of 10/= per night for tents at Ferrybank, and this was referred to the Ferrybank Committee.

WATER SUPPLY

A complaint was also made regarding the water supply to the town, and the Town Clerk gave copies of the latest chemical and bacteriological reports to the members and the press. All these showed that the water was safe to drink. He, Town Clerk, however, admitted that the taste and smell were not very pleasant during the past couple of weeks, and informed the meeting that from investigations made, it would appear that the heavy downpour of rain on 1st instant had washed the growth of algae from the banks into the reservoir, and it was very difficult to filter this out, having regard to the abnormal use of water at the present time. However, he stated, steps had been taken during this day to deal with it in the actual reservoir itself and they were hopeful that the result would be satisfactory.

LIGHTING OF WEXFORD BRIDGE

A complaint was again made regarding the absence of lighting on Wexford Bridge, and the Town Clerk was asked to take this matter up with the County Engineer.

Councillor Flaherty asked the Town Clerk if he had received a letter from the Trade's Council and the Town Clerk intimated that he had received the letter referred to and had replied to the Secretary.

Councillor Flaherty also complained of the parking of cars on Wexford Bridge by fishermen and felt that this was a traffic hazard which should be dealt with by the County Council.

ST. PETER'S SQUARE

Alderman Morris referred to a decision of the Corporation on May 8th, not to proceed with the kerbs around the parking place at St. Peter's Square, and asked why this decision had not been carried out. The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that kerbs had been laid temporary to try and work out a traffic route for the area, now that it had been properly marked as a car park.

He, Town Clerk, also pointed out that the decision to kerb the centre of the square around the marked car park had been made by the Corporation and sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government who had made a grant available for the purpose of carrying out this work. The Town Clerk further intimated that in his opinion, if any loss occurred through the non-use of the kerbs, that the members voting in favour of this would be held responsible. After some discussion, it was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, that the Corporation adhere to the previous decision of the May meeting, not to have the kerbs put in place, and on a vote being taken, the following voted in favour of the proposal:— His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Mahoney and Kevin Morris, Councillors Dunne, J.J.Morris, Peter Roche, John Cullimore and Desmond Corish.

Councillor Flaherty had left the meeting at this stage, and Alderman Jenkins did not vote.

Councillor Cullimore asked that a seat be provided at the Monument Cross and Councillor Peter Roche asked that a pilot light be provided at Kennedy Park. Both these matters were to be investigated.

BOROUGH ARMS

An application was read from the Federated Union of Employers, Wexford Branch, requesting permission to embody the Wexford Coat of Arms in a President's Medallion to be struck for the branch, and it was unanimously decided to grant the necessary permission for the use of the Coat of Arms to the Federation.

OLD FIRE ENGINE

It was intimated to the meeting that Mr. Sean Scallan of St. Magdalen's was prepared to take over and refurbish the old Albion Fire Engine at present in the Corporation Yard. Mr. Scallan felt that the fire engine in some years to come would be regarded as an antique, which should be retained in Wexford. He, Mr. Scallan, proposed to have the fire engine restored as near as possible to its original state and to retain it and maintain it until such time as a permanent museum would be established in Wexford, when it would be returned to the town.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the County Manager had agreed to the request of Mr. Scallan and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, it was unanimously agreed that the old fire engine with its full equipment, should be handed over to Mr. Scallan on loan until such time as a permanent museum was established in Wexford, when it would be returned to it.

LEASING OF SITE TO CANNON BUILDINGS LTD.

The Town Clerk intimated that Mr. Cannon of Cannon Buildings Ltd., had recently approached the Corporation for a site on which to establish a factory at Whitemill. A site had been agreed on and notice of intention to lease it to him had been given to the Corporation, but before this could come before a meeting, Mr. Cannon had intimated that the site was too small and that a larger site would be necessary so the original proposals had not been proceeded with. Mr. Cannon required a site of some seven acres and it was proposed to rent it to him at £60 per acre per annum.

Formal application for the site had not yet been received from Mr. Cannon, but it was now unanimously agreed in principle that a site be let to Mr. Cannon and that when application was received from him, that the necessary statutory notices be given to the members, but in the meantime, the legal arrangements could be made for it.

The meeting then terminated.

20th August, 1969.

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 Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Alderman: James Mahoney.

Councillors: Thomas Roche, John Cullimore, Peter Roche, John Dunne, and Desmond Corish.

In attendance: Mr. A. A. Connolly, Deputy County Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Accountant.

The meeting had been convened by His Worship the Mayor at the request of Aldermen Mahoney and Morris, Councillors Peter Roche, Fintan O'Leary and John Flaherty, to consider the following resolution: "To call on the Government to use every means in its power to protect our brothers in Northern Ireland, also for an immediate disbanding of the B. Specials and a U.N. supervised plebescite on the question of Irish Unity".

STATEMENT BY TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk asked permission of the Mayor to make a personal statement regarding the calling of a Special Meeting, and having been granted this permission said, that on the morning of 13th instant, Councillor Peter Roche had telephoned him asking how many names were required to convene a Special Meeting of the Council. He (Town Clerk) had informed the Councillor that His Worship the Mayor could convene a meeting at any time, but if he refused to do so, five members of the Council could sign a requisition requesting the Mayor to call a Special Meeting. At the time of this telephone conversation, Councillor Roche did not intimate either the purpose for which the Special Meeting was to be called or the date on which he wished it called for.

On opening the Free Press on 15th instant, he (Town Clerk) observed the following report therein: "Emergency Council call to aid North. A call to hold an immediate emergency meeting of Wexford Corporation to allow Councillors to urge the Government to intervene in the Northern Ireland 'tragedy' was rejected yesterday on the grounds that five days statutory notice has to be given. Yesterday (Wednesday) Mr. Peter Roche requested the Town Clerk, Mr. John Byrne, and Mayor Thomas F. Byrne to convene an emergency meeting of the Corporation, so that the Council could plead with the Government to take some measures to allay the situation in the North.

Mr. Roche was informed by both, that an emergency meeting could not be held until five days had expired, as this was stipulated under the Statutory Laws of the Corporation. 'This was amazing' an astonished Mr. Roche observed, 'seeing that meetings of Local Authorities can be summoned within a few days notice, when a leader of Church or State dies, so that they can pass a vote of sympathy'".

Continuing, the Town Clerk intimated that at no time had he spoken, except on the telephone to Councillor Roche, and then only to answer the question as to how many names were required on a notice to convene a Special Meeting. The Town Clerk then quoted from Section 92 of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, which stated, inter alia, that the Mayor shall have power to call a meeting of the Council as often as he shall think proper, and in case the Mayor shall refuse to call any such meeting after requisition for that purpose signed by five members of the Council at the least shall have been presented to him, it shall be lawful for the said five members to call a meeting of the Council.

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According to this, the Town Clerk intimated he had no function whatever, regarding the calling of a special meeting. The Mayor could do so anytime he wished, five members could request the Mayor to do so, and if he refused they had authority to call such a meeting themselves, but as far as he, Town Clerk, was concerned, his only function was to issue the necessary notice.

In reply to the Town Clerk's statement, Councillor Peter Roche said that he agreed that the report on the paper was incorrect, but he had been pressurising His Worship the Mayor to call this meeting, and instead he had called a public meeting in the Parish Hall for Friday night next.

At the outset, the Mayor read a lengthy letter from Alderman James Jenkins, apologising for his absence, due to the short notice of the meeting. The Alderman stated he fully supported the motion before the meeting, and gave a lengthy resume of his views on the present position in Northern Ireland. The Mayor also made an apology on behalf of Councillor Flaherty, and the Town Clerk intimated that Alderman Morris had phoned to say that due to a prior engagement, he would be unable to attend the meeting.

Councillor Peter Roche then moved the resolution as set out above, Alderman Mahoney seconded. Councillor Dunne while supporting the motion, suggested that these pious resolutions were of little use, and that the members in robes should visit Northern Ireland during the weekend on a fact-finding mission. Councillor Thomas Roche also approved the resolution, but suggested that the Corporation call on workers in the 26 counties to withdraw their cards from English based Unions. Councillors John Cullimore and Desmond Corish also supported the motion before the meeting, after which the Mayor summed up and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The meeting then terminated.

1st September, 1969.

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 Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin C. Morris and James Jenkins.

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

In attendance: J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk; Denis J. Casey, Acting Borough Engineer and Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager.

SYMPATHY

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Kevin C. Morris, a resolution of sympathy was unanimously adopted with the relatives of the late Very Rev. John M. Butler, P.P. Cushinstown. In proposing the resolution, the members paid tribute to the great interest in Vocational Education which the deceased had shown throughout his life. The resolution was adopted in respectful silence.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters from the following were read:-

1. From An Taoiseach stating that the Government were making every effort to protect the interests of our people in Northern Ireland and to secure a permanent solution to the problem of partition. This was in response to the resolution adopted by the Borough Council at its Special Meeting held on 20/8/1969.
2. From An Garda Siochana concerning representations made from a previous meeting on the subject of the new route for funerals in the Borough. A discussion followed and it was agreed on the proposal of the Mayor that a meeting should be arranged between the Garda Authorities and the Corporation to discuss the problem.
3. From the Department of Labour acknowledging the Council's resolution on the better use of facilities available at Employment Exchanges.
4. From Mr. T. Keeling, Chairman, 2nd Wexford (Port of Wexford) Sea Scouts, applying for the Council's permission to use the Wexford Borough Coat of Arms in the flag of the troop. The application was unanimously approved on the proposal of Alderman K.C. Morris, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche.
5. From the Wexford Branch of the Federated Union of Employers expressing that organisation's thanks for permission granted by the Council at a previous meeting to incorporate the Arms of the Borough on the Medallion to be worn by the President of the Union's Wexford Branch.

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6. A report by the Acting Town Clerk that the wage increases agreed by the Construction Industry Joint Industrial Council would be payable to craftsmen and general operatives in the Corporation's Direct Labour sites with effect from 1/9/1969 was approved unanimously. The increases amount to 1/- per hour for Craftsmen and 10½d. per hour for labourers.
7. A report from the Acting Borough Engineer describing the water supply position in the town, following the long spell of dry weather and recommending the curtailment of supplies between 8.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m. was read. The shutting off of water supply as recommended with effect from 8/9/1969 was unanimously approved on the proposal of Alderman Kevin C. Morris, seconded by Councillor Desmond Corish.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The following motion proposed by Alderman Kevin C. Morris and seconded by Alderman James Mahoney was adopted unanimously:-

"That this Council, as Planning Authority for the Borough of Wexford, agree to make application to the Minister for Local Government for his consent to the grant of permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Batt Street, Wexford, for Mr. John Lett, "St. Anthony's", Upper William Street, which development would contravene materially the Development Plan".

CORPORATION DWELLINGS

The motion "That immediate attention be given to the providing of lights at top of Kennedy Park, also to space existing between walls of dwellings and footpath, and to the speedy erection of fences between dwellings" was proposed by Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, and unanimously approved, the Acting Borough Engineer having intimated that plans for the matters mentioned in the resolution were already in progress.

Councillor Peter Roche proposed and Alderman Mahoney seconded the motion "That repairs to Corporation dwellings be carried out in the order in which they are received". A discussion followed arising out of which His Worship the Mayor proposed that a special meeting of the Council be held in committee to discuss housing repairs generally on 15/9/1969. This was agreed and the Acting Borough Engineer was requested to prepare a list of outstanding repairs for consideration at the meeting.

SOCIAL WELFARE PAYMENTS

Alderman Mahoney proposed and Councillor Peter Roche seconded the following motion:- "Owing to such delays in the paying of Social Welfare payments, that this Council call on the Minister for Social Welfare to allow public representatives the usage of the telephone at the Local Employment Exchange".

A discussion followed and the following amended resolution was passed unanimously:- "Owing to delays in paying Social Welfare payments, that this Council request the Minister for Social Welfare to authorise an official of the Local Employment Exchange to telephone complaints of delays by public representatives to that Department's head office".

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PUBLIC LIGHTING

The motion "That the whole lighting system in the town be reviewed by the Electricity Supply Board", proposed by Alderman James Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, was unanimously agreed, and arising out of the discussion on the motion, the Acting Borough Engineer was asked to carry out an inspection in conjunction with the Electricity Supply Board's officers as soon as possible.

QUESTIONS

Regarding the proposed pedestrian crossing at Maudlintown/Faythe, it was stated in reply to Councillor Peter Roche's question that the County Council had approved the estimate submitted by the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of the crossing and that the order for the work to be carried out would issue immediately.

In reply to a question by Councillor Peter Roche, the meeting was informed that the plans for the relief of King Street flooding were in course of preparation by the Consultants. The Manager undertook to follow up the matter and ensure that the work would proceed as soon as possible.

The Acting Borough Engineer reported that there was a light within thirty yards of the gateway at the end of Joseph Street. He further reported that there was no evidence of the use of the gateway as a public toilet. This was in response to Councillor Peter Roche's question on the possibility of having a light erected near the gate.

The Acting Borough Engineer undertook to inspect footpaths on South Main Street, Gibson's Lane, Corish Park and elsewhere, in response to questions on the matter by Alderman Mahoney, Alderman Kevin C. Morris and Councillor Thomas Roche.

Councillor Peter Roche questioned the delay in rehousing Mr. Kevin Murphy of Green Street. The Manager stated that he would rehouse the man when a house became vacant, as due to his present position it would not be possible to grant him the tenancy of a new house without loss of subsidy.

Councillor Peter Roche raised the matter of repairs to houses sold to tenant-purchasers, and it was agreed to defer the matter to the Committee Meeting to be held on 15/9/1969.

EMERGENCY REHOUSING

Due to their present accommodation being in a dangerous condition, the Council approved unanimously the recommendation of the County Manager that Mr. Patrick Bierney, Mr. Walter Carley and Mr. Joseph Rossiter of Selskar, be given the next available houses in priority over the existing points list.

LIGHTING OF NEW BRIDGE

In reply to Alderman Jenkins, His Worship the Mayor told the meeting that the Wexford County Council had arranged to have the work started by the Electricity Supply Board on 15/9/1969.

1st September, 1969.

FERRYBANK

Alderman Jenkins questioned the position regarding the provision of a sea wall at Ferrybank, and the Acting Borough Engineer undertook to ask the Consulting Engineer to expedite the matter.

In response to a proposal by Alderman Jenkins on the condition of the Promenade at Ferrybank, the Acting Borough Engineer was asked to inspect the promenade and place his report and estimate of the cost of repairs before the October, 1969, meeting of the Council.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

6th October, 1969.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held at the Municipal Buildings, Wexford, on Monday, 6th October, 1969, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, was in the chair and those present were:-

Aldermen: James Mahoney, James Jenkins and Kevin C. Morris.

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

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

ROUTE FOR FUNERALS

His Worship the Mayor stated that he proposed to take the order of business in accordance with the agenda, but that as Superintendent C. Lynam and Sergeant J. Darmody of the Garda Siochana were waiting to discuss the new traffic route for funerals, he requested the meeting to deal with that motion first, which was agreed. Superintendent Lynam outlined very fully the views of the Garda on the matter and covered the many traffic problems involved and the members expressed their views on the matter. Finally it was agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor to give the new route a trial of approximately one year, when the matter might be reviewed again. The Superintendent agreed that for funerals taking place on Sundays and Church Holydays, that the old route could be used. The Garda officers then withdrew.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read, approved and signed by His Worship the Mayor, on the proposal of Councillor John Cullimore seconded by Alderman Kevin C. Morris.

Councillor Peter Roche queried the adjournment of the Special Meeting on Housing matters referred to in the minutes and asked when it would be held. The Mayor stated that a date would be fixed later in the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following letters, copies of which had been circulated to the members, were taken as read and they were considered satisfactory:-

- (i) Letter from the Department of Labour concerning the use of telephones at Local Offices;
- (ii) Letter from the Department of Social Welfare regarding payment of benefits.

6th October, 1969.

MATERIAL ALTERATION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

Alderman Kevin Morris proposed the following motion, which was seconded by His Worship the Mayor and passed unanimously:- "That this Council, as the Planning Authority for the Borough of Wexford, agree to make application to the Minister for Local Government for his consent to the grant of a permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Batt Street, Wexford, for Mr. John Lett, "St. Anthony's", Upper William Street, which development would contravene materially the Development Plan".

A brisk discussion of planning generally, followed, and information regarding some recent developments was given to the Council by the County Manager and Borough Engineer. Arising out of the discussion, it was agreed that a report should be prepared on the land at Hill Street with a view to re-opening negotiations for its acquisition, if necessary, by Compulsory Purchase Order.

VOLUNTARY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

The motion "That in order to effect immediate improvements in the town, the Corporation should introduce Improvement Schemes partly of a voluntary nature, with the necessary co-operation of the people in the different areas;" was proposed by Councillor Corish, seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche, and passed unanimously. His Worship the Mayor recommended in this connection that Council members should endeavour to promote the organisation of voluntary improvement committees in the different areas of the town.

HEALTH SERVICES

Councillor Corish proposed "that in view of the difficulties experienced in the last few months in Wexford Clinic concerning:- (i) the dispensing of prescriptions; (ii) the services of a dentist, and (iii) the general dissatisfaction with regard to hospital services, this Corporation calls on the Health Authority to take all necessary steps to impress upon the Minister for Health, the immediate necessity to improve medical services generally and particularly those concerning hospitalisation". Councillor Thomas Roche seconded the motion. The County Manager gave the members a report on what was being done at present by the Health Authority concerning the matters raised in the motion, which was considered satisfactory. The meeting agreed to defer further action until after a deputation from the Health Authority would be met at Kilkenny by the Minister for Health.

RELIEF GRANTS

Councillor Peter Roche proposed "that Wolfe Tone Villas footpaths and footpaths in the Maudlintown area be included on the list for Christmas Relief Grant Work, as they are in urgent need of repairs". Alderman Mahoney seconded and it was agreed that the Borough Engineer should inspect footpaths in all areas. His Worship the Mayor stated that proposals would come before the Council for works to be carried out under the Relief Grants. Alderman Jenkins was informed by the Acting Borough Engineer that the rubble deposited in the open space at Bishopswater would be used in a proposed widening of the road there.

6th October, 1969.

HOUSING - PRIORITY LIST

Councillor Peter Roche proposed "that as the Council is Housing authority for the Borough of Wexford, before the next housing priority list is made available for publication, a meeting be held between this Council and Chief Medical Officer, so that allocation of points, time on list, etc. can be fully explained". The seconder was Alderman Mahoney and the motion was passed unanimously.

The Housing Committee Meeting arranged for 15th September, 1969, and called off was, on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor fixed for 20th October, 1969.

STREET CLEANSING

The motion "that the Wexford Borough Council employ extra cleaners was proposed by Alderman Mahoney and seconded by Councillor Peter Roche. It was agreed after discussion to record the matter and include it in the next estimates in March, 1970.

RATES OF PAYMENT OF EMPLOYEES

Alderman Mahoney proposed and Councillor Peter Roche seconded "that the Wexford Borough Council pay time and a half on Saturdays and double time on Sundays to attendants at the Public Conveniences". Alderman Jenkins asked if the motion was in order and His Worship the Mayor ruled that it was not in order.

STREET NAME PLATES

Councillor Thomas Roche proposed and His Worship the Mayor seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation should make provision in next estimates for the erection of road and avenue name plates at Maudlintown.

HANDRAILS AT KENNEDY PARK

The motion by Councillor Thomas Roche regarding the "provision of handrails at both step-ways at Kennedy Park" was referred to the Housing Engineer for his report and estimate of cost.

SELISKAR ABBEY ETC.

Wexford Junior Chamber intimated that they proposed to carry out improvement works at Selskar Graveyard and requested an undertaking that when these improvements were completed, the Corporation would maintain them. The Chamber also intimated that at a later date, they intended to co-operate with the Redmond Park Committee and the Maudlintown Childrens' Playground Committee with a view to helping both Committees.

It was unanimously agreed that the Junior Chamber should be complimented on its proposals, and that when the work at Selskar Graveyard was completed, it should be maintained by the Corporation.

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FESTIVAL LIGHTING

Application from the Junior Chamber for the usual grant towards the decorative lighting of the Town during the Wexford Opera Festival to be held in October, 1969, was read and on the proposal of Alderman Kevin Morris, seconded by Alderman James Jenkins, it was agreed that a grant of £250 be made. Alderman Mahoney and Councillor Peter Roche dissenting.

VACANCY ON TOWN OF WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

His Worship the Mayor proposed and Councillor Flaherty seconded, and it was agreed unanimously to appoint Rev. Matthew Doyle, Administrator, Wexford, to fill the vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, caused by the resignation of Very Rev. Thomas Murphy, P.P.

LEASING OF FACTORY SITE TO CANNON BUILDINGS LTD.

In accordance with notice given on 23rd September, 1969, it was unanimously agreed that a plot of land at Whitemill containing approximately $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres be leased to Cannon Buildings Ltd. 13, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2, at a rent of £60 per acre per annum, on which the lessors propose to erect a factory. The proposer was Alderman Kevin Morris and the seconder was Alderman James Jenkins.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, it was agreed that the Report of the Tidy Towns Competition should be adjourned to the next meeting.

CAR PARKS

A memorial from residents of the Bull Ring and North Main Street areas regarding the use of the Market Place as a car park was adjourned to the next meeting.

QUESTIONS

Councillor Corish was informed:

- (i) that the agent for the owner of No. 1, Trinity Place had been made aware of the repairs necessary to the house;
- (ii) that the railings at Maudlintown houses had been broken by persons in the area;
- (iii) that the gutters on Maudlintown houses had been painted 10 years ago, and that the cleaning of the same was the responsibility of the occupier of the dwelling;
- (iv) that no complaints had been received regarding faulty electric wiring at Maudlintown houses and that faults arising may be due to overloading the wiring.

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Councillor Peter Roche was informed:-

- (i) that inspection of the lighting of Kennedy Park had been arranged and the position would be remedied;
- (ii) that it was possible for His Worship the Mayor to call a special meeting of the Borough Council to discuss any relevant matter, but not while the matter was sub-judice;
- (iii) that work will commence on 150 houses at Whitemill as soon as the necessary Departmental Sanction to the acceptance of the tender and the borrowing of the money comes to hand.

Alderman James Mahoney was informed that the Corporation would not put a tarmac surface on Stonebridge Lane, as it was a private laneway. The Acting Borough Engineer agreed to examine the land.

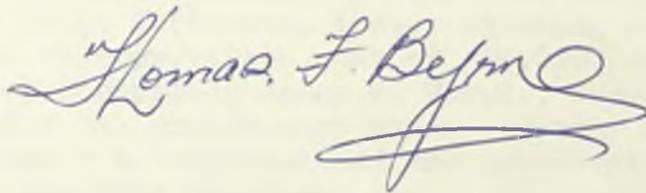
MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE

On the proposal of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was agreed that the allowance of the Mayor for the quarter ended 30th September, 1969, be fixed at £180 (One hundred and eighty pounds).

OVERDRAFT

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £80,000 was approved for the quarter ending 31st December, 1969.

The meeting then terminated.



20th October, 1969.

A Special Meeting of the Housing Committee of the Wexford Borough Council was held on Monday, 20th October, 1969, at half past eight o'clock p.m., at the Municipal Buildings, Wexford.

Those present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair;

Aldermen: James Mahoney, James Jenkins and Kevin C. Morris;

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

In attendance: County Manager, Chief Medical Officer, Town Clerk, Acting Borough Engineer, Housing Engineer and Borough Accountant.

LETTING OF HOUSES

The Chief Medical Officer, Dr. B. Finucane, gave the meeting a very detailed explanation of the application and working of the "Points System" in use, for establishing priorities in the need for housing. All those present expressed approval of the report and it was agreed that the system was working satisfactorily.

COST OF KENNEDY PARK SCHEME

The Town Clerk presented a report from the Housing Engineer setting out the cost of the Kennedy Park housing scheme, showing extras involved. The scheme was stated to be almost finished and the members expressed approval of the report. Alderman Jenkins raised the question of system built houses and was informed that the latter were no cheaper than the conventional house.

FERRYBANK

It was reported that preliminary plans had been prepared by the Architects for Stage 2 (heated, indoor swimming pool) of the Ferrybank Development at an approximate cost of £85,000, and it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Alderman Kevin C. Morris, that the preliminary plans - a copy of which was examined by the members - be approved and the Architects authorised to proceed with the detailed drawings.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

3rd November, 1969.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held on Monday, 3rd November, 1969, at half past seven o'clock p.m., at the Municipal Buildings, Wexford, the members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: Kevin C. Morris and James Mahoney.

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

In attendance: John J. Byrne, Town Clerk; Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; Denis J. Casey, B.E., Acting Borough Surveyor and J.A.V. Merriman, Borough Accountant.

Alderman James Jenkins, being unable to be present, sent apologies.

FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

His Worship the Mayor proposed and Alderman Kevin C. Morris seconded the motion:- "That by virtue of the Municipal Privileges Act, Ireland, 1876, the Honorary Freedom of this, the ancient Borough of Wexford, be conferred on Mr. John Joseph Byrne, Town Clerk, Wexford, as a mark of our appreciation of his outstanding service to the Borough of Wexford, extending over forty two years, thirty seven of which were in the office of Town Clerk".

The motion was supported by all present, each of whom expressed appreciation of the Town Clerk's long and distinguished services to Wexford Corporation. The County Manager also expressed his tribute to the work of the Town Clerk, whose retirement was a great loss not only to Wexford, but to Local Government throughout the County. Mr. Byrne returned thanks to those present.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Alderman Kevin C. Morris, seconded by Councillor Desmond Corish, the minutes of the previous meeting, which had been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

LETTER FROM MR. MWASE M. MANDA

A letter from Mr. Mwase M. Manda, Personnel Officer, City of Kitwe, Zambia, was read. Mr. Manda expressed gratitude to the Corporation for the manner in which he had been given practical training in the local government administration by Wexford Corporation officials, when a student in this country in 1963/64. The letter was noted with approval and His Worship the Mayor wished Mr. Manda well in his career and stated that the Corporation was happy that his training has proved such a success.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CORISH (ADJOURNED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING)

Councillor Corish proposed "That in view of the difficulties experienced in the last few months in Wexford Clinic concerning:-

- (i) the dispensing of prescriptions;
- (ii) the services of a dentist; and
- (iii) the general dissatisfaction with regard to

hospital services, this Corporation calls on the Health Authority to take all necessary steps to impress upon the Minister for Health, the immediate necessity to improve medical services generally and particularly those concerning hospitalisation."

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His Worship the Mayor seconded the motion which was supported by those present. The County Manager reported on improvements which were being brought into the Health Services in the County, in particular, the scheme for having prescriptions dealt with by Pharmacists, the appointment of a supervising Dentist and extensions to the Wexford County Hospital. This was considered very satisfactory by the meeting and the proposer suggested that a motion such as the foregoing should be proposed at intervals to ensure that the matter of hospital services in the area was not lost sight of.

REPORT OF TIDY TOWN COMPETITION - ADJOURNED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.

The report having been circulated was taken as read. It was agreed that efforts should be made to engage the help of local voluntary committees next year with a view to securing a higher place. Councillor Peter Roche expressed disagreement with the findings of the judges as stated in the report.

PROVISION OF CAR PARKS

The Town Clerk reported the position up to date on the subject of off-street car parks. A memorandum, signed by thirty three people resident in the Bull Ring area, requesting that the Market Place be converted for use as a car park, was read and after discussion, it was decided on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Kevin C. Morris, that the matter be deferred pending a decision by the Department on the financing of the projects.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Councillor John Flaherty proposed and Alderman Kevin C. Morris seconded and it was unanimously agreed that His Worship the Mayor should represent the Borough Council on a Traffic Management Study Group for the Borough.

It was agreed that His Worship the Mayor, in consultation with the Town Clerk, should fix a date for a meeting of the Road Safety Committee.

REGIONAL CO-ORDINATING BODY

The Manager reported that it was proposed to form Regional Co-ordinating bodies for Planning (similar to that in operation for Limerick, Clare and North Tipperary) in all regions, and Councillor Flaherty proposed and Councillor James J. Morris seconded that His Worship the Mayor should represent Wexford Borough on that body and it was agreed unanimously.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN JAMES JENKINS

The motion "That progress reports be submitted on Housing Schemes at Thomas Clarke Place and Talbot Street/Green Street" was deferred to the next meeting at the request of the proposer.

RELIEF GRANTS

A letter from the Department of Local Government intimating that no money was available for allocation under subhead J of the Local Government Vote for Employment Schemes in Urban Areas.

All present deplored the announcement and after discussion, it was agreed that the Minister should be asked to review the matter in view of the fact that Wexford had no new industries established, which would alleviate unemployment. It was further agreed that the matter should be put before Deputies Allen, Browne, Corish and Esmonde, who should be asked to interest themselves in the matter.

MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR PETER ROCHE

- (a) Councillor Peter Roche proposed "That a special meeting of this Council be held to discuss housing repairs". It was agreed following a discussion to hold such a meeting on Monday 17/11/1969 at 8.30 p.m.
- (b) Councillor Peter Roche proposed and Alderman James Mahoney seconded the following motion:-
"That this Council instruct its officials to carry out an immediate survey of all possible housing sites in the northern end of the town, with a view to building in this dying area in the not too distant future".

All those present supported the motion, in the discussion which followed, and the Town Clerk outlined negotiations which are in progress regarding the acquisition of land in the north end of the Borough, which was considered satisfactory.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS ROCHE

It was proposed by Councillor Thomas Roche and seconded by Councillor Desmond Corish "That inspection and necessary repairs and replacement to railings at Corporation houses in the Maudlintown area be carried out". An estimate of the cost was given by the Acting Borough Engineer which provided for approximately two hundred yards of railing costing £600. The matter was discussed and it was agreed to bring it forward to the estimates for 1970/71.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN JAMES MAHONEY

Alderman Mahoney moved and Councillor Peter Roche seconded the motion "That clearance and cleansing of the Talbot Street/Green Street area and other areas containing ruinous buildings be carried out as soon as possible". The Town Clerk explained that the area was subject to a Compulsory Purchase Order and that there were the problems of re-housing those still resident in it, and the financial resources to enable the work to be done and in addition the premises had to be formally taken over in accordance with the law. The Town Clerk assured the members that the matter would be dealt with as soon as possible.

SALARIES

Salary increases of 4% on the first £1,800 and 3% on the balance, to take effect from 1st June, 1969, for the Councils' officials, were unanimously approved and it was agreed that the sum of £750 to cover this expenditure in 1969/70 to be provided on the proposal of Councillor John Cullimore seconded by Councillor James J. Morris.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CORISH

(a) Councillor Desmond Corish proposed and His Worship the Mayor seconded the motion "That a survey be made of road in Wolfe Tone Villas with a view to repairing same, where subsidence has taken place". It was stated by His Worship the Mayor that the Acting Borough Engineer had made a survey and estimated that the necessary repairs would cost £320.

(b) Councillor Corish proposed "That the third pathway (which had been cut out) in Bishopswater centre, be completed without delay, as present condition is dangerous to pedestrians". His Worship the Mayor stated that the work would be carried out and charged against the Urban Employment Scheme Grant for the year 1968/69. This was approved.

SCHEME FOR REMISSION OF RATES

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Alderman Kevin C. Morris, it was agreed unanimously that the draft scheme for remission of rates be deferred.

SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION

Councillor John Flaherty proposed, Councillor Fintan O'Leary seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Alderman Kevin C. Morris be appointed to represent the Council at the Annual Meeting of the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation to be held in Kilkenny on 27th November, 1969.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL'S ENGINEERS

(a) A report on the provision of handrails and pram ramps at Kennedy Park was submitted, stating that the provision of the latter would cost £365 and sanction of the Department of Local Government would be required. It was agreed that the necessary sanction should be sought.

(b) A report on the promenade at Ferrybank stated that the dry filling had shifted and concrete slabs were undermined and that replacement stones, filling and pointing would cost £300. It was agreed to apply the amount provided as the local contribution for grant works for the year should be applied to have this work carried out.

(c) The Acting Borough Engineer reported that it had been agreed that street sweepers should not be used in bin collection, but when the regular bin men refuse to work overtime or are shorthanded, a man must be taken off the sweepers to complete the collection. This stems from the fact that the Corporation has the minimum amount of labour employed and it would not be feasible to take a man from the Labour Exchange for one day or two. It was decided that sweepers should be kept on street cleansing.

(d) A report on the provision of road and avenue name plates at Maudlintown stated that the erection of the thirteen necessary plates would cost £70. It was agreed that this work should be carried out from the current estimate.

(e) The report on the position of fuel tanks at M/s Sherrards, Carriglawn, stated that the petrol tank is not over the water main, it is approximately thirty feet therefrom and about six feet below the main and is of ten thousand gallon capacity. This was considered satisfactory.

(f) On the water supply, it was estimated that to carry out the pumping necessary to maintain the supply during the dry weather was costing about £225 per week. It was agreed that when the water supply has come back to normal, an estimate of the total additional cost will be brought before the Council.

REPLIES TO QUESTIONS

Councillor Peter Roche was informed:-

1. That arrangements have been made with the Electricity Supply Board to alter all lighting at Kennedy Park to the new system and to extend the same to the last pole on the Whitemill Road (Cullen's House). It is not possible to extend further as no further poles are available and to have new poles erected would be a waste, in view of the Electricity Supply Board's intention to alter the existing network in the area. It was estimated by the Acting Borough Surveyor that the widening of the road at Kennedy Park would cost £2,400.

2. That the order for the pedestrian crossing at Maudlintown/Faythe/William Street was with the Electricity Supply Board and that in addition, the corner would be improved.

3. That neither the Bishopswater nor the Corish Park/Kennedy Park roads are the main road out to the "New Line", the official main road being King Street/Distillery Road.

4. That sanction to the 150 house scheme at Whitemill has not yet been received.

5. That the slabs which had been placed round the car park at St. Peter's Square had been removed.

Councillor Thomas Roche was informed:-

1. That the following were the numbers of houses built in each year since 1960:-

1960/61	22	1965/66	32
1961/62	8	1966/67	28
1962/63	23	1967/68	38
1963/64	18	1968/69	40
1964/65	24	and from 1/4/1969 to 3/11/1969	- 24.

2. That the 12 houses in Davitt Road South will be completed by February, 1970.

3. That the number of people on the list for houses was:-

at 31/10/1967	180
Plus: Received since	177
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	357
Less: Re-housed since	80
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Leaving at present	277

4. That in the purchase of cast iron goods used in building schemes, the Corporation was compelled to buy from those whose names are on the Combined Purchasing List or who submitted the lowest tender.

5. That all gully traps are cleaned and disinfected frequently.

Alderman James Mahoney was informed that:-

1. Three new signs indicating the route to the Town Centre from the Faythe/William Street would cost £20, in addition to the large sign already there.

2. "Go-Slow" signs can be erected for the protection of the children at the entrances to Bishopswater, Croke Avenue and Slaney Street, but it was doubtful if they would have any slowing effect on traffic as these places were already in the 30 mile speed limit zone. The cost would be £20.

3. Very little can be done to repair steel window sashes in St. Aidan's Crescent, other than renew them with timber ones costing between £6 and £14 per window, depending on size.

Alderman Kevin C. Morris proposed that the Council extend thanks to the organisers of the 1969 Wexford Festival and the Garda and all who helped to make it such a great success. His Worship the Mayor, seconded and the other members concurred.

Councillor Fintan O'Leary referred to the state of the slabs in the centre of Swan View and the fact that grass was growing between the slabs. The Acting Borough Surveyor stated that he would treat the area with sodium chlorate, which was approved.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

18th November, 1969.

A special meeting of the Housing Committee of the Wexford Borough Council was held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, on Tuesday, 18th November, 1969, at eight o'clock p.m., the members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Thos. F. Byrne, in the chair.

Ald.: K.C. Morris, Jas. Jenkins and Jas. Mahoney.

Clrs.: John Dunne and P. Roche.

In attendance: Acting Borough Engineer and Acting Town Clerk.

HOUSING REPAIRS.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss repairs to the Council's houses and at his request, the Acting Borough Engineer gave a comprehensive statement on the repairs to houses in the years 1968/69 and in the current year to date. The current year's estimate had provided £6100 for house repairs (approx. £5.10.0d. per house) and to date about £3,000 to meet repairs up to 31st March, 1970. The Engineer suggested that the Council might consider giving sections of the housing estate to be repaired by contractors. A lengthy discussion ensued and it was agreed that the work at present being done was satisfactory and that schemes for maintenance of houses should be brought in by the Acting Borough Engineer for the preliminary Estimates Committee Meetings.

WATER SUPPLY

A report on the water supply was read and showed the improvement in the position brought about by the recent rains. It was hoped that curtailment of the supply and night pumping would soon be discontinued.

Appreciation was expressed of the work done by the Engineer and other employees for their efforts to maintain the supply in very difficult circumstances.

SCHOOL MEALS

Approval was given to the supply of school buns to the Handicapped Children's School in St. Michael's Hall. The extra cost for 1969/70 of £50 was unanimously approved on the proposal of Ald. Kevin Morris seconded by Ald. Jas. Jenkins.

PURCHASE OF LAND AT FERRYBANK AND HILL STREET

It was reported that the land for the purchase of which negotiations had been opened with the Ely House Nursing Home, would not be available as the owners were not willing to sell. It was agreed that the nuns should be informed that the Corporation would Compulsorily acquire the land, if necessary.

Negotiations for the purchase of land at Hill Street from the Sisters of St. John of God were reported to be going ahead.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

1st December, 1969.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held on Monday, 1st December, 1969, at half past seven o'clock p.m., at the Municipal Buildings, Wexford, the members present being:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: Kevin C. Morris, James Jenkins and James Mahoney.

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

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Councillor Fintan O'Leary who was unable to attend.

In attendance: Mr. Thomas F. Brce, County Manager and J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk.

SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION

His Worship the Mayor suggested that as a deputation from S.E.R.T.O. was waiting, the meeting should deal with item No. 3 on the Agenda first, and he introduced the members of the deputation, viz. Mr. Nolan from S.E.R.T.O. Office, Waterford, Mrs. Barbara Wallace, Development Officer for Wexford and Mr. Michael J. Cusack, Manager, S.E.R.T.O. who led the deputation. Mr. Cusack then outlined very clearly the many and varied services of the Tourism Organisation and plans for expansion in the coming year. He noted the contribution paid by Wexford Corporation for 1969/70 was £100. whereas the Corporation was empowered to contribute up to approximately £420 and he asked that in the coming year, the maximum contribution should be paid. His Worship the Mayor thanked Mr. Cusack for his statement and assured the deputation that full consideration would be given to the matter when the Estimates for 1970/71 were being adopted. The deputation then withdrew.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 3rd November, 1969, and 18th November, 1969, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed by His Worship the Mayor, on the proposal of Alderman Kevin Morris, seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche.

It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Alderman Kevin Morris, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, that members should not put down more than three questions on the Agenda in addition to not more than two motions.

SYMPATHY

Councillor John Cullimore proposed a vote of sympathy with Alderman James Jenkins and other members of his family on the death of his Uncle Mr. Coe, Councillor Desmond Corish seconded and all present concurred. The motion was adopted in respectful silence.

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REMUNERATION OF OUTDOOR STAFF

The County Manager informed the Council of the pay increase for lower paid workers in the employment of Wexford Corporation, which would mean an increase in remuneration of £1 per week with effect from 1st June, 1969, with pro rata increases for employees whose remuneration is related to the labourers rate. His Worship the Mayor proposed the granting of the increase in accordance with the Manager's recommendation, Councillor James J. Morris seconded and it was unanimously approved.

The granting of service pay at the rate of 5/- per week after five years; 10/- per week after ten years; 15/- per week after fifteen years and £1 per week after twenty years, with effect from 1st December, 1969, was unanimously approved on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Desmond Corish.

HOUSE AT NO. 38, THE FAYTHE

His Worship the Mayor opened tenders for the purchase of No. 38, The Faythe, which were then referred to the County Manager for attention.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Alderman James Jenkins proposed "That Wexford Corporation calls on Wexford County Council to follow the example of Kildare County Council and appoint a full time Industrial Development Officer". Alderman James Mahoney seconded the motion. The County Manager outlined the present position regarding the officer who dealt with small industries and Industrial Development generally. Alderman Jenkins accepted the County Manager's statement and asked leave of the meeting to defer the motion and introduce it again at a later date, which was agreed.

CORNMARKET

Alderman James Jenkins proposed and Councillor John Flaherty seconded "That a report on the abandoned objects in Cornmarket be prepared". The motion was agreed and His Worship the Mayor directed that a report of the Health Inspector should be obtained and that action should be taken for removal of the objects.

SUB-POST OFFICE

It was proposed by Councillor Thomas Roche, seconded by Councillor Desmond Corish and agreed unanimously "That there is an urgent need for a Sub-post office in the Bishopswater/Wolfe Tone/Whitemill/Corish Park/Kennedy Park area and that the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs be asked to consider the matter".

MAINTENANCE OF HOUSES AT MAUDLINTOWN

Councillor Thomas Roche proposed and Alderman James Mahoney seconded "That gutters and downpipes etc. on the houses in Maudlintown area are urgently in need of repairs and believe this is the Corporation's responsibility, as they are owners of same". A report from the Acting Borough Engineer stated that such maintenance was carried out as required.

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INDUSTRIAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman James Mahoney "That an Industrial Liaison Committee be set up between this Council and the Chamber of Commerce or Industrial Development Authority". It was stated by Alderman Kevin Morris that there were three members of the Council on the existing liaison committee who undertook to raise the matter of direct representation of the Corporation at the next meeting of the liaison committee. This was agreed.

RATES RELIEF SCHEME

The motion "That in any Rates Relief Scheme drawn up by this Council, consideration be given to the repayment of Rates by monthly instalments and that where rates were paid in one sum, some discount be allowed for early payment" was proposed by Councillor Peter Roche and seconded by Alderman James Mahoney. The County Manager informed the Council that there is in existence a scheme for payment of rates by instalments and that, save for discount which was allowed under the Rates on Small Dwellings Act, 1928, the allowance of any discount would require enabling legislation to be enacted by the Oireachtas,

HOUSING

Alderman James Mahoney proposed "That all people who become homeless through no fault of their own, be given priority on the Housing List". The motion was seconded by Councillor Peter Roche. The County Manager referred to the present system of placing applicants in order of priority by the allocation of points in accordance with the system brought into operation by direction of the Council and which had been declared by the Council to be working satisfactorily. It was agreed after discussion that the points system in use at present should be adhered to.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Councillor Desmond Corish proposed and His Worship the Mayor seconded the motion "That in view of the unsatisfactory lighting in Bishopswater, this Corporation agrees that sufficient allocation be made in the Estimates for 1970/71 to provide adequate and sufficient lighting in this area". It was agreed that the matter be considered at the preparation of the next estimates.

SALARIES

Alderman Kevin Morris proposed, Councillor James J. Morris seconded and it was unanimously agreed that an increase of £51 per annum be paid to Rent Collectors employed by the Corporation with effect from 1st April, 1967.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions, Alderman Jenkins was informed that:-

1. there is an overall scheme for the Talbot Street/Green Street area; sixty-four houses could be erected immediately out of a total of 98 for the whole area; architects have been appointed and when plans are ready, tenders would be invited and sanction would be required before the scheme could start.

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2. Contract documents have been prepared for extension of the water and sewerage to the industrial site and it is proposed to do the work as an extension to the Whitemill Scheme, subject to sanction of the Department of Local Government.

Councillor Thomas Roche was informed in reply to questions that:-

1. there are five lights inside Bishopswater and in the Engineer's opinion one other light on the northern road would be sufficient;
2. that public lighting from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. each morning was being provided while the need existed;
3. that it was not lawful for the Corporation to subsidise a free supply of gas for cooking for those entitled to free electricity as old age pensioners;
4. that there is a chain link fence for protection at the rear of houses at Casement Terrace;
5. that there is no traffic hazard at the telephone kiosk at St. John's Road;
6. that the third pathway in Bishopswater will be completed out of the 1969/70 estimates.

Councillor John Dunne was informed in reply to questions that:-

1. as a result of the Traffic Survey, a pedestrian crossing will be laid at the New Bridge;
2. the Corporation were the custodians of Selskar Abbey, except for the portion which constituted an ancient monument and came under the Office of Public Works;
3. there has been no further developments regarding the Town Hall, Cornmarket, being converted to a Picture Gallery or Museum.

Councillor Peter Roche was informed in reply to questions that:-

1. the area at Monument Place is down for realignment early in the new year and that pedestrian crossings and parking places will be marked in;
2. at present there is no one employed at Edenvale, one man had been employed there and another had been taken on in a temporary capacity during the water shortage;
3. the road at Batt Street would be repaired;
4. two plasterers, two apprentice plasterers, one mason and one apprentice mason, one carpenter (part-time) six labourers and one watchman are employed at the Davitt Road South (12 Bungalows) Scheme;
5. sanction has not yet been received for the 150 house scheme;
6. permission was given to the tenant of 14 Bernadette Place for the erection of a wire fence at the premises;
7. permission was not refused to residents of Francis Street who sought to make back entrances to dwellings, but that the matter could not be dealt with until the Thomas Clarke Place housing scheme was complete.

1st December, 1969.

Alderman James Mahoney was informed that plans were in progress for the relief of the King Street flooding.

Before the meeting concluded, Councillor John Dunne asked permission to propose that Standing Orders be suspended as he wished to bring in a resolution. This was agreed and Councillor Dunne proposed: "That we the members of Wexford Corporation, demand the repeal of the Special Powers Act and the immediate release of Malachy McGurran and Francis MacAirt, who are held in Crumlin Road Jail for the past four months without trial or charge under this infamous Act".

The motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris, supported by each member present and passed unanimously. His Worship the Mayor directed that copies of the motion should be sent to the Prime Minister of Great Britain, the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland and the British Home Secretary.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

5th January, 1970.

A quarterly meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held at the Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at seven thirty p.m., on Monday, 5th January, 1970, the members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair;

Aldermen: James Mahoney, James Jenkins and Kevin C. Morris;

Councillors:- John Cullimore and Peter Roche.

Cluncillor John Dunne being unable to attend through illness, sent apologies.

In attendance:- County Manager, Acting Borough Engineer and Acting Town Clerk.

SYMPATHY

A resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late William Power, a former member of the Council, was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Kevin C. Morris and supported by all members and officials present.

A similar resolution with the relatives of the late Patrick Sheehan was proposed by Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor and supported by all present. Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor John Cullimore, seconded by Alderman Kevin C. Morris, the minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

RESIGNATION OF THE HOUSING ENGINEER.

The County Manager announced the resignation with effect from 30th January, 1970, of Mr. Thomas J. Millar, Housing Engineer. The Manager paid tribute to Mr. Millar's work for the Corporation over a period of thirty years and on his own behalf and on that of the staff, he wished Mr. Millar well in his retirement. The Manager announced proposals for the Acting Borough Engineer to carry on the Housing Schemes in progress. All members paid tribute to Mr. Millar and approved the proposals of the Manager.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES 1969/70

A letter from the Department of Local Government in reply to the Council's request for a grant for Employment Schemes in 1969/70, which stated that no funds for new schemes were available and that the Minister has no power to make allocations over and above the sum provided in the Estimate for that service, was read and noted.

CHLORINATION OF WATER SUPPLY

A report dated 2/1/1970 (copy attached) concerning the breakdown of the chlorination plant at Coolree Reservoir was submitted by the Acting Borough Engineer. The recommendations concerning the purchase of a new chlorination plant were approved unanimously and it was agreed after discussion that a report concerning the Water Improvement Scheme should be brought before the next meeting of the Council.

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

C.18/12.

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

16th December, 1969.

To each member of the
Wexford Borough Council.

In compliance with the provision of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 88 (3) of the Housing Act, 1966, notice is hereby given that it is proposed to convey :-

- (i) A plot of land at Whitemill containing approximately 1.03 acres;
- (ii) Acquired from Mr. John Sinnott;
- (iii) To Glindon Tree Confectioners Ltd.;
- (iv) For the sum of £750;
- (v) On which the Company proposes to erect a factory.

J.A.V. Merriman,
ACTING TOWN CLERK.

It was proposed by Alderman James Mahoney seconded by Councillor Peter Roche "that the Health Authority be requested to grant medical cards to anyone whose income was less than his tax free allowance". The County Manager described very fully to the meeting procedure for the issue of medical cards throughout the county and particularly in the Borough. The Manager's report was considered satisfactory.

5th January, 1970.

SALE OF LAND FOR FACTORY SITE

Consequent upon formal notice (copy attached) given to members of the Council on 16th December, 1969, in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 88(3) of the Housing Act, 1966, whereby the Council intended to demise a plot of land at Whitemill containing 1.03 acres approximately, which was acquired from Mr. John Sinnott, to Glindon Tree Confectioners Ltd., for the sum of £750 on which the company proposes to erect a factory. His Worship the Mayor proposed and Alderman James Mahoney seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the land be demised to Glindon Tree Confectioners Ltd. in accordance with the terms specified in the notice.

Arising out of the foregoing and following upon enquiries received from people interested in setting up industries, the Manager suggested that the Council should consider the possibility of erecting a factory premises for leasing to an industrialist. It was decided that proposals should be prepared by the officials and placed before the Council for consideration.

DIFFERENTIAL RENTS

Councillor Peter Roche proposed and Alderman Mahoney seconded the motion "that in housing schemes where the differential system of rent applies, our officials examine the possibility of increasing the allowance of 10/= per child to 15/=". The meeting was informed that a review of the scheme of differential or graded rents was in progress and in view of this, Councillor Roche asked that the motion be deferred, which was agreed.

A discussion on Housing followed and it was decided that the four Dail Deputies representing Wexford Constituency should be asked to request the Minister for Local Government to receive a deputation from the Council to discuss the sanction of a loan of £414,000 for the erection of 150 houses at Whitemill.

RENT TRIBUNALS

The motion "that this Corporation again call on the Minister for Justice to introduce legislation for the setting up of Rent Tribunals so that some control can be exercised over rents of dwellings which are let in separate tenements" was proposed by Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and passed unanimously.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOHN DUNNE

Motions and questions by Councillor John Dunne were, at his own request, deferred to the next meeting.

HEALTH SERVICES

It was proposed by Alderman James Mahoney seconded by Councillor Peter Roche "that the Health Authority be requested to grant medical cards to anyone whose income was less than his tax free allowance". The County Manager described very fully to the meeting procedure for the issue of medical cards throughout the county and particularly in the Borough. The Manager's report was considered satisfactory.

5th January, 1970.

Councillor Peter Roche in reply to questions was informed:-

1. (a) that 7 fireplaces have been installed in Bishopswater houses;
(b) that approximately £300 of the sum estimated in 1969/70 remains;
(c) that the installations will be completed by 31/3/1970.
2. That an order has been placed for a street name plate in Whiterock View;
3. That an order for the work on the pedestrian crossing had been placed with the Electricity Supply Board and acknowledged on 13/11/1969;
that it would take approximately six weeks for delivery of the necessary equipment and that the County Council were ready to carry out preliminary works immediately notification was received from the Board.
4. Alderman Mahoney was informed that the roadway at Harper's Lane which had been repaired would be examined by the Acting Borough Engineer.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

2nd February, 1970.

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.

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, was in the chair, and the following were also present:-

Aldermen: Kevin Morris, James Jenkins and James MaMONEY.

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

Apologies were received from Councillor Desmond Corish who was unable to be present.

Mr. Thomas F. Bree, County Manager, Mr. D. J. Casey, B.E., Acting Borough Surveyor and J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk were in attendance.

SYMPATHY

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor John Cullimore, a resolution of sympathy with the family of the late Mr. Aidan Doyle, a retired Rent Collector of Wexford Corporation, was adopted unanimously in respectful silence. The County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Corporation joined with the members in the expression of sympathy.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor, on the proposal of Alderman Kevin Morris, seconded by Councillor John Cullimore.

SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION

A draft constitution for the proposed South Eastern Regional Development Organisation, which had been circulated to members was explained in some detail by the County Manager. Having expressed his views on the matter, each member agreed that the draft constitution should be approved.

PURCHASE OF LAND AT WYGRAM FOR HOUSING

A letter from Mr. R. E. Corish, Auctioneer, was read indicating that the St. John of God Nuns, were willing to sell 2.8 acres (approximately) at Wygram to the Corporation for the sum of £1,700 with the requirement that a nine foot wall would be built on the boundary of the adjoining Convent grounds to which the Nuns would contribute £250. The matter was discussed and it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris, that a deputation consisting of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor John Flaherty, The County Manager, Acting Borough Surveyor and Acting Town Clerk, should call on Rev. Mother General to discuss the cost and try to obtain some more favourable terms.

2nd February, 1970.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Two tenders for the installation of a new Chlorinator at Coolree were notified by Mr. John B. Barry, Consulting Engineer. They were from Messrs Mahon and MacPhillips for £962.0.Od. and from Public Works Services Ltd. for £676.2.Od. Alderman Kevin Morris proposed, Councillor James J. Morris seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that the tender of Public Works Services Ltd. be accepted.

Mr. John B. Barry, Consulting Engineer, reported in a letter that it was hoped to have completed drawings, Bills of Quantities and Specification ready, in approximately six weeks. The report was noted with approval.

JOHN'S GATE STREET HOUSING SCHEME

The Acting Borough Engineer submitted a report in which he recommended that the cleared site at John's Gate Street should be retained for a Car Park for about forty cars, as it was rear to the central business district and he requested that the building of houses on the site should be deferred. Discussion followed and it was agreed unanimously that the site be used for smaller type dwellings.

DEFECTIVE EAVE GUTTERS

A report by the Acting Borough Engineer referred to eave gutters which were defective and causing a nuisance to passers by in wet weather and stating that eleven notices had been served. The report was noted.

CONTROL OF RENTS

A letter from the Department of Justice following a resolution at the previous meeting on the subject of control of rents of properties let in separate tenements referred to a previous letter, dated 14th January, 1969, on the same subject. The letter indicated that "the scope and policy of rent control were fully considered by the Oireachtas in connection with the Rent Restrictions (Amendment) Act, 1967, and the Minister has no proposals at the present time for new legislation in this regard". The letter was noted.

HOUSING SCHEME WHITEMILL

A letter from the Department of Local Government was read which gave the sanction of the Minister to the acceptance of the tender of Irish Excavation Ltd. with stated modifications for the erection of one hundred and fifty houses at Whitemill. The original contract price was £402,358. 1. 11d.; items amounting to a total of £26,858. 7. Od. were deleted, leaving the final approved contract figure at £375,499-14-11d. The letter was noted with unanimous approval.

DANBY PAINTING IN COUNCIL CHAMBER

A letter from Colonel D.E.C. Price of Kilmokea, Campile, was read, requesting to have the Danby Painting taken to Dublin to have it restored in order that it could be exhibited in Autumn, 1970, for the Danby centenary. It was agreed after discussion that an estimate of the cost should be obtained before a decision would be taken.

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MEMORANDUM FROM OLD WEXFORD SOCIETY

The Acting Town Clerk informed the meeting that a memorandum containing suggestions for improvement of certain areas in the Borough which were of interest to tourists had been received that day and the matter was deferred for a report at the next meeting.

MOTION AT DECEMBER, 1969 MEETING

A letter from the British Home Office was read concerning a motion for the abolition of a Special Powers Act in Northern Ireland and the case of two men held in Belfast prison. The letter was noted.

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ENGINEER

The Acting Town Clerk reported that the Local Appointments Commissioners had recommended Mr. Kevin T. Conway, B.E. for the vacant post of Wexford Borough Engineer. The appointment was approved unanimously.

SELSKAR ABBEY

Councillor John Dunne proposed, Alderman James Mahoney seconded, and it was agreed unanimously "That this Council request the Board of Works to take immediate steps for the complete restoration of Selskar Abbey Tower as an ancient Monument". It was decided that a copy of the resolution should be sent to the Board of Works.

REFUSE DUMP

Councillor Dunne proposed and Alderman Mahoney seconded the motion: "That the refuse dump remain open for one hour later than the present hours in operation, one evening a week to enable traders and others to dispose of accumulated refuse". Discussion followed and the resolution was adopted unanimously, Councillor Dunne having agreed that "Two hours on Saturday mornings" should be substituted for "one hour later one evening a week". It was further agreed that this should be tried for a period of two months.

PROPOSED VESTING OF NO. 38, THE FAYTHE.

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris and agreed unanimously, that the vesting of No. 38, The Faythe, Wexford, in Fintan Murphy, be approved in accordance with the notice given to members on 14th January, 1970.

MEDICAL CARD HOLDERS

Councillor Peter Roche proposed "That this Council deplores the fact that Medical Card holders are denied the choice of selecting their own doctor, particularly in cases of emergency". The County Manager explained that legislation would provide this facility in the near future when the new Regional Health Authorities were in operation. Councillor Roche agreed to withdraw the motion in view of the Manager's statement.

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HOUSING SCHEME AT WHITEMILL

The motion "That this Council request an immediate answer from the Department of Local Government whether they are or not going to sanction 150 house scheme at Whitemill", was withdrawn by Councillor Peter Roche in view of the letter from the Department of Local Government, giving sanction to the scheme, which had been placed before the meeting.

BANKING HOURS IN WEXFORD

It was proposed by Alderman James Jenkins seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris and unanimously agreed "That Wexford Corporation calls on Wexford's Commercial Banks to retain Friday as late closing day". It was further decided to forward a copy of the motion to the Irish Banks Standing Committee.

FERRYBANK COMMITTEE

Alderman James Jenkins proposed "That the Ferrybank Committee produce a report on the Wexford Municipal Caravan Site during 1969, and also the plans for the further development of the Ferrybank Site with particular reference to the Swimming Pool". The motion was seconded by Alderman James Mahoney and agreed unanimously.

MALICIOUS INJURIES

The motion "That the old British law relating to malicious injuries should be repealed" was proposed by Alderman James Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche and agreed unanimously. It was further agreed that a copy of the motion be forwarded to the Minister for Justice.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the proposal of Alderman Kevin Morris, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was agreed that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government should be sought for overdraft of £80,000 on Revenue Account, and £38,500 on Capital Account, to meet the needs of the Corporation for the quarter ending 31st March, 1970.

REGULATIONS FOR DOMESTIC SCAVENGING

The Acting Borough Engineer submitted proposed regulations for the Domestic Scavenging Service which the meeting agreed to adjourn to next meeting.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

In reply to questions, Councillor John Dunne was informed:-

1. that the surfacing of the car park in Abbey Street can be done out of next years Urban Roads Improvement Grant;
2. That the dumping of refuse on Mr. W. Rackard's property in Cornmarket was not the responsibility of Wexford Corporation, although it had been tidied up by the Corporation several times; that the property might be taken over by Sloans Ltd. for development and that the matter would then be settled;

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3. That the derelict houses beside the Town Hall are not all the property of the Corporation and that it was open to the owners to submit proposals for making them fit.

Councillor Peter Roche was informed in reply to questions:-

1. That street lighting in Kennedy Park, Corish Park and Bishopswater was supposed to be on from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and that the Electricity Supply Board would have the clocks reset and bulbs replaced where necessary.
2. That it would cost £30 to remedy the road outside Springs Ltd. between Gulbar/Antelope Road.
3. That there were thirteen left on the current housing list, that a new list would be available before the current list is exhausted and that transfers would be included where appropriate.

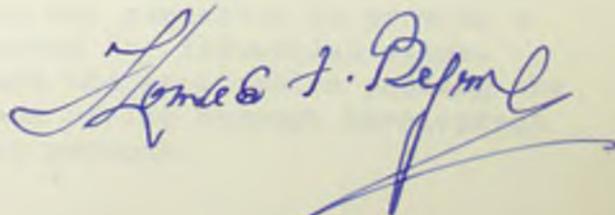
Alderman James Jenkins was informed in reply to questions:-

1. That the building of twelve bungalows at Davitt Road South started 18/7/1968; that they would be finished in March, 1970; that two carpenters, two plasterers, nine labourers and one watchman are employed on the site and that supervision is carried out by the Foreman and Housing Engineer; that the following work is necessary to complete the scheme viz: concrete floors to six houses, tile floors to twelve houses, plumbing to twelve houses, fencing, doors to be hung, and sink units fixed in ten houses and road and footpaths to be laid;
2. That negotiations are in progress for a site at Church Lane to provide a car park at Church Lane in order to ease the parking problem on the Quays;
3. That the Ferrybank Committee members are:-
His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Kevin Morris, Councillor James J. Morris and Councillor Peter Roche and that the Committee met about six times in the preceding year.

Alderman James Mahoney in reply to a question was informed that the Acting Borough Engineer would investigate a complaint of flooding at Morrissey's premises at South Main Street.

Councillor John Flaherty was informed that the Chief Medical Officer would be asked for his observations on the provision of a central abattoir in Wexford in view of the remarks on slaughterhouse conditions contained in his annual report.

The meeting then terminated.



9th March, 1970.

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 were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

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

Mr. Kevin T. Conway, B.E., Borough Engineer, Mr. J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk and Mr. Myles Redmond, Clerical Officer, were in attendance.

SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Alderman James Jenkins, seconded by Councillor John Cullimore, a resolution of sympathy with the family of the late Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, was adopted unanimously in respectful silence. The Acting Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and all the staff of the Corporation joined with the members in the expression of sympathy.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, were taken as read, approved unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor, on the proposal of Alderman Kevin Morris, seconded by Councillor John Flaherty.

CEREMONIAL ROBES

On the proposal of Councillor John Flaherty, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed that the Ceremonial Robes of Council members should be brought to the Municipal Buildings for safe keeping and conveyed by car to an assembly point when needed.

EASTER SUNDAY COMMEMORATION

A letter from the Wexford Branch of the National Graves' Association was read, in which an invitation was extended to His Worship the Mayor and members of the Borough Council to attend a parade to Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, at 11. o'clock a.m., and again the same afternoon to St. Ibar's Cemetery for commemoration ceremonies. It was agreed that members should attend. His Worship the Mayor agreed, on the request of Councillor Peter Roche, to appoint a deputy should he not be in a position to be present.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

A letter from the County Wexford St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee invited His Worship the Mayor and members of the Borough Council to participate in the parade to be held on St. Patrick's Day. It was agreed that members should accept the invitation.

SITE FOR HURLING CLUB AT INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

An application from the Faythe Harriers Hurling Club, Wexford, was read, in which the Corporation was requested to provide a site for a playing field in the area reserved for industrial sites. It was decided after discussion, to adjourn the application pending the coming into effect of the zoning provisions of the Borough Development Plan regarding the provision of recreation grounds.

SELSKAR ABBEY TOWER

An acknowledgement of a resolution passed at the previous meeting concerning the renovation of Selskar Abbey Tower was received from the Office of Public Works. It was read and noted.

MALICIOUS INJURIES

A letter from the Department of Justice stated that the details of a resolution passed at the previous meeting in connection with Malicious Injuries, which had been forwarded to the Department had been noted by the Minister.

BANKING HOURS IN WEXFORD

The Secretary, Irish Banks Standing Committee, in a letter, stated that the terms of a resolution concerning Banking hours in Wexford, which was passed at the previous Borough Council meeting, would be submitted to his Committee, so that member Banks might be aware of and give consideration to the request for a return to late opening on Fridays in Wexford. The letter was noted.

FERRYBANK CARAVAN PARK

A report (copy attached) on the operation of the Ferrybank Caravan Park in the 1969 season was submitted, following a resolution passed at the previous meeting. It was decided that copies of the report should be circulated to Council members.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris, it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Desmond Corish should be appointed as Wexford Corporation's nominee to attend the fourth Annual General Meeting of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

CINEMA LICENCES

Councillor John Cullimore proposed, Alderman James Jenkins seconded, and it was unanimously approved that licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, be renewed in respect of the Manageress of the Abbey Cinema for the year ending 20th January, 1971, and in respect of Wexford Cinema Palace for the year ending 30th April, 1970, subject to the conditions stated in the previous years licences.

NEW INDUSTRY

It was proposed by Alderman James Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche and unanimously agreed "that Wexford Borough Council call on the Minister for Industry and Commerce for an industry in Wexford Town that will employ five hundred male workers". It was decided that the terms of the resolution should be conveyed to the Minister referred to.

REPAIRS TO TENANT-PURCHASE HOUSES

Alderman James Mahoney proposed "that outstanding repairs on tenant-purchase houses be carried out". Councillor Peter Roche seconded the motion and discussion followed arising from which it was agreed that the Borough Engineer should prepare an estimate of the cost of such outstanding repairs.

9th March, 1970.

KING STREET FLOODING

Councillor Peter Roche proposed, Alderman James Mahoney seconded, and it was agreed "that we request the Consulting Engineer on the King Street Drainage Scheme to submit as soon as possible, plans, so that work may be undertaken shortly on this scheme". The Borough Engineer reported that tenders had been received for carrying out site investigation and this would be carried out within a few weeks after which plans could be completed by the Consulting Engineer. This was approved.

EMPLOYMENT OF LOCAL MEN IN NEW INDUSTRIES

The motion "that this Council appreciates the efforts of various bodies in the Town who have promoted the bringing of new industry to Wexford, but regrets so little local men are being employed in factories and other positions in the Town, while we still have a large pool of unemployed" was proposed by Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman James Mahoney and agreed unanimously.

HOUSES AT JOHN'S GATE STREET

It was proposed by Councillor John Dunne "that the remainder of the disused houses at John's Gate Street site be demolished and small flatlets for old people be erected thereon". His Worship the Mayor seconded and discussion followed. The motion was agreed with the additional provision suggested by Alderman James Jenkins that the County Manager should investigate the possibility of providing maisonettes on the site in order to provide the maximum number of dwellings consistent with modern standards.

DOMESTIC REFUSE

The proposal "that the residents on Main Street be requested to use only proper refuse containers" was moved by Councillor John Dunne. His Worship the Mayor requested that the resolution be deferred pending the making of regulations for the collection of Domestic Refuse. The Mayor's request was agreed to.

SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION

Alderman James Jenkins proposed and Councillor Peter Roche seconded "that the Draft Constitution of the South Eastern Regional Development Organisation be reconsidered and specific instructions be given to appointed delegates for its amendment". It was agreed after discussion to consider the matter at a special meeting to be held for that purpose".

HOUSING REPAIRS

It was proposed by Councillor Desmond Corish and seconded by His Worship the Mayor, "that the repairs in Wolfe Tone Villas, (estimated at £320) and lighting inside Bishopswater be included in the current estimates". The motion was agreed.

OPEN SPACE IN CORISH PARK

Councillor Desmond Corish proposed "that an estimate of cost of levelling centre of Corish Park and also Bishopswater be prepared with a view of this being a first step towards developing these areas for recreational facilities". His Worship the Mayor seconded and it was referred to the Borough Engineer for inclusion in the next Employment Schemes Grant Works.

REPORT RE WORKING OF CARAVAN PARK AT FERRYBANK 1969 SEASON

The Park was open from mid-June, 1969 to 9th October, 1969.

Total Expenses. £3,141

This included Supervisor's Wages £261 and general maintenance and repairs, scavenging, towels, laundry, etc. printing and advertising, and loan charges amounting to £2,582.

Total Receipts. £559.

Representing 1,132 overnight bookings of which one was for two weeks, 12 for one week or under two weeks, and 109 for two days or under one week.

Two complaints were sent to Bord Failte, one from Ireland and one from Britain - one of whom received a refund of his fee. Both occurred in the first few days of the Park's use and the overwhelming majority were very satisfied with the facilities provided.

It is intended to open the Park for two weeks at Easter, 1970, and as required thereafter.

Plans for the provision of the Swimming Pool are at present with the Department of Local Government and it is hoped that when approval is given, that tenders will be obtained and the construction of the Pool commenced.

The Ferrybank Committee met about six times during the past twelve months. Extension of hard standings, provision of showers, and launderette facilities should be ready for 1970 season. Plans are being prepared by Consulting Engineer who must clear with Board of Works. Roadway - this is purging on the hill, Mr. Lennon will have a look at it as the maintenance period has not expired.

Arrangements are being made for the appointment of a Supervisor for the 1970 season.

J.A.V. Merriman,
ACTING TOWN CLERK.

9th March, 1970.

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QUESTIONS

Alderman James Mahoney was informed in reply to questions:-

1. That water supplied for domestic purposes was provided for out of the Municipal Rate, but that water used for business or other purposes was charged for and consequently had to be metered.
2. That a light will be provided at Oyster Lane.
3. The question concerning King Street Drainage was dealt with in the discussion on the motion above concerning the matter.

Councillor Peter Roche was informed:-

1. That transfers from two to three bedroomed houses would be in accordance with a "points" list which had been circulated and that Kevin Murphy, of 35, Green Street, would be given a house as soon as a suitable house became available.
2. That Wexford County Council was the Road Authority responsible for clearing loose gravel at the corner of King Street/Folly.
3. That work on the pedestrian crossing at Maudlintown/William Street/Faythe had commenced.

Councillor John Dunne was informed:-

1. That the cost of new lighting on Wexford Bridge was borne by Wexford County Council.
2. That two derelict houses at Maudlintown were privately owned and could not be removed by the Corporation.
3. That there was no further progress towards providing a Museum or Art Gallery at the Old Town Hall, Cornmarket, because no funds had been provided for the purpose.

Alderman James Jenkins was informed:-

1. That the parking place at High Street/Cornmarket, would be tidied up and lined out in time for the 1970 tourist season.
2. That the Corporation's legal advisor had been consulted in regard to a tractor, a motor car and six ploughs, which had been lying
3. on the sites mentioned at (1) above for several months, and that certain difficulties arose due to lack of car parking regulations.

Councillor Desmond Corish was informed:-

1. That it is intended to widen the roadway in front of Kennedy Park houses and that some temporary tidying up of the area pending completion of the road widening could be provided for in the Estimates.
2. That no further communication had been received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs concerning the provision of a sub-post office.
3. That the third pathway in Bishopswater will be carried out when the next Employment Schemes Grant becomes available.

Alderman Kevin Morris referred to a plot of ground adjoining Miss Walsh's house at 30, Antelope Road, the Borough Engineer undertook to examine the site.

At the request of Councillor John Cullimore, the Borough Engineer undertook to examine the provision of a light at the Folly.

Councillor Desmond Corish referred to the request of a householder to have a light provided for a small plot of ground at Selskar and the Borough Engineer undertook to examine the matter.

18th March, 1970.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half past seven o'clock p.m. to consider the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the year ending 31st March, 1971.

His Worship the Mayor was in the chair and others present were:-

Aldermen: Kevin Morris, James Jenkins and James Mahoney.

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

The Borough Engineer, Mr. Kevin Conway, B.E., and Acting Town Clerk, Mr. J.A.V. Merriman, were in attendance.

The Estimates as prepared by the County Manager were examined in some detail and no decision was taken. His Worship the Mayor proposed and it was agreed that a further Committee Meeting should be held on Monday, 23rd March, 1970, to consider the matter further.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris, it was agreed unanimously that the Estimates Meeting of the Corporation should be held on Monday, 6th April, 1970, at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Byrne

23rd March, 1970.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council, as a finance committee, was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at eight o'clock p.m. Those present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen:- James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

Councillors:- John Flaherty, James J. Morris, Peter Roche and John Dunne.

In attendance:- J.A.V. Murrinan, Acting Town Clerk; Kevin Conway, Borough Engineer and Thomas F. Broe, County Manager.

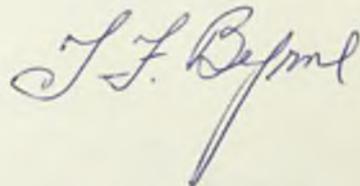
The meeting made a preliminary examination of the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the financial year ending 31st March, 1971. Details of the estimates had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting and showed estimated expenditure excluding the County Council Demand, which was not available, amounting to £218,863, an increase over the current year of £23,330. The estimated receipts amounted to £117,521, an increase of £4,673.

The meeting examined each item of expenditure and agreed that the following items in the circulated estimates of expenditure be considered at a later meeting with the object of reducing the estimate in each case:-

<u>No. in Estimate.</u>	<u>Account.</u>	<u>Recommendation.</u>
1.	Road Works.	Delete £400 - being repairs to footpaths at Wolfe Tone Villas and £400 for widening of Common Quay Street.
10.	Sanitary Services.	Delete £200 from provision for Burial Ground at Selskar Abbey.
11.	do.	Delete £2,000 for chain link fence at dump.
24.	Housing.	Delete £700 for provision of railings at Naudlintown.

It was decided to hold the next committee meeting on 31st March, 1970.

The meeting then terminated.



31st March, 1970.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council, as a finance committee was held this day in the Municipal Buildings, at eight o'clock p.m. Those present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen:- James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

Councillors:- John Flaherty, James J. Morris, Peter Roche and
John Dunne.

In attendance:- J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk; Kevin Conway,
Borough Engineer and Thomas F. Broe, County Manager.

BUILDING OF FACTORIES

A proposal to build factories at the Industrial Estate, Wexford, was notified to the members by the Acting Town Clerk, who had had been called upon by Mr. Stephen Finn. A general discussion followed and it was agreed that Mr. Finn should be asked to submit written proposals in detail, which would be considered by the Council. The County Manager intimated that a similar proposal had been conveyed to him by a Mr. Cooney and it was agreed that Mr. Cooney too should be asked for a detailed statement.

ESTIMATES 1970/71

The consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1971, was opened by Alderman James Mahoney, who proposed that the expenditure for the latter year should be fixed at the same as for the current local financial year and that there be no increase in the rate in the pound to be levied in the year 1970/71. A lengthy and acrimonious discussion followed and it was agreed to continue the examination of the estimates before the meeting. Councillor John Flaherty withdrew from the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

His Worship the Mayor suggested a reduction of £300 in the amount provided for Tourist Development (Item No. 30). Aldermen James Jenkins proposed and Alderman Kevin Morris seconded, and it was agreed that the amount included (i.e. £450) be reduced by £150 leaving a levy of £300 to be expended on Tourist Development.

Alderman James Jenkins proposed and it was agreed unanimously that the amount shown under the heading of Overdraft Interest (Item No.42) be reduced by £250 to £750.

His Worship the Mayor announced the total of all sums deducted from the estimates of expenditure as circulated, amounted to £3,100. The next committee meeting was fixed for Friday, 3rd April, 1970, at 8.00 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

T. F. Byrne

3rd April, 1970.

A Special Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford Borough Council was held at the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at eight o'clock p.m. Those present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen:- James Mahoney and James Jenkins.

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

In attendance:- Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; Kevin Conway, E.E., Borough Engineer and J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk.

Opening the proceedings, His Worship the Mayor stated that the business before the committee was a further consideration of the Estimates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1971. The members present then considered the estimated receipts for the year in question and the following were adopted:-

1. To increase the revenue from the Burial Grounds by £150. Alderman Mahoney proposed and Councillor Corish seconded that the fee for opening of graves in St. Ibar's Cemetery be increased to £3 per opening.
2. That the charge for domestic scavenging of Wexford County Hospital be increased by £50 per annum.
3. Councillor Corish proposed and Councillor Thomas Roche seconded, and it was agreed the sum of £400 struck out of the estimate for repairs to paths at Wolfe Tone Villas should be allowed and that a sum of £60 for three lights in Bishopswater should be allowed and it was so agreed.
4. Alderman Jenkins proposed that instead of the work proposed in the estimate on the Maudlintown railings, that the engineer would do a temporary job at small cost out of general maintenance, and carry out the works which had been struck out of the estimate another year. This was agreed.
5. It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins seconded by Alderman Morris and agreed that the estimate for housing repairs be reduced from £8,104 to £7,000.

OVER-EXPENDITURES 1969/70.

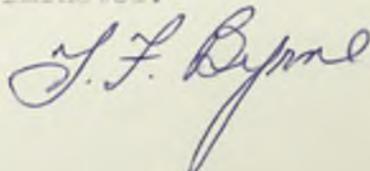
It was proposed by Councillor Corish and seconded by His Worship the Mayor and agreed unanimously, that over-expenditures in the year 1969/70 be approved as follows:-

Roads	£1,000
Sanitary Services	£3,000
General Purposes	£17,000

WAGES

Councillor John Flaherty proposed, Councillor Thomas Roche seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the wage increase of £1 per week, effective from 1st October, 1969, in accordance with the Pay in the Public Service Agreement, be applied to Wexford Corporation employees where appropriate.

The meeting then terminated.



6th April, 1970.

The Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day at the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven O'clock p.m. Those present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen:- Kevin Morris, James Jenkins and James Mahoney.

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

In attendance:- Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; Kevin Conway, Borough Engineer and J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk.

Sympathy

His Worship the Mayor proposed a resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late Garda H. Fallon. Alderman Jenkins seconded the motion which was supported by all present and adopted in respectful silence.

A similar resolution with the relatives of the late Edward McMahon was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche and unanimously adopted in respectful silence.

Adjournment

Councillor Corish proposed that the meeting adjourn for one hour and go into committee to consider further the estimates as prepared by the Manager. Councillor Flaherty seconded the motion, and it was agreed. Discussion of the various items in the estimates followed and it was agreed that the sum for housing repairs should be fixed at £7,000. The County Manager reported at reduction of £250 in the figure which had been included for the County Council Demand. The committee meeting then terminated and the estimates meeting re-convened.

Estimates 1970/71

His Worship the Mayor re-opened the proceedings by summarising the recommendations of the finance committee which had given detailed consideration to the estimated expenditure and receipts as prepared by the County Manager. Councillor Corish proposed the adoption of the Estimated Expenditure of £290,998, being expenditure estimated by County Manager:-

County Manager:-	£285,344
Less: Struck out by Council:-	
Roads	£800
Sanitary Services	£2,200
Housing	£1,804
General Purposes	650
	<u>5,654</u>
Estimated Expenditure:-	<u>£290,998</u>

His Worship the Mayor seconded the motion, which was carried, Councillors John Dunne and Peter Roche dissenting.

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Councillor Corish proposed and His Worship the Mayor seconded the adoption of the estimated receipts amounting to £117,721, being receipts estimated by the County Manager:-

£117,521	
Plus increases in charges for burial fees and scavenging adopted by the Council:-	200
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	£117,721

The motion was adopted by the meeting, Councillors John Dunne and Peter Roche dissenting.

The estimates for 1970/71 were therefore:-

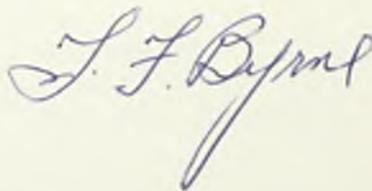
Expenditure	£290,998
Receipts	£117,721
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Nett sum to be raised by	£173,277
Rate.	<hr/>

His Worship the Mayor then moved that the recommendations of the Finance Committee reducing the estimated expenditure and increasing the estimated receipts as stated above be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councillor Corish and carried, Councillors John Dunne and Peter Roche, and Alderman James Mahoney dissenting.

His Worship the Mayor then moved that the Council adopt a municipal rate of 101/= in the pound for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1971. The motion was seconded by Councillor Corish and adopted by the meeting, Alderman Mahoney, Councillors Duane and Peter Roche dissenting.

After the adoption of the estimates, members paid tribute to the County Manager and officials for the manner in which the estimates were presented and also to the rent and rate payers for the manner in which they had met their responsibilities for the year.

The meeting then terminated.



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, 1971.

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.	6,511	5,711
	Special Grant Works.	3,200	3,200
	Road Improvement Grant.	1,573	1,573
TOTAL		11,284	10,484
<u>Sanitary:</u>	Sanitary.	41,671	39,471
TOTAL		41,671	39,471
<u>Housing:</u>	Housing of the Working Classes.	106,838	105,034
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	7,062	7,062
TOTAL		113,900	112,096
<u>General Urban Purposes:</u>			
	County Council Services:-		
	Main Roads.	12,972	12,972
	Public Assistance.	3,390	3,390
	Health (County)	45,838	45,838
	General Purposes (County)	9,035	9,035
	Separate Charges.	515	515
	Unemployment Assistance.	1,300	1,300
<u>Other Urban Purposes:-</u>			
	Tourist Development.	450	300
	Vocational Education.	5,493	5,493
	Other Purposes.	44,354	44,104
	Materials, Machinery and Stores.	6,000	6,000
TOTAL		129,347	128,947

TABLE B.

Service (1)	Nature of Receipts. (2)	Amount Estimated	
		Estimated by Manager. (3) £	Adopted by Council. (4) £
<u>Urban Roads:</u>	State Grants.	4,373	4,373
	Other Receipts.	400	400
TOTAL		4,773	4,773
<u>Sanitary:</u>	State Grants.	1,900	1,900
	Other Sanitary Receipts.	5,380	5,580
TOTAL		7,280	7,480
<u>Housing:</u>	Housing of the Working Classes:-		
	Rents:	50,042	50,042
	State Grants.	29,000	29,000
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	7,000	7,000
TOTAL		86,042	86,042
	<u>General Urban Purposes:-</u>		
	State Grants.	6,238	6,238
	Other Receipts.	6,338	6,338
	Material Expenses (balance)	6,850	6,850
	Machinery Expenses (balance)		
TOTAL		19,426	19,426

TABLE C.

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND

Nature of Services. (1)	CALCULATION OF SUM TO BE RAISED							Rate in the Pound on the Valuation of the area. (36,464) (8)
	Estimated Gross Expenditure (Table A) (2)	Estimated Receipts (Table B) (3)	Net Estimated Expenditure (4)	Estimated Credit Balance. (5)	Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (6)	Amount Leviable (7)		
	£	£	£	£	£	£		
Urban Roads.	10,484	4,773	5,711	-	-	5,711	40	
Sanitary Services.	39,471	7,480	31,991	-	-	31,991	224	
Housing.	112,096	86,042	26,054	-	-	26,054	182	
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:</u>								
County Council Services:								
Roads.	12,972	-	12,972	-	-	12,972	91	
Public Assistance.	3,390	-	3,390	-	-	3,390	24	
Health (County).	45,838	-	45,838	-	-	45,838	320	
General Purposes (County).	9,035	-	9,035	-	-	9,035	63	
Separate Charges.	515	-	515	-	-	515	4	
Unemployment Assistance.	1,300	-	1,300	-	-	1,300	9	
Other Urban Purposes.	55,897	19,426	36,471	-	-	36,471	255	
Total General Rate							1,212	

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council held this 6th day of April, 1970, 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, 1971.

Dated this 6th day of April, 1970.

Countersigned: _____ (Acting Town Clerk).

Signed: _____ (Mayor of Wexford).

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Item No.	Sum Allowed 1969/70 £	Service	Estimated by Manager 1970/71. £	Increase £	Decrease £
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>					
28.	61,950	County Council Demand. Not yet available.		-	-
29.	1,300	Unemployment Assistance.	1,300	-	-
30.	100	Tourist Development.	450	350	-
31.	1,170	Corporate Property.	1,200	30	-
		(Vocational Education Demand)			
32.	5,295	(£3,593 Superannuations: 1,450 Loan Charges 450)	5,493	198	-
33.	1,500	Fire Brigade.	2,000	500	-
34.	600	Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurances.	750	150	-
35.	18,650	Salaries and superannuations.	18,105	-	545
36.	150	Food and drugs.	150	-	-
37.	600	Printing and advertising.	750	150	-
38.	500	Telephones, office requisites, postage, paying orders, etc.	750	250	-
39.	300	Fuel and light.	350	50	-
40.	4,500	Cheap fuel scheme.	4,500	-	-
41.	500	Legal and audit.	500	-	-
42.	500	Overdraft interest.	1,000	500	-
43.	200	Travelling expenses.	250	50	-
44.	20	Uniform and boots, Town Sergeant.	25	5	-
45.	100	Associations and bands.	100	-	-
46.	800	School Meals.	900	100	-
47.	150	Rate refunds.	150	-	-
48.	4,680	Loan Charges.	6,085	1,405	-
49.	300	Redmond Park.	300	-	-
50.	6,000	Materials, machinery and stores.	6,000	-	-
51.	100	Miscellaneous.	150	50	-
52.		Ferrybank Caravan Park.	750	750	-
	109,965		52,008	4,538	545
	61,950	Less County Demand.			
	<u>48,015</u>				

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE

<u>1969/70</u> £		<u>1970/71</u> £	<u>Increase</u> £	<u>Decrease</u> £
8,598	Roads.	11,284	2,686	-
33,940	Sanitary Services.	41,671	7,731	-
104,980	Housing.	113,900	8,920	-
48,015	General Purposes.	52,008	3,993	-
<u>195,533</u>		<u>218,863</u>	<u>23,330</u>	-

Item No.	Adopted 1969/70. £	Particulars of Receipts.	Estimated by Manager 1970/71. £	Increase £	Decrease £
<u>URBAN ROADS</u>					
1.	150	Road Openings.	400	250	-
2.	2,800	Employment Schemes.	2,800	-	-
3.	1,573	Roads Improvement Grant.	1,573	-	-
	<u>4,523</u>		<u>4,773</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>					
4.	550	Burial Grounds.	600	50	-
5.	600	Scavenging Main Roads.	730	130	-
6.	50	Scavenging County Hospital.	50	-	-
7.	3,500	Sale of Water.	3,500	-	-
8.	200	Public Sanitary Conveniences.	200	-	-
9.	1,900	State and local subventions to sanitary services.	1,900	-	-
10.	250	Waterworks recoupments.	300	50	-
	<u>7,050</u>		<u>7,280</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>HOUSING</u>					
11.	48,000	Rents and purchase annuities.	50,042	2,042	-
12.	29,000	State Subsidies.	29,000	-	-
13.	6,800	Loan repayments.	7,000	200	-
	<u>83,800</u>		<u>86,042</u>	<u>2,242</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>					
14.	4,500	Fuel Schemes.	4,500	-	-
15.	1,650	Government Rates.	1,738	88	-
16.	1,000	Town Hall and Corporate Property.	1,000	-	-
17.	400	School Meals.	450	50	-
18.	875	Vocational Education.	950	75	-
19.	1,800	Superannuation contributions.	2,038	238	-
20.	6,850	Materials and machinery.	6,850	-	-
21.	400	Miscellaneous.	400	-	-
22.		Ferrybank Caravan Park.	1,500	1,500	-
	<u>17,475</u>		<u>19,426</u>	<u>1,951</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS</u>					
	<u>1969/70</u>		<u>1970/71</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
	£		£	£	£
	4,523	Roads.	4,773	250	-
	7,050	Sanitary Services.	7,280	230	-
	83,800	Housing.	86,042	2,242	-
	17,475	General Purposes.	19,426	1,951	-
	<u>112,848</u>		<u>117,521</u>	<u>4,673</u>	<u>-</u>

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

PARTICULARS OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS FOR THE FINANCIAL
YEARS 1969/70 AND 1970/71.

EXPENDITURE

Item No.	Sum Allowed 1969/70 £	Service	Estimated by Manager 1970/71 £	Increase £	Decrease £
<u>URBAN ROADS</u>					
1.	1,580	Ordinary Road Works.	2,820	1,240	-
2.	1,850	Salaries and Superannuations.	3,251	1,381	-
3.	150	Road Openings..	400	250	-
4.	3,200	Special Employment Schemes.	3,200	-	-
5.	1,573	Urban Roads Grant.	1,573	-	-
6.	100	Signposting to Car Parks.	-	-	100
7.	25	Painting railings, Barry Statue.	-	-	25
8.	60	Provision of new mower.	-	-	60
9.	60	Contingencies.	60	-	-
	<u>8,598</u>		<u>11,284</u>	<u>2,871</u>	<u>185</u>
<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>					
10.	2,700	Burial Grounds.	3,306	606	-
11.	4,170	Domestic Scavenging.	7,687	3,517	-
12.	4,650	Public Scavenging.	5,463	813	-
13.	6,400	Waterworks.	8,275	1,875	-
14.	1,500	Maintenance of Sewers.	1,720	220	-
15.	1,100	Salaries.	1,410	310	-
16.	2,000	Public Sanitary Conveniences.	2,190	190	-
17.	2,800	Public Lighting and Town Decoration.	3,000	200	-
18.	20	Water Safety (Irish Red Cross).	20	-	-
19.	8,540	Loan Charges.	8,540	-	-
20.	60	Contingencies.	60	-	-
	<u>33,940</u>		<u>41,671</u>	<u>7,731</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>HOUSING</u>					
21.	92,780	Loan Charges.	97,536	4,756	-
22.	5,500	Salaries.	6,710	1,210	-
23.	600	Rents and Insurances.	850	250	-
24.	6,100	Maintenance and Repair.	8,804	2,704	-
	<u>104,980</u>		<u>113,900</u>	<u>8,920</u>	<u>-</u>

4th May, 1970.

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 were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair;

Aldermen: James Mahoney, James Jenkins and Kevin Morris;

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

Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; Mr. K. Conway, B.E., Borough Engineer and J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk were in attendance.

SYMPATHY

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted unanimously in respectful silence in the following cases:-

- (1) With Dr. B. Finucane, Chief Medical Officer, on the death of his daughter, proposed by Alderman James Mahoney and seconded by His Worship the Mayor;
- (2) With Mr. James Pierce, on the death of his father, proposed by His Worship the Mayor and seconded by Alderman James Mahoney;
- (3) With the relatives of the late Matthew Duggan, proposed by Councillor Peter Roche and seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris. Councillor Thomas Roche, a relative of the deceased expressed thanks on behalf of the family for the Council's expression of sympathy.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th March, 1970, having been circulated to members, were taken as read, approved unanimously on the proposal of Alderman Kevin Morris seconded by Councillor John Cullimore, and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Councillor John Flaherty requested permission of the Chair to move that Standing Orders be suspended for a period to allow discussion of a matter of grave importance to the Corporation, viz. the acquisition of a site for houses at Wygram. His Worship the Mayor agreed to accept the motion which was then seconded by Councillor Peter Roche and unanimously agreed. It was further agreed that the representatives of the press should remain during the discussion. There followed a very full discussion of the matter after which it was decided that the Acting Town Clerk should consult Mr. R.E. Corish, Auctioneer and agent for the owners of the land in question, the St. John of God Nuns in order to find out if in fact the land had been sold to another person and if not to arrange a meeting between the Nuns and a deputation from the Corporation which should include His Worship the Mayor, Councillor John Flaherty, the County Manager, Borough Engineer and Acting Town Clerk. The business on the agenda was then resumed.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A letter from Mr. James J. O'Connor was read in which appreciation of his family was extended to the Mayor and Council members for the resolution of sympathy recently adopted consequent upon his father's death. The letter was noted.

REQUEST FOR NEW INDUSTRY IN WEXFORD

The Minister for Industry and Commerce in a letter, stated that he had noted the resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held on 9th March, 1970, in which a request was made for the establishment of a major industry in Wexford, which would employ five hundred male workers. The letter was noted.

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4th May, 1970.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

A report from the Chief Medical Officer indicated that the standard had considerably improved in slaughterhouses operating in the Borough since his last annual report. The report further recommended the provision of a public abattoir for the area. The contents of the report were noted.

OVERDRAFT REQUIREMENTS

On the proposal of Councillor John Flaherty, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed that an overdraft of £80,000 on Revenue Account and £38,500 on Capital Account for the quarter ending 30th June, 1970, should be obtained from the Council's Treasurer.

RATES 1970/71

The County Manager referred to a report concerning the sum adopted in the Estimate of Expenditure in respect of the County Council Demand for the local financial year ending 31st March, 1971. He explained that a circular dated 11th February, 1970 had been issued by the Department of Health in which it was notified to Health Authorities that a special grant would be made available to enable the increased levy on the Rates by those bodies in the year ending on 31st March, 1971, to be not more than two shillings in the pound on Rateable Valuations. The increase in the levy on Wexford Borough Rates amounted to $4/4\frac{3}{4}$. The Wexford Borough Estimates were adopted on 6th April, 1970. Subsequently a statement was made by the Minister for Health indicating that the provisions of the circular could be applied to all local authorities which contributed to Health Services, but since the Council had lawfully adopted the Estimate of Expenditure in accordance with its powers, no alteration could be made in the levy. The matter could be corrected by allowing the appropriate credit in the following year's Demand from Wexford County Council. In the discussion which followed, the members were unanimous in expressing dismay that the necessary reduction could not be made in the current year's charge and noted the fact that an adjusting credit would be forthcoming when the Demand for the year ending 31st March, 1972, was prepared.

STRIKE IN CEMENT FACTORIES

Alderman James Jenkins proposed, Councillor John Flaherty seconded the following resolution, which was passed unanimously:-
"Bearing in mind the present suspension of building of houses so urgently needed by the Town of Wexford, that Wexford Corporation call on the Taoiseach to use his influence to bring the cement factories of Ireland back into production".

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The motion "That Wexford Corporation calls on the Minister for Local Government, Wexford County Council and all officials involved to note its complete rejection of any implementation of the so-called 'Western Ring Road' idea of linking the Rosslare Road with the New Ross Road; Wexford Corporation asks for the improvement of the Quay thoroughfare to link adequately the Rosslare/New Ross roads", was proposed by Alderman James Jenkins, seconded by His Worship the Mayor and agreed unanimously.

APPLICATIONS FOR HOUSING

Councillor Peter Roche proposed "That when persons apply for Housing application forms, a leaflet be issued with same explaining the system of letting priorities". Alderman Kevin Morris seconded and it was unanimously approved. The County Manager informed the meeting that an appropriate leaflet would be prepared.

4th May, 1970.

FOOTPATHS IN WOLFE TONE VILLAS

Councillor Peter Roche, with the approval of the meeting withdrew the motion "That the footpaths in Wolfe Tone Villas be included in the 1970 Relief Grant" as the Borough Engineer had made provision for the same in his report submitted in relation to the Urban Roads Improvement Grant for 1970/71.

RATES

Councillor John Dunne proposed "That the members of Wexford Corporation call upon the Government to set up a Commission of experts to examine ways and means to provide an alternative to the existing Rates system". His Worship the Mayor seconded and the motion was adopted unanimously.

PLANNING

The motion "That this Council supply to the local papers full details of all applications received for Planning Permission" which had been tabled by Councillor John Dunne was ruled out of order by His Worship the Mayor since the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, set out the procedure to be following in these matters.

OPEN SPACE AT BISHOPSWATER

Alderman James Mahoney proposed "That the green margin in Bishopswater will receive a general cleaning". Councillor Thomas Roche seconded and it was agreed. The Borough Engineer informed the members present that the work had commenced.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Alderman James Mahoney moved "That the public be notified when doctors are relieved of duty". A letter from the local doctors (copy attached) was read setting out the arrangements in existence for the provision of medical attention during the off-duty hours of doctors. The letter was noted with approval. The motion was seconded by Councillor Peter Roche and agreed. Some further discussion followed and the meeting decided that the Wexford Postmaster should be requested to seek the co-operation of the staff of the Telephone Exchange in making contact with doctors, when necessary, after hours.

QUESTIONS

Alderman James Jenkins in reply to questions 1, 2 and 3 regarding traffic management heard a report from the Borough Engineer, a copy of which is attached.

Councillor Peter Roche in reply to questions was informed:-

- (4) that the length of time elapsing after a housing application was submitted before the applicant's conditions were inspected was dependent on the circumstances and that generally in preparing a priority list, the Chief Medical Officer would have the applicants inspected at a date which would reveal the most up-to-date position.
- (5) that preliminary lay-out plans were submitted for consideration in the case of the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme.
- (6) that there was an increase of £500 in the levy for Fire Brigade Services in the current financial year, that the management of that service was under the control of the Wexford County Council and that the repairs to the engine damaged in a recent accident were carried out in Wexford in the month of April by direction of the Insurers who were paying for the same.

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Councillor John Dunne was given the following replies to questions:-

- (7) that the Corporation was responsible for cleaning and maintaining some of the laneways leading from Main Street to the Quays and that several of them were privately owned.
- (8) that the Mayor's and member's robes were symbols of office and not of authority, that the member's robes had been donated in 1932 and the Mayor's robes were about one hundred and ten years old. They were not "heirlooms of an ancient past".
- (9) that the matter of building sites in the northern end of the town had been covered in the debate regarding land at Wygram.

Alderman James Mahoney was informed in reply to questions:-

- (10) that the pedestrian crossing at Maudlintown was in progress, poles had been erected and some other work had to be completed.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that a meeting of the Housing Committee should be held on Monday, 11th May, 1970, and this was agreed.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Byrne

REPORT ON CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING FACILITIES.

The probable present average requirement in parking in and about the Central Business District is 1,200 spaces. The number of spaces available including off-street parking and legitimate kerbside parking is 750 approx. The available spaces are distributed as follows:-

Main Street	120 - 125	Kerbside spaces.	
The Quays (Both sides)	200 - 250	"	"
Bullring	10 - 12	Park	"
Georges Street	20 - 25	Kerbside	"
Anne Street	30 - 36	"	"
Rowe Street	20 - 30	"	"
Rowe Street Church	50 - 60	Park	"
Cornmarket	10 - 12	"	"
Selskar, Temperance Row, Well Lane and Trimmers Lane.	45 - 50	"	"
Abbey Street	25 - 28	"	"
Back Street	35 - 40	"	"
Redmond Place	8	"	"
Patrick Square	8	"	"
Henrietta Street	30 - 36	Kerbside	"
Charlotte Street	10 - 15	"	"
Monck Street and Skeffington Street	15 - 20	"	"
St. Peter's Square	44	Park	"
Keyser's Lane	30 - 42	"	"
Totals	650 - 841		

The figure of 1,200 spaces required is guesstimated on the basis of the 1966 Traffic Survey with a linear annual growth of traffic and a small reduction in kerbside parking, which results from traffic management. By the close of the century, the requirement according to our traffic Consultants, M/s Orrje & Co., will rise to 3,000 in an area bounded on the north by Slaney Street, the south by Parnell Street, the east by the Quays and the west by a line roughly parallel to the Quays 500 yards west.

The Consultants' report specified areas - mainly where urban renewal was imminent - which would be most suitable for off-street parking. The Corporation, with the aid of Central Government Funds, is acquiring these properties for conversion to off-street car parks as the properties become available, within the limit of the funds provided. £20,000 is available during the current financial year. During the four years 1966 - 1970, 120 spaces have been provided at Keyser's Lane, Back Street, Abbey Street, Well Lane, Temperance Row and Selskar, as well as improving the facility at existing parks by white lining.

During 1970 it is hoped to:-

- (1) provide 150 new parking spaces at Church Lane and Abbey Street;
- (2) surface in blacktop the existing parks at Back Street and Abbey Street and resurface portion of Peter Square;
- (3) lay thermoplastic white lining on the existing parking areas.

The pace at which additional off-street parking is becoming available is not entirely satisfactory, but this is the experience of most worthwhile towns and cities in these islands. Parking regulations allowing limited periods of one or two hours at those parks nearest the centre of the Central Business District will help in the future.

Business people who park their own cars in public or kerbside parks, adjacent to their premises throughout the working day, would do well to consider that they may have deprived six or more potential customers of the facility and sent them elsewhere to do business.

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3rd June, 1970.

Kerrie Conway
BOROUGH ENGINEER.

11th May, 1970.

A Special Meeting of the Housing Committee of Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne was in the chair, and other members present were:-

Aldermen: James Mahoney and James Jenkins.

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

Officials: Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. K.T. Conway, B.E., Borough Engineer and Mr. J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk. Miss Barrington and Miss Donovan, officials of the Department of Local Government were also present.

His Worship the Mayor introduced Miss Barrington and Miss Donovan, who were in Wexford and had requested permission to attend a meeting of the Council.

HOUSING REPAIRS

The Borough Engineer, in reply to a question by Councillor John Flaherty, informed the meeting that due to slackness of work on Direct Labour Housing, he had asked the foreman Mr. William Bolger to inspect a number of houses which were reported to be in need of repairs.

A full discussion of the repairs problem followed, and Councillor Desmond Corish proposed that a list of repairs reported showing priorities should be prepared by the Borough Engineer for the next Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councillor John Flaherty and agreed.

Alderman James Jenkins then proposed that should the subject of housing repairs take up more than one half hour of the time at a monthly meeting of the Council, a special meeting of the housing committee should be held once a quarter to deal with the matter.

PURCHASE OF LAND AT WYGRAM

A letter from Mr. R. E. Corish, Auctioneer, was read, in which it was stated that the Nuns did not wish to receive a deputation from Wexford Corporation, but that their Agent, Mr. R. E. Corish was willing to discuss the matter at any time. It was noted that in the event of a Compulsory Purchase Order being made, that evidence of the price by the landowner would be based on the new offer. After some discussion, it was agreed that before taking a decision to acquire the land by Compulsory Purchase Order, that the deputation, consisting of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor John Flaherty, the County Manager, Borough Engineer and Acting Town Clerk, should meet Mr. R. E. Corish, Auctioneer. It was suggested that the meeting should take place at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 15th May, 1970, at the Municipal Buildings.

It was further agreed on the proposal of Councillor John Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, that land at Coolcotts should be purchased from the several owners.

FERRYBANK

The drawings for the Retaining Wall at Ferrybank were submitted to the meeting, and it was agreed that the work should be carried out as part of the Ferrybank Scheme to be financed in the same way as the Caravan Park.

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TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING

It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman James Mahoney, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, that a provision for small businesses now in the area should be made by the Architect in the overall plan for the new housing scheme at Talbot Street/Green Street.

CONTRIBUTION TO REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK

A letter was read from Mr. H. Coffey, Hon. Secretary, Redmond Memorial Park Committee, in which a request for an increase in the Corporation's contribution towards the upkeep of the Park was made. The increase was to help meet increased wages costs. The Council decided after discussion that as the current year's allocation had been fixed, that an additional grant was not now possible and that the matter would receive sympathetic consideration when the next year's estimates were being prepared.

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING

The matter of collection of Domestic Refuse was discussed at some length and it was decided that in view of the increasing volume of refuse for disposal that regulations should be made. Alderman James Jenkins suggested that the dump should be left open later to allow traders to dispose of refuse. The County Manager suggested that representatives of the shopkeepers might meet the Corporation to discuss the problem.

WHITEMILL HOUSING SCHEME

The Borough Engineer reported that the Contractor was having some difficulty in obtaining a bond and advised the Council that it might be necessary, in the event of the bond not being forthcoming, to secure a Contract with one of the other firms who had tendered.

FIXING OF RENT

Councillor Peter Roche questioned the differential rent fixed for Mr. T. Carroll of Kennedy Park and was informed that the rent was fixed on the basis of the particulars supplied by the tenant in accordance with the scheme.

The meeting then terminated.

19th May, 1970.

A Special Meeting of the Housing Committee of Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

His Worship the Mayor was in the chair, and also present were:-

Aldermen: Kevin Morris and James Mahoney.

Councillors: Thomas Roche, Peter Roche, John Dunne, Fintan O'Leary and John Flaherty.

Apologies were received from Councillors James J. Morris and Desmond Corish.

Officials in attendance were: Mr. K. Conway, B.E., Borough Engineer and J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk.

Apologies were received from Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, who had to attend a meeting in Gorey.

ACQUISITION OF LAND AT WYGRAM

His Worship the Mayor and Councillor John Flaherty reported on the meeting which had been arranged for the 15th May, 1970, with Mr. R.E. Corish, Auctioneer and Agent for the Sisters of St. John of God, from whom the property was proposed to be acquired. The Building Contractors, Messrs McInerney, who were also seeking to acquire the land had not in fact signed a Contract and the Council were advised that the price of the land was now the figure offered by Messrs McInerney, viz. £3,800 cash and in addition a seven foot wall with unclimbable fence on top to give privacy to the remaining land occupied by the owners.

The Acting Town Clerk informed the meeting at the request of the County Manager that the erection of houses by a private developer would involve no expense to the Corporation and help to provide houses which would relieve somewhat the demands on the Council for houses and that the availability of suitable houses would facilitate potential industrialists who might consider setting up factories in Wexford and further, that should it appear, that people wishing to invest in the area might find difficulties in dealing with the Corporation, that industrialists might be unwilling to come into the area.

As a result of an approach made to the County Manager the same day, His Worship the Mayor had given permission to Mr. Jordan and Mr. Considine of McInerney's Ltd. to come and put the Company's proposals to the Council. Some discussion followed and the members agreed to hear the proposals. Mr. Jordan and Mr. Considine then came in to the Council Chamber and informed the Council that he proposed to come in to Wexford and build moderately priced houses of slightly over nine hundred square feet. He suggested that if the Council wished to acquire the site at Wygram, he would be willing to go to another site, if it were made available to him. He then invited all members of the Council to visit schemes at Waterford and Kilkenny at his Company's expense to inspect houses similar to those he proposes to build in Wexford, before taking a final decision.

His Worship the Mayor proposed and Alderman James Mahoney seconded and it was agreed that no decision be taken, especially in view of the absence of some Council members and that Mr. Jordan's offer to view his houses in Waterford and Kilkenny be accepted.

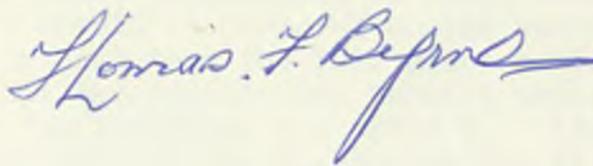
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150 HOUSES AT WHITEMILL

The Acting Town Clerk reported that the Contractor, Irish Excavation Co. Ltd. who had been given the Contract for the erection of the houses at Whitemill had withdrawn his tender in view of difficulties arising from the cement workers' strike and the Bank officials' strike, which he claimed made it impossible to obtain the necessary bond. The report was noted and the Borough Engineer undertook to secure another Contract with one of the remaining firms, which had submitted tenders.

It was decided that the June 1970 meeting of the Council would be held on Monday, 8th June, 1970, due to the 1st June being a public holiday.

The meeting then terminated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Thomas J. Byrne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

8th June, 1970.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at 7.30 p.m. The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen:- James Mahoney, James Jenkins and Kevin Morris.

Councillors:- John Dunne, John Cullimore, Peter Roche and Fintan O'Leary.

Officials in attendance:- Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;
Kevin T. Conway, B.E., Borough Engineer
and J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk.

Apologies were received from Councillors John Flaherty and Desmond Corish who were unable to be present.

MINUTES

Alderman James Jenkins referred to the paragraph in the minutes of the meeting held on 4th May, 1970, which was headed "Rates 1970/71" and stated that it had been decided to investigate how the Circular of 11th February, 1970, from the Department of Health had affected the rates of Urban Authorities in other Counties and that a report to the Council should be prepared on the matter. The County Manager assured the Council that the full grant would be pursued with the Department and that the appropriate benefit would be brought into account in preparing the estimates for 1971/72. Alderman Jenkins requested that an amendment to the minutes should be made. This was agreed and subject to the foregoing amendment, the minutes were adopted unanimously on the proposal of Councillor John Cullimore, seconded by Alderman James Mahoney.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Albert Lennon, B.E., Consulting Engineer attended and gave the meeting an up-to-date report on the Ferrybank Caravan Site. He hoped to have the showers and laundry facilities completed by the end of June, 1970, with a number of other smaller improvements such as those suggested by Alderman Jenkins for the provision of shelving near wash basins, hooks for towels. The meeting noted with satisfaction Mr. Lennon's report.

WATER SUPPLY

The Borough Engineer reported that due to a severe drought since March this year coupled with the drought of 1969, with consequent lack of recovery of the catchment, the reservoir at Coolree, in spite of day and night pumping from Edenvale, has dropped 42" and to conserve supplies, it was necessary to shut down the supply nightly from 12.30 a.m. to 5.30 a.m. The Engineer also asked for permission to expend a sum not exceeding £20 per week in excess of the estimate, in order to conserve the supply and to avoid more severe rationing. The proposals set out in the report were agreed unanimously on the proposal of Alderman Kevin Morris, seconded by Alderman James Mahoney.

TOILETS IN MARKET PLACE

A report from the Borough Engineer on the condition of the toilets in the Market Place stated:-

"These toilets are for the use of the market shoppers and I.C.A. market vendors. While the plumbing is serviceable, the fittings and the structure are old and unsightly. The following repairs would be necessary to put the toilets in reasonable condition.

1. Fit 2 new W.C. pans and cisterns complete.
2. Hack off loose plaster on inside of building and replaster.
3. Repair skylights and roof.
4. Repair doors and locks.
5. Redecorate.

The estimate cost of the work required is £100. Unless funds are available for the general renovation of these toilets (£100) and their annual maintenance (say £120 per annum), I recommend that they be closed".

The report was adopted and it was unanimously agreed that the required funds should be provided on the proposal of Alderman James Jenkins seconded by Councillor John Cullimore.

SITE FOR ABBATOIR

A letter from Mr. John Fortune, North Main Street, seeking to purchase a site at the industrial estate for the purpose of building an abbatoir was referred to the Borough Engineer for examination and report.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK

The County Manager informed the Council that Mr. Desmond T. Wixted had been appointed to fill the office of Town Clerk in succession to Mr. John J. Byrne, who had retired, the appointment to take effect from 1st July, 1970. All members present extended a welcome to Mr. Wixted and paid tribute to the Acting Town Clerk.

SITE AT WYGRAM

It was agreed that a special meeting should be held on 16th June, 1970, to deal with the proposed acquisition of the site at Wygram, which the Council was considering for housing purposes.

HOUSING LOANS AND GRANTS

The County Manager referred to Circular letter H.8/70 dated 18th May, 1970, which set out the allocation for loans and grants for the year ended 31st March, 1971, and advised the Council that Wexford Borough was designated under Section 7 of the Housing Bill 1970 to pay supplementary Housing Grants to such an extent as the Council might decide. The meeting agreed, on the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor, to have a scheme prepared for consideration by the Council at a later date.

QUARTERLY MEETING

Alderman Kevin Morris proposed, Councillor John Cullimore seconded, and it was agreed that the quarterly meeting of the Council should be held on Monday, 6th July, 1970.

TOWN OF WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris, it was agreed unanimously that the Very Reverend Matthew Berney, Administrator, Wexford, should be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee caused by the resignation of Very Reverend Matthew Doyle, P.P., Camolin.

SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION

The revised draft of the constitution of the South Eastern Regional Development Organisation was considered at length by the Council who felt that the elected representatives were not sufficiently strong in numbers on the Board. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to adopt the draft and give it a trial for a period.

JUNIOR TRAFFIC WARDENS

The meeting heard the terms of Circular No. R.T.19/5/4, which set out particulars of a scheme for Junior Traffic Wardens. His Worship the Mayor suggested that the matter be deferred pending preparation of a scheme for detailed consideration by the Council. This was unanimously agreed.

TENANCY OF HOUSES

Councillor John Dunne proposed "That the residents in Abbey Street who must leave their homes, due to demolition, be given first priority for rehousing in Thomas Clarke Place". The motion was seconded by Alderman James Jenkins and agreed unanimously.

BUILDING IN THE NORTH END

It was proposed by Councillor John Dunne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor and agreed unanimously "That a new immediate and detailed survey of every prospective site for building houses be carried out in the north end of the town".

MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR PETER ROCHE

Councillor Peter Roche requested that the following motions which he had submitted for the agenda be deferred to the July, 1970 meeting and this was agreed:-

- (a) "That this Council deplores the present state of unoccupied houses in Talbot Street/Green Street and also insists that in any future housing scheme for the area, provision be made for small shopkeepers".
- (b) "That a set of rules be drawn up as soon as possible for scavenging services and that a copy of the same be published in the local papers".

SALE OF SITES FOR INDUSTRY

It was proposed by Alderman James Jenkins, seconded by His Worship the Mayor and agreed unanimously that plots of ground at the industrial estate be disposed of in accordance with notices (copies attached) duly given in compliance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 88(3) of the Housing Act, 1966 to
(a) Elwex Ltd. and (b) H.B.Ltd.

QUESTIONS

Councillor John Dunne was informed in reply to questions that:

- (1) No report had been received from the Board of Works in connection with the restoration of Selskar Abbey.
- (2) There was no firm proposal yet for the provision of a pedestrian crossing from the Quay to the New Bridge, but that the matter was in the traffic plan.
- (3) Laths on new poles erected by the Electricity Supply Board were placed there as a temporary measure to protect the passers by from damage which might be caused by creosote on the poles.

Councillor Peter Roche was informed in reply to questions that:

- (4) The painting on the pedestrian crossing at Maudlintown/Faythe/William Street was yet to be completed and the connecting up of the electricity; that the contractor was starting road marking in New Ross, and it was anticipated that the work would be completed in the ensuing week. An advance warning of the pedestrian crossing will be erected on the Rosslare road when the works there are completed;
5. The road from the top of Kennedy Park to Ard Carmain will be properly surfaced when the 150 houses at Whitemill are being erected.
6. The cutting of grass at open spaces in Maudlintown, Bishopswater, Corish Park would commence within a couple of days, when a machine was available.

Alderman James Jenkins was informed that the Borough Engineer had written to White and Carter Ltd., the suppliers, about damage to litter bins, meanwhile he had arranged to have damaged ones restored.

Alderman James Mahoney was informed that the Borough Engineer would see to the provision of a seat at Wygram.

TOWN HALL, CORNMARKE

Alderman Kevin Morris raised the question of the condition of the Town Hall at Cornmarket and the County Manager agreed to take the matter up with the Civil Defence Officer. The Council agreed to the request of Bord Failte submitted by the County Manager that the Assembly Room be used for musical recitals during the summer months.

INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Alderman James Jenkins asked that the Council should meet members of the Industrial Development Committee to discuss informally the provision of factory buildings at the Industrial Estate and it was agreed that a committee meeting should be held on 16th June, 1970.

The meeting then terminated.



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BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

C.18/6

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

25th May, 1970.

To each member of the
Wexford Borough Council.

In compliance with the provision of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 83 (3) of the Housing Act, 1966, notice is hereby given that it is proposed to convey :-

- (i) A plot of land at Killeens containing approximately one half acre ;
- (ii) Acquired from Mr. John Sinnott;
- (iii) To Elwex Ltd;
- (iv) For the sum of £374;
- (v) On which the Company proposes to erect a factory.

J.A.V. Merriman,
ACTING TOWN CLERK.

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BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

C.18/17

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

25th May, 1970.

To each member of the
Wexford Borough Council.

In compliance with the provision of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 88 (3) of the Housing Act, 1965, notice is hereby given that it is proposed to convey :-

- (i) A plot of land at Whitemill containing approximately 1.663 acres;
- (ii) Acquired from Mr. John Sinnott;
- (iii) To H.B. Ltd.;
- (iv) For the sum of £1251.
- (v) On which the Company proposes to erect a factory.

J.A.V. Merriman,
ACTING TOWN CLERK.

16th June, 1970.

A Committee 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 were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Jenkins, Kevin Morris and James Mahoney.

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

Officials in attendance: Kevin T. Conway, B.E., and J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk and William Ringwood Staff Officer, Wexford County Council.

Members of the Wexford Industrial

Development Committee: M/s John Small, Victor Stafford, Joseph Furlong, Fintan Rossiter, Thomas Hassett and Cathal O'Gara.

His Worship the Mayor welcomed the members of the Industrial Development Committee.

Alderman James Jenkins who is a member of the Industrial Development Committee outlined that bodies views on the furtherance of industrial development in Wexford and stressed the need for having factory shells available for people seeking to set up an industry. Other members of the Committee also spoke and a full discussion followed.

A letter was submitted from Messrs Leahy and O'Sullivan, Solicitors, Limerick, outlining proposals by Mr. Stephen Finn who had approached the Corporation some time previously with the object of erecting factories at the Industrial Estate.

Mr. John Small then outlined a proposal by Mr. C. Cooney, Building Contractor, for the provision of Factory Shells.

The Discussion which followed covered all aspects of the problem, including publicity, finance and future development. Finally it was agreed that Messrs Finn and Cooney should be asked to prepare statements of their proposals in greater detail and that the proposers should be asked to attend in person before a subsequent meeting to explain their plans in the fullest possible manner to enable a decision to be taken. The date was tentatively fixed for 22/6/1970, although some of those present felt more time would be needed.

His Worship the Mayor and members thanked those who had attended and the meeting terminated.

T. Byrne

16th June, 1970.

A special meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day at the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past eight o'clock p.m. The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen:- James Mahoney, James Jenkins and Kevin Morris.

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

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting and stated that its purpose was to consider the acquisition of a plot of ground at Wygram from the Sisters of St. John of God. A report was made by members who had visited a housing site in Waterford, where Messrs McInerney Ltd., Building Contractors, were erecting houses of a type which they were prepared to build in Wexford on the site at Wygram, provided the Corporation were not intending to purchase the land. The Acting Town Clerk gave details of approximate prices and repayments and the Borough Engineer commented on the houses generally.

A lengthy discussion followed, in which all members participated and it was then proposed by Councillor John Cullimore and seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris, that the Corporation should not seek to acquire the land, but should allow the Contractor to proceed with the purchase of the land for the provision of houses.

Councillor John Flaherty proposed an amendment that the Corporation should proceed to acquire the plot of ground at Wygram from the Sisters of St. John of God. His Worship the Mayor put the amendment to the meeting and those voting in favour were Alderman James Mahoney, Councillors John Flaherty, Fintan O'Leary, Peter Roche and Thomas Roche - five; those voting against were His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Kevin Morris and James Jenkins and Councillors John Cullimore, John Dunne and James J. Morris - six. The amendment was defeated.

His Worship the Mayor then put the original motion and those voting in favour were His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Kevin Morris and James Jenkins, Councillors John Cullimore, John Dunne and James J. Morris - six. Those voting against were Alderman James Mahoney, Councillors John Flaherty, Fintan O'Leary, Peter Roche and Thomas Roche - five. The motion was carried.

Councillor John Flaherty proposed and it was agreed unanimously to offer the site at Clonard, acquired from the Presentation Convent to McInerneys Ltd.

QUARTERLY MEETING

Councillor John Flaherty moved "that the resolution passed at the meeting of June 8, fixing the date of the quarterly meeting for July 6, 1970, be rescinded and that the date of the quarterly meeting be now held on Monday, June 29". In compliance with Standing Orders, the notice of motion was signed by the proposer and Councillors Fintan O'Leary and Peter Roche, Alderman Kevin Morris. Councillor Peter Roche seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SCAVENGING

Alderman James Mahoney referred to the question of the Main Street on Sunday mornings, and the Borough Engineer reported that if it were continued, the estimated expenditure for the year would not be sufficient. His Worship the Mayor directed that the Sunday cleaning should be continued in accordance with the unanimously expressed agreement of the Borough Council.

Alderman James Jenkins referred to the closing of the dump at 5.30 p.m. and recommended that provision should be made for people to use the dump after business hours. It was agreed that proposals for the regulation of Domestic Refuse Collection should be put before the members.

Councillor John Flaherty referred to dumping in Harper's Lane at the rear of the Cinema, and Councillor ~~Nease~~ Roche referred to dumping at Oyster Lane. The Borough Engineer was requested to examine the matter.

The meeting then terminated.

James J. Ryan JHR

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

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting and stated that its purpose was to consider the acquisition of a plot of ground at Wygram from the Sisters of St. John of God. A report was made by members who had visited a housing site in Waterford, where Messrs McInerney Ltd., Building Contractors, were erecting houses of a type which they were prepared to build in Wexford on the site at Wygram, provided the Corporation were not intending to purchase the land. The Acting Town Clerk gave details of approximate prices and repayments and the Borough Engineer commented on the houses generally.

A lengthy discussion followed, in which all members participated and it was then proposed by Councillor John Cullimore and seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris, that the Corporation should not seek to acquire the land, but should allow the Contractor to proceed with the purchase of the land for the provision of houses.

Councillor John Flaherty proposed an amendment that the Corporation should proceed to acquire the plot of ground at Wygram from the Sisters of St. John of God. His Worship the Mayor put the amendment to the meeting and those voting in favour were Alderman James Mahoney, Councillors John Flaherty, Fintan O'Leary, Peter Roche and Thomas Roche - five; those voting against were His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Kevin Morris and James Jenkins, and Councillors John Cullimore, John Dunne and James J. Morris - six. The amendment was defeated.

His Worship the Mayor then put the original motion and those voting in favour were His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Kevin Morris and James Jenkins, Councillors John Cullimore, John Dunne and James J. Morris - six. Those voting against were Alderman James Mahoney, Councillors John Flaherty, Fintan O'Leary, Peter Roche and Thomas Roche - five. The motion was carried.

Councillor John Flaherty proposed and it was agreed unanimously to offer the site at Clonard, acquired from the Presentation Convent to McInerney Ltd.

QUARTERLY MEETING

Councillor John Flaherty moved "that the resolution passed at the meeting of June 8, fixing the date of the quarterly meeting for July 6, 1970, be rescinded and that the date of the quarterly meeting be now held on Monday, June 29". In compliance with Standing Orders, the notice of motion was signed by the proposer and Councillors Fintan O'Leary and Peter Roche, Alderman Kevin Morris. Councillor Peter Roche seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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PUBLIC SCAVENGING

Alderman James Mahoney referred to the question of the Main Street on Sunday mornings, and the Borough Engineer reported that if it were continued, the estimated expenditure for the year would not be sufficient. His Worship the Mayor directed that the Sunday cleaning should be continued in accordance with the unanimously expressed agreement of the Borough Council.

Alderman James Jenkins referred to the closing of the dump at 5.30 p.m. and recommended that provision should be made for people to use the dump after business hours. It was agreed that proposals for the regulation of Domestic Refuse Collection should be put before the members.

Councillor John Flaherty referred to dumping in Harper's Lane at the rere of the Cinema, and Councillor ^{James} ~~Peter~~ Roche referred to dumping at Oyster Lane. The Borough Engineer was requested to examine the matter.

The meeting then terminated.



29th June, 1970.

A quarterly meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Cornmarket, at half past seven o'clock p.m. Those present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne in the chair.

Aldermen:- James Mahoney, James Jenkins and Kevin Morris.

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

In attendance:- J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk; Kevin Conway, Borough Engineer and Fintan M. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor.

His Worship the Mayor opened the proceedings, stating that the first business to be transacted was the election of a person to hold the office of Mayor for the period up to the quarterly meeting to be held on a date not more than fourteen days before or after the 8th July, 1971, and until a successor had been appointed and made a declaration of acceptance of office. His Worship then asked for nominations for the office. The following were nominated as shown hereunder:-

1. Alderman James Mahoney proposed by Councillor Peter Roche seconded by Councillor John Dunne.
2. Councillor John Flaherty proposed by Alderman Kevin Morris seconded by Councillor Fintan O'Leary.
3. Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, proposed by Councillor Desmond Corish seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche.
4. Councillor Desmond Corish proposed by Alderman James Jenkins.
Councillor Corish stated that he did not wish to be a candidate and withdrew his nomination.

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, having asked if any person wished to make further nominations, and no others having been proposed, declared the nominations closed. A poll was then taken with the following result:-

- For Councillor John Flaherty:- Alderman James Jenkins, Alderman Kevin Morris, Councillors John Flaherty, Fintan O'Leary and James J. Morris - 5.
- For Alderman Thomas F. Byrne:- Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, Councillors Desmond Corish, John Cullimore and Thomas Roche - 4.
- For Alderman James Mahoney:- Alderman James Mahoney, Councillors Peter Roche and John Dunne - 3.

Alderman Mahoney was then eliminated and a further poll was taken on the two remaining candidates with the following result:-

- For Councillor John Flaherty:- Aldermen James Jenkins and Kevin Morris, Councillors John Flaherty, Fintan O'Leary and James J. Morris - 5.
- For Alderman Thomas F. Byrne:- Aldermen James Mahoney and Thomas F. Byrne, Councillors Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, Thomas Roche, John Dunne and Peter Roche - 7.

Alderman Thomas F. Byrne was declared to be elected and made and subscribed the declaration of acceptance of office provided by the Municipal Corporations Act, 1840, and the Local Government Act, 1941.

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS

On the proposal of Alderman Kevin Morris, seconded by Councillor John Flaherty, it was agreed unanimously to fix the 5th October, 1970, 4th January, 1971 and 5th April, 1971 as dates for the holding of Quarterly meetings of the Borough Council.

PROTEST

His Worship the Mayor proposed that the Corporation of Wexford protest at the imprisonment in Armagh Jail of Miss Bernadette Devlin, M.P. and that telegrams should be sent to the Right Honourable Edward Heath, M.P., British Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Reginald Maudling, M.P., British Home Secretary and to Miss Devlin. The motion was seconded by Councillor Peter Roche and agreed unanimously.

The meeting then terminated.

L. F. Byrne

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

6th July, 1970.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at 7.30 p.m. The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen:- James Mahoney and James Jenkins.

Councillors:- John Dunne, John Cullimore, Thomas Roche, Peter Roche and Fintan O'Leary.

Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Kevin C. Morris.

Officials in attendance were:- Mr. D. T. Wixted, Town Clerk;
Mr. K. Conway, B.E., Borough Engineer
and Mr. J.A.V. Merriman, Borough
Accountant.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor John Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche, the minutes of the meetings of 8th June, 1970 and 16th June, 1970, having been circulated to members, were taken as read, approved unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

A resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the following deceased was proposed by His Worship the Mayor:-

Mr. T. Crosbie, General Foreman, Wexford Corporation;
Mr. Patrick Tobin, former Alderman of the Wexford Borough Council;
Mr. T. Rossiter;
Mr. Michael Murphy, pensioner of Wexford Corporation;
Mr. Bertie Power, former member of Wexford Borough Council.

The motion was seconded by Councillor John Dunne and unanimously adopted in respectful silence by all members and officials present.

150 HOUSES AT WHITEMILL, WEXFORD.

Consequent on the withdrawal by Irish Excavation Co. Ltd. of their tender in the sum of £405,939. 9. 8d. for the erection of 150 houses at Whitemill North, the Council considered alternative tenders for the scheme, which were as follows:-

Belcourt Housing.	£417,762.11. 6d.	90 weeks.
M.F.N. Construction Co.	£418,735.12. 1d.	120 weeks.
Thomas McInerney & Co.	£420,005. 2.11d.	68 weeks.
Redmond Bros.	£465,151.16. 8d.	100 weeks.

In view of the fact that the provision of these houses was a very urgent matter and that M/s Thomas McInerney & Co. were prepared to complete the construction in 68 weeks, the Borough Engineer had recommended to the County Manager the acceptance of their tender. Following a discussion, it was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor J. Cullimore and unanimously resolved, that the recommendation of the Borough Engineer be accepted.

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SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS

The Town Clerk submitted a proposal for the sale of houses owned by Wexford Corporation to tenants as follows:-

<u>SCHEME</u>	<u>£</u>	
34 houses Mannix Place/John Street.	2,700	} Approved by Minister per H.85/28/4 - 19/3/1970.
116 " Corish Park.	2,700	
24 " Davitt Road North.	2,700	
34 " Davitt Road South.	2,700	
10 " McDermott Terrace/Monument Place.	2,700	
154 " Maudlintown.		
(a) 4 roomed - 100 houses	1,600	
(b) 3 roomed - 54 houses	1,400	
14 " St. Magdalen's Terrace	1,200	
22 " Distillery Road	1,400	
88 " St. Aidan's Crescent.	2,300	
16 " Trinity Street	1,200	
94 " Wolfe Tone Villas		
(a) 4 roomed - 28 houses	1,800	
(b) 3 roomed - 66 houses	1,300	

It was proposed by Alderman James Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Fintan O'Leary and unanimously resolved that the proposed sale price be approved and submitted for the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, following which a scheme for the tenant purchase of these houses be drawn up and the terms thereof circulated to the tenants.

STONEBRIDGE LANE

A report from the Borough Engineer concerning an application by the occupiers of Stonebridge Lane was submitted, in which the applicants requested that the Lane be maintained by the Corporation. It was pointed out that the Lane in question was a private lane and responsibility for its upkeep was on the occupiers. The Engineer's report stated that the lane could be repaired for a sum of £220 and that the applicants should be asked to provide this sum to put the place into a fit state, after which the Corporation could take over its maintenance. After discussion, it was decided to get the views of the traders concerned on the suggestion of the Borough Engineer.

FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL

A letter from the Department of Local Government re the provision of a Swimming Pool at Ferrybank was considered, in which it was pointed out, inter alia, that a local voluntary contribution of 20% would be required. A full discussion followed in which the point was made that the Ferrybank pool was not a swimming pool project similar to that referred to in the Department's circular re Swimming Pools, but was part of a large amenity scheme to which approval had been given several years previously.

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It was further emphasised that it had been originally agreed that the local contribution to the pool would be met by means of a loan raised by Wexford Corporation for the purpose. Alderman James Jenkins proposed and Councillor Peter Roche seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Minister for Local Government should again be requested to receive a deputation comprised of representatives of the Corporation together with tourist and other interests in the Borough to discuss the matter fully.

PROVISION OF AN ABBATOIR

A report by the Borough Engineer following an application from Messrs J. Fortune for a site at the Industrial Estate for the construction of an abbatoir recommended the provision of a Municipal Abbatoir which had previously been recommended by the Chief Medical Officer. The report stated that special provisions for the disposal of waste and its treatment would have to be considered in dealing with a request for planning permission for such a premises. Some discussion followed and His Worship the Mayor directed with the concurrence of the meeting that a decision could not be taken until all factors had been examined by the officials of the Corporation and the views of people in the trade in relation to a central abbatoir had been ascertained.

COMMODORE JOHN BARRY COMMEMORATION

The Town Clerk reported that Sunday, 23rd August, 1970, or 6th September, 1970, would be suitable dates for holding the annual wreath laying ceremonies at the Commodore John Barry Statue. It was agreed after discussion to hold the function on Sunday, 23rd August, 1970, and it was further agreed that a committee consisting of the four Aldermen should be formed to deal with the matter.

AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31/3/1968.

The report of the Local Government Auditor, Mr. P. J. Keenan, having been circulated to the members of the Borough Council, was taken as read and adopted unanimously on the proposal of Councillor John Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Fintan O'Leary.

MAKING OF THE RATE

The making of the rate of one hundred and one shillings in the pound for the service of the local financial year ending on 31st March, 1971, was proposed by His Worship the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Fintan O'Leary. An acrimonious discussion followed and a vote was taken on a show of hands. Those voting against were:- Alderman James Mahoney, Councillors John Dunne, Peter Roche and Thomas Roche - four. Those voting in favour were:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Jenkins, Councillors John Cullimore and Fintan O'Leary - four. His Worship the Mayor then exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion, which was carried.

The rate having been certified by the Town Clerk to be in conformity with the Valuation Lists, was sealed and signed by His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Fintan O'Leary and Thomas Roche and the Town Clerk.

TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET

Councillor Peter Roche proposed "that this Council deplores the present state of unoccupied houses in Talbot Street/Green Street, and also insists that in any future housing scheme for the area, provision be made for small shops/keepers". The motion was seconded by Councillor John Cullimore and adopted unanimously.

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DOMESTIC SCAVENGING

Councillor Peter Roche proposed "that a set of rules be drawn up as soon as possible for scavenging services and that a copy of the same be published in the local papers". A draft set of rules was submitted by the Town Clerk and discussion followed after which the following rules were agreed:-

1. Refuse shall be of a domestic nature and shall not include any of the following:-
building rubble, garden or animal waste, grass or hedge cuttings, broken glass uncontained, offal, swill or liquid matter.
2. Refuse shall be contained in proper plastic or metal bins, of capacity not exceeding 3 cubic ft., fitted with covers and proper fixed handles, or alternatively in purpose made disposable sacks.
3. Cardboard or cartons shall be flattened or cut into sheets and tied in bundles.
4. Bins or purpose made sacks for collection shall be placed at the nearest public roadway.
5. Quantities shall be limited to the following:-
 - (a) Households collected once per week:- one no. three cubic ft. bin or equivalent plus one small purpose made sack or parcel.
 - (b) Shops and business premises collected once per week:- five no. three cubic ft. bins or equivalent for each postal address.
 - (c) Shops and business premises collected 4 times weekly:- two no. three cubic ft. bins or equivalent for each postal address.
 - (d) Hotels:- one three cubic ft. bin per week or equivalent for each two bedrooms.

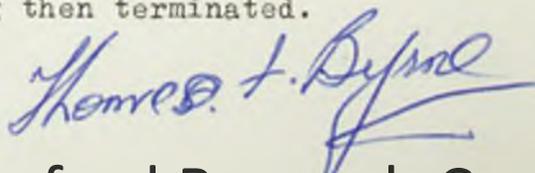
The above regulations to take effect as and from 20th July, 1970.

QUESTIONS

In reply to a question, Councillor Peter Roche was informed that to date no points had been allocated to Mr. Patrick Harpur, 61, Wolfe Tone Villas, and that the Town Clerk would discuss the case with the Chief Medical Officer.

Councillor John Cullimore was informed that the Borough Engineer was negotiating with the tenant of a house in Tuskar View regarding the removal of rubbish from the rear of the premises and that the Corporation would arrange for its removal and that a leaking chimney in Mrs. O'Leary's house in Tuskar View would be examined by the Borough Engineer.

The meeting then terminated.



10th August, 1970.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at 7.30 p.m. The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

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

In attendance: Mr. W. Creedon, Deputy County Manager; Mr. D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk; Mr. K. Conway, Borough Engineer, and Mr. J.A.V. Merriman, Borough Accountant.

SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the family of the late Mrs. Mary Roche. All members and officials present associated themselves with the vote, which was passed in silence. Councillor Peter Roche thanked the members on behalf of his family.

MINUTES

Councillor Peter Roche pointed out that it was Councillor Thomas Roche and not he, who had referred to dumping at Oyster Lane at meeting of 16th June, 1970. The minute was amended and initialled by His Worship the Mayor.

On the proposal of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor J. Morris, the minutes of meetings of 16th June and 6th July, 1970, were taken as read, approved unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

TOWN DUMP

The Council considered a report from the Borough Engineer recommending that in order to facilitate local business men, the town dump be opened on Wednesdays between 6.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. during the period 15th May to 15th September. On the proposal of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor J. Morris, the recommendation of the Engineer was unanimously adopted.

LAND AT CLONARD

The Council reaffirmed its decision, taken at meeting of 16th June, 1970, to dispose of land at Clonard, purchased from the Presentation Order, to M/s Thomas McInerney & Co. for the development for private housing.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Town Clerk informed the Council that he had arranged for M/s Meghen and Cooney to attend a special meeting on Monday, 17th August, 1970, to discuss with the members their proposals for the erection of advance factory shells on portion of the Corporation's Industrial Estate.

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150 HOUSE SCHEME AT WHITEMILL

The Town Clerk referred to the information given to the members at meeting of 6th July, 1970, in connection with the withdrawal by M/s Irish Excavation Co. of their tender for the erection of 150 houses at Whitemill North, and pointed out that while in the last analysis, failure to secure a Guarantee Bond was the reason for the withdrawal, circumstances over which the tenderer had no control, viz: delay in sanction to the acceptance of the tender and the impending bank strike, contributed to this failure.

DEVELOPMENT AT BULL RING

The Town Clerk directed the attention of the Council to proposals which had emanated, particularly from the Electricity Supply Board, for the re-development of the Bull Ring, and the provision of car parking space there. No decision in the matter was arrived at by the Council pending examination of the detailed proposals.

12th ROUND WAGE AND SALARY INCREASES

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, the Council unanimously gave its consent under Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to the following proposals of the County Manager:-

1. Granting of the following salary increases to salaried workers:-
7% subject to a minimum increase of 30/- per week, with effect from 1st April, 1970, together with an additional 10% subject to a minimum of 35/- per week, with effect from 1st January, 1971.
2. Wage increases (other than those workers covered by the Maintenance Agreement) of 50/- per week for men and 40/- per week for women, with effect from 1st April, 1970, together with a further increase of 34/- per week for men and 27/- per week for women, with effect from 1st January, 1971.
3. Wage increases of 9d. per hour with effect from 1st July, 1970, together with an additional 3d. per hour with effect as from 1st October, 1970, for employees covered by the Maintenance Agreement for Craftsmen.

The cost of these proposals for the period to 31st March, 1971, will amount to £6,500.

RAILINGS AT RERE OF SALTEE AVENUE, MAUDLINTOWN

On the proposal of Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved "That our officials insist on immediate action by those Contractors responsible for the disgraceful state in which railings were left at rere of Saltee Avenue, Maudlintown."

SICK BENEFIT

On the proposal of Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved "That this Council calls on the Minister for Social Welfare to have an immediate inquiry into the running of the Sickness Benefit Section of his Department".

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CLEANING ETC. OF ANCIENT CHURCH YARDS

On the proposal of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, it was unanimously resolved "That this Council commemorate Conservation Year in a practical way by cleaning up and reopening the ancient Church Yards of Selskar, St. John's, St. Mary's, St. Michael's, St. Magdalen's and St. Patrick's and restoring them as places of Historical interest".

DERELICT HOUSES IN CORNMARKE/JOHN'S GATE STREET/ABBAY STREET

On the proposal of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved "That a special scheme for the removal of the derelict houses in Cornmarket, John's Gate Street and Abbey Street, and for a general clean up of the area be appointed".

FERRYBANK SCHEME

On the proposal of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "That Wexford Corporation calls on the County Manager, or his deputy, to issue a full declaration of the priority he gives to the implementation of the Ferrybank Scheme. We ask for particular reference to (1) the promenade that is being undermined, (2) the seawall that was to be built in 1969, and (3) the swimming pool".

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved that the sum of £500 in excess of that allowed in the estimate of expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1971 be allowed, for the purpose of carrying out repairs to the promenade at Ferrybank, which is being undermined.

CAR PARK AT CHURCH STREET/QUAY

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "That Wexford Corporation are perturbed at the failure to have the car park at Church Street/Quay ready for season 1970, as promised, and ask the Corporation officials to get this job done without further delay".

In this connection, the Town Clerk informed the Council that some of the properties involved had already been purchased, while negotiations were taking place for the purchase of the remaining properties. It was hoped to have the area cleared for use as a car park for next year.

GROVE AT LOWER BRIDE STREET

On the proposal of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "That the Borough Council take immediate steps to have the grove at Lower Bride Street removed". As the property in question is privately owned, it was agreed to contact the owners and to direct the attention of the Chief Medical Officer to the presence of rats in the area.

HORSE RIVER

On the proposal of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "That the Borough Council consider the cleaning of the Horse River". In this connection, the Borough Engineer pointed out that this river was cleaned periodically and that further cleansing would now be carried out.

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QUESTIONS

In reply to questions, Councillor Peter Roche was informed:-

1. That the derelict houses in John's Gate Street would be demolished when the one remaining occupier had been rehoused. During the past six weeks, he had been offered a house by the Corporation, but had refused same, and the Corporation might now have to use its statutory powers to have him removed.
2. The question of paying service pay to toilet attendants will be discussed with the County Manager.
3. (a) Temporary posts are not normally advertised - clerical officers and clerk typists are recruited from an existing panel, while the more senior posts are filled by internal promotion. Collectors nominate their deputies for approval by the Corporation.
(b) Three clerical officers, two clerk typists and one storekeeper are employed by the Corporation.
(c) Normally it is not necessary to have electric fires burning in Council offices during the summer months, but, particularly in the general office during colder summer days, a fire might be needed for a short spell.

In reply to questions, Councillor Dunne was informed:-

1. The Borough Engineer submitted a report on proposed building sites in north end of town (copy attached).
2. The County Council had now discontinued using the Assembly Room in the Town Hall for civil defence purposes, and when the Lease, which that body had on the premises, was revised in view of this, the necessary space for storage of "relics" might be available.
3. No decision had been given by the Board of Works on the Council's representations re restoration of Selskar Abbey Tower.

In reply to questions Alderman Jenkins was informed:-

1. The County Council are responsible for the grass margin outside the fence of M/s Hardob. This area is very cut up at the moment, and it is hoped to carry out improvements there in connection with the 150 house scheme.
2. The report of the Borough Engineer re housing sites at the north end of the town contained a reference to a field at the rear of Davitt Road North, and while no progress has as yet been made towards acquisition, the matter will be further looked into in the light of the Engineer's report.
3. Rubble etc. had been removed from the car park at Cornmarket/Back Street, but persons unknown continued to use the area for the purpose of depositing rubbish. The matter will be investigated.

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In reply to questions Alderman Mahoney was informed:-

1. The question of responsibility for maintaining King Street Avenue would be investigated, as there was some doubt as to whether the Corporation or private interests were responsible.
2. It is intended to remove the stones from the green at Bishopswater, in connection with the current year's Employment Schemes Grant. In this connection, the Council agreed that these stones should be removed forthwith.

CIVIC RECEPTION

Several members referred to the discourtesy which had been paid to members of the Borough Council by reason of failure to invite them to attend a civic reception given in connection with the European Mirror Championships in Wexford, and His Worship the Mayor assured the members that this oversight, which did not take place through his fault, would not be allowed to reoccur.

BARRY COMMEMORATION

The Town Clerk pointed out that due to holidays, he had so far been unable to secure the services of a member of the Government for the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Barry Memorial on 23rd August, and suggested that the ceremony be deferred until 20th September. This was agreed to by the members present.

The meeting then terminated.



17th August, 1970.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

Councillors:- John Flaherty, John Cullimore, Fintan O'Leary and Thomas Roche.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from:-

Councillors Peter Roche, John Dunne, James Morris and Desmond Corish.

Officials in attendance:- T. F. Broe, County Manager; D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk and K. Conway, Borough Engineer.

Members of Wexford Industrial Development Committee in attendance:- Messrs J. Furlong, T. Hassett and V. Stafford.

His Worship the Mayor explained that the purpose of the meeting was to meet Messrs C. G. Cooney and M. Meghen to hear their proposals for the erection of advance factory shells on the Corporation's Industrial Estate.

Mr. Cooney gave the meeting an outline of his proposal. This envisaged a joint venture between himself and the Corporation and/or local interests. Initially a factory shell would be erected, and a local contribution of £10,000 or £12,000 would be required to finance this. The investors would have to be prepared to wait until factory was sold or leased before they got any return on their money. The local money could be raised either by the Corporation itself or by private investment. In reply to queries, Mr. Cooney was informed that (1) some local support would be available but perhaps not to the extent of £10,000 or £12,000; (2) the Corporation was under no legal disability to form a partnership with private interests in the development of industrial potential and (3) depending on circumstances, the price of land on the Industrial Estate was about £800 per acre.

His Worship the Mayor thanked Mr. Cooney for his attendance and the proposition he had placed before the meeting.

Mr. Meghen, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Finn, told the meeting that due to present circumstances, Mr. Finn had been advised by his legal advisors not to undertake the erection of advance factories at this time. This position would obtain at least until February, 1971. Experience of another developer in Dundalk had prompted this decision. Mr. Finn wished, however, to take an option on five acres of the Industrial Estate for a period of two years, for a fine of £200 - which amount would be subject to negotiation. For this he would lodge plans of a 5,000 or 6,000 square feet factory with the Corporation together with an estimate at a price of approximately £5 per square foot, subject to wage and price variation clauses. In the event of an industrialist wishing to have such a factory erected, this would be done within six months of signing agreement. No part of the cost would fall to be met either by the Corporation or private interests in Wexford. Larger factories of up to 15,000 square feet could also be built but very little demand existed for this type.

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His Worship the Mayor thanked Mr. Meghan for his attendance and the proposition he had placed before the meeting.

Following the withdrawal of Messrs Cooney and Meghan, a short discussion took place, when doubts were expressed as to the possibility of raising locally the funds specified by Mr. Cooney and the unwillingness at the present time of Mr. Meghan's principal to erect an advance factory. It was decided to adjourn further consideration to another meeting to be held in three weeks time, before which information would be secured on the position in Dundalk and also on the demand for advance factories on Industrial Estates at Waterford and Galway.

Following the withdrawal of the members of the Wexford Industrial Development Committee, the Town Clerk referred to report of the Borough Engineer intimating that due to shortage of supply, water supplies would be cut off between the hours of 10.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m. as from Friday next. The Council approved of the Borough Engineer's recommendation.

BUNGALOWS AT DAVITT ROAD SOUTH

The Town Clerk reported that due to numbering difficulties it would be necessary to number separately the twelve bungalows at Davitt Road South, and suggested that a separate name be placed on the bungalows. The matter was adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

On the question of tenants for the bungalows, the County Manager was requested to submit his proposals to the next meeting of the Council.

CORISH PARK/COOLCOTTS DEVELOPMENT

Three tenders received for the supply and installation of Booster Plant at Wygram were opened by His Worship the Mayor, as follows:-

Roche & McConnell, Ltd., Dublin	£2,565
H. R. Holfeld (Hydraulics) Ltd., Dublin	£2,820
Mahon & McPhillips, Ltd., Kilkenny	£2,861

The tenders were referred to the County Manager for investigation.

The meeting then terminated.



31st August, 1970.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at 7.30 p.m.

The members present were :

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

Aldermen: Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

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

In Attendance: D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the widow and family of the late Rev. E. G. Shearer and his son Philip. All members present and the Town Clerk associated themselves with the vote and glowing tributes were paid to the late Rev. Shearer, whom the members regarded as a great Christian, Citizen and Priest. Sympathy was also extended to the Church of Ireland Community on its great loss.

The resolution was passed in silence and His Worship the Mayor then adjourned the meeting as a mark of respect.

Thomas F. Byrne

31st August, 1970.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at 7.45 p.m. The members present were :

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

Aldermen: Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

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

Members of Wexford Industrial Development Association:
Mr. J. Furlong.

In Attendance: D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk and Mr. W. Ringwood,
Industrial Liaison Officer.

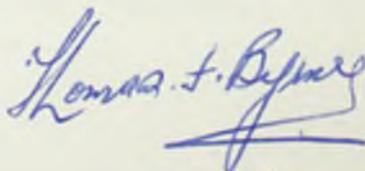
His Worship the Mayor, opening the meeting, said that they were here to consider further the possibility of providing advance factory shells on the Corporation's Industrial Estate, particularly in the light of the proposals of M/s. Cooney and Meghen, who had attended their last special meeting. A general discussion ensued during which all members stressed the need to provide advance factories, but felt that the question of financing the project would have to be carefully examined. Mr. Ringwood advised on the need for advance factory space in Wexford and stated that if such were provided, he, from experience and knowledge of requirement, could guarantee an industrialist to occupy same.

The meeting unanimously approved on the proposition of Councillor Corish, seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche, in principle of the provision of advance factories and also agreed that a public meeting should be called to ascertain the views of interested parties in the town and to ascertain the availability of the necessary capital.

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, the following preliminary steps were agreed on :

1. Town Clerk to issue statement to local press outlining the need and progress to date.
2. Small active Committee representative of interested bodies to be formed to publicise the idea, examine the technicalities and in time to present the case for the idea to a public meeting of the Townspeople.

The meeting then terminated.



31st August, 1970.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at 8.30 p.m.
The members present were :

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

Aldermen: Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

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

In Attendance: D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

BUNGALOWS AT DAVITT ROAD SOUTH:

The Council considered the proposals of the County Manager for the appointment of tenants for twelve bungalows for old people at Davitt Road South, which are now ready for occupation. Following a general discussion, it was unanimously decided to raise no objection to the following appointments :

1. James Whelan, 5, Mary Street.
2. Mrs. Mary O'Brien, Selskar Avenue.
3. John Lacey, Francis Street.
4. Thomas Roche, Francis Street.
5. Brigid O'Leary, Francis Street.
6. Mrs. Browne, Lower John Street.
7. Mrs. Walsh, Lower John Street.
8. Mrs. A. Sinnott, C/o. 4, Lower John Street.
9. Mrs. Duggan, Thomas Clarke Place.
10. Mrs. Scanlon, 2, John's Gate Street.

The County Manager's proposals re the remaining two bungalows, viz: Mr. John Busher, 24, King Street and Mrs. Mary Corish, C/o. Lawlor, 112, Kennedy Park, were referred back for further consideration while it was agreed that the claims of Mrs. Sarah Hynes, 4, Lower Bride Street and Mrs. Byrne, Maudlintown, should also be investigated.

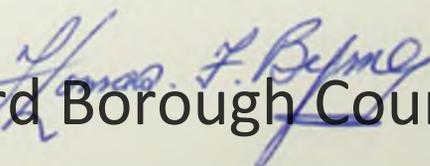
DOMESTIC REFUSE COLLECTION:

Councillor Cullimore referred to the practice of some shopkeepers of putting refuse bins on the public street on Saturday night and on the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, it was agreed to have notices served on these people requiring them to discontinue this practice.

CIVIC RECEPTION FOR HURLING TEAM:

On the suggestion of Councillor Peter Roche, it was agreed to discuss with the G.A.A. Authorities the possibility of having the Civic Reception for the Wexford Hurling team at the Town Hall, Cornmarket, on Monday next, 7th September, 1970.

The meeting then terminated.


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7th September, 1970.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day at the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m. The members present were :

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

Aldermen: James Mahony, James Jenkins and Kevin Morris.

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

Officials in Attendance: Messrs. T.F. Broe, County Manager, D. T. Wixted, Town Clerk, K. Conway, Borough Engineer.

M I N U T E S:

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor T. Roche, the minutes of meetings of 10th, 17th and 31st August, 1970, were taken as read, approved unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Councillor P. Roche referred to correction of minute re Oyster Lane of 16th June, 1970, and His Worship the Mayor stated that the matter would be looked into and suitable amendments made.

SICKNESS BENEFIT:

A letter was received from the Department of Social Welfare acknowledging Council's resolution re enquiry into operation of Sickness Benefit Section of that Department.

SELSKAR ABBEY:

A letter was received from the Office of Public Works stating that "while the Commissioners of Public Works are empowered to spend money on the repair and conservation of National Monuments in their charge, they are not empowered to spend money on restoration works. It is not proposed, therefore, to restore Selskar Abbey Tower".

The question of the Corporation providing money for such restoration was adjourned to the Annual Estimates Meeting.

CONTRIBUTION TO TOURISM:

The attention of the Council was directed to a Circular from the Department of Local Government intimating that contributions could be made to Organisations such as S.E.R.T.O., under Section 14 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963. No Statutory limit was placed on such contributions, unlike contributions under the Tourist Traffic Acts. The matter was adjourned to the Annual Estimates Meeting.

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MAJOR WILLIE REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK:

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor J. Morris, it was unanimously resolved "that a grant of £300 be made to the Major Willie Redmond Memorial Park Committee towards the maintenance of the Park for the financial year ending 31st March, 1971".

FERRYBANK:

The Council considered a Report (copy attached) of the County Manager, on the Ferrybank Swimming Pool and sea wall. Following a discussion in the matter it was unanimously resolved on the proposition of Councillor Corish, seconded by Councillor T. Roche, that the Minister for Local Government be contacted immediately and request him to receive a deputation within the next two weeks to discuss the swimming pool and with this project in view it was also decided to call an immediate meeting of the members of the deputation to prepare a case for presentation to the Minister.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT BATT STREET TO E.S.B.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor J. Morris, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of approximately 36 square feet of land at Batt Street, Wexford, to the Electricity Supply Board, for the erection of a transformer and on the terms as set out in Notice, dated 20th March, 1970, and circulated to the members, viz: Lease for a term of 100 years at a rent of 1/= per year and subject to a fine of £20.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT CLONARD:

A letter was received from M/s. Noonan Construction Co. Ltd., protesting against the decision of the Borough Council to sell approximately 6 acres of land at Clonard, Wexford, to M/s. McInerney Construction Ltd., for private house building and requesting that the Council reconsider the matter with a view to affording them an opportunity to purchase this land. The matter was referred to the County Manager, who intimated that he would arrange for tenders for the purchase of the land to be publicly invited.

WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE:

The Council was informed that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government has now been received to the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme and it was hoped to advertise for tenders in the next week or two. The revised estimate of cost amounted to £97,000 as against £64,000 originally, in 1967. The question of authorising the raising of the necessary monies to carry out the Scheme was adjourned to the next meeting.

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HOUSING - BUNGALOWS AT DAVITT ROAD SOUTH:

The following were recommended to the County Manager for appointment to the two remaining bungalows at Davitt Road South :

- (a) Mrs. Byrne, 6, Maudlintown; and
- (b) Mrs. Mary Corish, C/o. L. L. L. L., 112, Kennedy Park.

HOUSING: 21, Hill Street.

No objection was raised by the Council to the proposal of the County Manager to appoint Mrs. Byrne, Grogan's Road, as tenant of vacant house at No. 21, Hill Street.

HOUSING - NAMING OF BUNGALOWS:

On the suggestion of Councillor J. Morris, it was unanimously agreed that the 12 Bungalows at Davitt Road South be named "College View", Davitt Road South.

IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

On the proposal of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation call on the Town Clerk to give a full report, quarterly, of the progress made to date on motions passed by the Wexford Corporation, and that adequate time be allocated to enable members to comment on the progress or otherwise, made towards the implementation".

On the suggestion of Councillor Flaherty, it was agreed to reconstitute the Council's general purposes Committee with a view to more progress being made but on the proposition of Councillor Corish it was agreed, initially, to request the Committee on the Review of Standing Orders to expedite its report to the Council.

HOUSING LOANS:

His Worship the Mayor stated that he wished to adjourn moving his motion "that all applications for loans under the Small Dwellings Act be submitted to the Corporation before approval is given by the County Manager", but was retaining his right to reintroduce the motion at a later date. This was agreed.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

On the proposal of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "that this Council in the immediate future, seek a meeting with the Garda Siochana, re the problem of parking and traffic on the Main Street.

In view of the adoption of this motion, Councillor Dunne withdrew a motion in his name on the same subject viz: "that this Council recommend for approval that North and South Main Street be closed to motor traffic between the hours of 10.30 and 11.30 a.m. each day to enable pedestrians and people with prams to do their shopping in safety".

HOUSING COMMITTEE:

On the proposal of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "that a Housing Committee meeting of this Council be held and the new housing list be drawn up as soon as possible".

OVERCHARGE ON RATES:

Councillor Dunne moved the following motion in his name "that the sum of £4,000 overcharged on this year's rates be invested, the interest earned to alleviate somewhat next year's burden", but received no seconder.

TOILET FACILITIES ON WEXFORD QUAY:

On the proposal of Councillor T. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahony, it was unanimously resolved "that toilet facilities be provided on Wexford Quay". It was decided to discuss the matter with Wexford Harbour Commissioners.

LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT ON WEXFORD QUAY:

It was proposed by Councillor T. Roche and seconded by Councillor P. Roche, "that the Council request the Harbour Commissioners to provide more life-saving belts and grappling hooks on Wexford Quay". It was pointed out that the present life-belts had been provided by Wexford Corporation and the members agreed to provide four additional ones.

BARRY COMMEMORATION:

It was proposed by Alderman Morris and seconded by Councillor Flaherty "that due to the very stringent financial position of the Corporation and a current rate of 105/= in the Pound, together with pending further very heavy financial commitments, the Barry Commemoration this year consist of a simple wreath-laying ceremony by the Mayor and members of the Corporation with no cost on the Rates". On a vote for the motion, Alderman Mahony and Morris and Councillors Corish, Flaherty, P. Roche, O'Leary and J. Morris (7). His Worship the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CORPORATION MEETINGS:

On the proposal of Alderman Morris seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "that Corporation meetings will not in future be held on dates when Wexford Races are being held".

STREET CLEANING:

On the proposal of Alderman Mahony seconded by Councillor J. Morris, it was unanimously resolved "that every effort be made to effect an improvement in the street cleaning system". It was decided to investigate the possible use of mechanical sweepers and an appeal was made to the schools to inculcate a greater sense of civic responsibility in their pupils. The members were agreed that the four sweepers were doing an excellent job under the circumstances.

REPAIRS TO CROKE AVENUE HOUSES:

On the proposal of Alderman Mahony, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved "that essential repairs be carried out to houses at Croke Avenue as a matter of urgency".

In this connection the Borough Engineer pointed out that some houses had been repaired but lack of finance was a big drawback. Four of the worst cases would be done before Winter.

QUESTIONS:

In reply to questions, Councillor P. Roche was informed :

- 1/ Wall outside No. 127, Corish Park, which had collapsed, will be repaired before the end of September when street reinstatements are complete. The other boundary walls in the area are not in a dangerous condition - some are in need of repairs and these will be done.
- 2/ Mr. George Stafford is responsible for overgrowing bushes at right-hand end of John's Road - he has promised to take action.
- 3/ Breakdown in water supply on 13th August last was due to unusual clogging at filters. As it was an emergency, notice could not be given.

In reply to questions, Councillor Dunne was informed :

- 1/ Cost to date of repair to Corporation Scavenging Truck is £525.
- 2/ Rainfall to date has not so far justified reduction in water rationing.

In reply to questions, Councillor T. Roche was informed :

- 1/ The Borough Engineer is of the opinion that Zebra crossing at upper William Street is in proper location. However, telephone kiosk would need to be resited adjacent to crossing and a section of footpath access from the park would need to be provided.
- 2/ It is hoped to clear the unsightly patch at the Faythe entrance to Fisher's Row by means of an E.S.V Grant.
- 3/ Repair of footpath at the entrance to Emmet Place is responsibility of Wexford County Council, whose attention will be drawn to the matter.

In reply to questions, Councillor J. J. Morris was informed:

- 1/(a) A notice has now been erected indicating toilets in the Market House, Bull Ring.
(b) A part-time caretaker is felt necessary for these toilets.
- 2/ Footpath outside Mrs. Elsie Murray's shop at 19, Selskar Street will be repaired but it will be necessary for Mrs. Murray to provide a roll under her door to prevent water entering her house.
- 3/ A number of street name-plates for the Selskar Area have been painted and are ready for erection. The remaining ones will be attended to.

TRANSPORT FOR VOCATIONAL STUDENTS:

With the permission of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Flaherty referred to the recent reopening of the Town of Wexford Vocational Schools and said that he had been informed that no transport had been provided for students from the rural areas attending the school.

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He proposed that an immediate protest be sent to the Minister for Education, together with a request that free transport facilities be provided for these students. He further proposed that the Department of Education be requested to arrange an immediate meeting between representatives of the Council and the Transport Liason Officer of the Department.

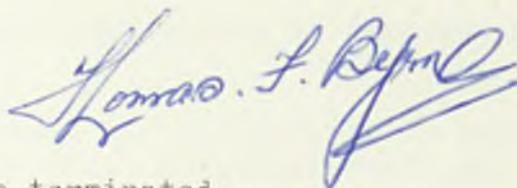
The motion was seconded by His Worship the Mayor and unanimously adopted.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WEXFORD HURLERS:

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, the congratulations of the Council were extended to the Wexford Hurlers on winning the Leinster Championship and reaching the All-Ireland Final.

CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL
AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND:

Alderman Mahony informed the meeting that he would be unable to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland and on the proposition of Alderman Mahony, seconded by Councillor T. Roche, His Worship the Mayor was unanimously selected as a substitute delegate.



The Meeting then terminated.

28th September, 1970.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee of the Wexford Borough Council was held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, on Monday 28th September, 1970, at 7.30 p.m.

The members present were :

His Worship The Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the Chair.

Alderman James Mahony.

Councillors: Fintan O'Leary, Peter Roche, John Dunne, John Cullimore, Thomas Roche.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman James Jenkins.

Officials in Attendance: T. F. Broe, Co. Manager; K. Conway, Borough Engineer; D. T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

APPLICATIONS:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that consequent on the decision of the Borough Council, at its last meeting, a new Priority list was being prepared. Public Notice had been issued inviting applications for inclusion on the list. As this would be a comprehensive list, covering the Whitemill Scheme and also the basis of the Corporation's assessment of Housing Needs for the five year period commencing 1st April, 1971, it would probably be early 1971 before it was completed. In any event a number of persons still remained on the existing list which would more than cover the period until the New List came into operation.

Some aspects of the matter were raised by members as follows :

- 1/ It was agreed that while it would not be possible to notify each applicant of the time of inspection, in exceptional cases some such arrangement might be possible.
- 2/ Regarding refusal of tenancies, the County Manager pointed out that the Scheme adopted by the Council covered this matter but the question of the reasonable interpretation of the Clause arose. This was a matter which might be considered further when the New List was being adopted.
- 3/ Reference was made to applicants on previous lists not appearing on the current list. It was pointed out that any such omissions would be rectified when the Revised List was being prepared and every effort would be made to avoid a reoccurrence.

CAPITAL WORKS:

The Borough Engineer reported on Capital Works as follows :

- 1/ Thomas Clarke Place: It was hoped to have eight houses completed by early 1971 with a further four by April 1971.
- 2/ Whitemill North: Preliminary investigations re Fidelity Guarantee Bond had now been completed. It was hoped to have a Bond submitted at a very early date and to commence work immediately after that. Assuming that the houses were delivered in lots, and taking into account the time for completion, viz. 68 weeks, the first delivery might be expected in four or five months of commencement.

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3/ Talbot St./Green St. and St. John's Gate Street:

These schemes were with the Corporation's Consulting Architect for preparation of layout along the lines of the Council's requirements.

PURCHASE OF LAND:

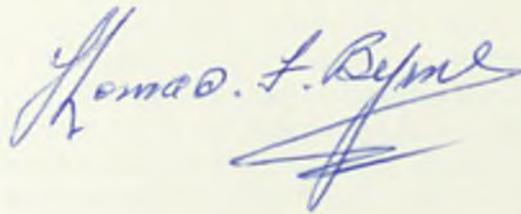
The Town Clerk reported that approximately 18 acres of land had been purchased at Clonard from the Sisters of Mercy at approximately £300 per acre. In addition negotiations were in progress for the purchase of approximately 38 acres at Coolcotts. An approach had been made to the Sisters of Mercy re purchase of land at Davitt Road/St. John's Road but as the Sisters felt this might be needed for further building, they were unwilling to sell at this stage. However, if they were selling, they would ask the Corporation for an offer.

MAINTENANCE:

The Borough Engineer reported on repairs carried out in recent months and informed the members to date, in 1970 360 general repairs and 266 plumbing repairs had been carried out. The main items for the second quarter of the year were major roof repairs at Croke Avenue. Up to 25th September, 1970, expenditure amounted to approximately £4,100 leaving a balance of approximately £3,000 for the period to 31st March, 1971.

A long discussion took place on maintenance generally during which some members were critical of the system of selection. It was pointed out that a Priority list for repairs was maintained in accordance with a previous decision of the Borough Council.

The meeting then terminated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James F. Byrne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

5th October, 1970.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day at the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half past seven o'clock p.m. The members present were:

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair;

Aldermen: James Mahony and Kevin Morris.

Councillors: John Flaherty, Thomas Roche, John Dunne, Peter Roche, Fintan O'Leary.

In Attendance: Mr. T. F. Broe, County Manager; K. Conway, Borough Engineer; and D. T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Alderman Morris, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the following recently deceased - James Hayes; Dr. James Ryan and Philip Kehoe. The resolution was passed in respectful silence.

WELCOME TO NEW RECTOR:

On the proposition of Councillor Peter Roche, all members associated themselves with a resolution of welcome to Rev. Grant, who has recently been appointed Rector of Wexford in succession to the late Rev. E. A. Shearer.

MINUTES:

On the proposition of Alderman Morris seconded by Alderman Mahony the minutes of statutory meeting of 7th September 1970 and of Housing Committee Meeting of 28th September 1970, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME:

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved "that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be requested to the raising of a loan of £97,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the financing of the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme and that an undertaking be given to the Commissioners of Public Works that the instalments of the loan and of all outstanding loans would be punctually remitted on the due dates".

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION, 1970.

The Council considered the Adjudicators' Report on the Tidy Towns Competition 1970, which disclosed that Wexford secured 92 marks out of a possible 150, attaining 11th place of 26 entries in its category and was "commended". Criticisms of the judging was expressed and the Council was divided on the question of entering for this Competition at all. It was decided on the suggestions of Councillor Flaherty and His Worship the Mayor to appeal to the teachers, the school children and the people of the town to co-operate more fully in future efforts.

5th October, 1970.

VACANCY ON TOWN OF WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
COMMITTEE:

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Councillor Flaherty, Very Rev. Brother P. McBride, Superior C.B. Schools was unanimously selected to fill the vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee caused by the resignation of Very Rev. Brother G.A. Murphy.

SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION LTD:

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Alderman Mahony, Councillor Peter Roche was unanimously appointed to represent the Council at the Annual General Meeting of South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd., to be held in New Ross on 26th November, 1970.

DISPOSAL OF SITE AT MONCK STREET:

On the proposition of Alderman Morris seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of approximately 6 square perches of land at Monck Street, Wexford, to Mr. Noel Randall, 58, Corish Park, Wexford, on which the purchaser proposes to erect a business premises and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 16th September, 1970, and circulated to the members viz: for the sum of £690.

ADVANCE FACTORY COMMITTEE:

Councillor T. Roche, on the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, and Alderman Mahony on the proposition of Councillor P. Roche seconded by Councillor T. Roche, were unanimously selected to represent the Council on the Committee being set up to further explore the possibility of erecting advance factories on the Corporation's Industrial Estate at Whitemill.

FESTIVAL LIGHTING:

An application from Wexford Junior Chamber for the usual grant of £250 towards the provision of festive lighting during Wexford Festival was considered. It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche and seconded by Alderman Mahony that no grant be given. The following amendment to Councillor Peter Roche's motion were then moved; proposed by Alderman Morris and seconded by Councillor O'Leary - that a grant of £250 be given; proposed by His Worship the Mayor and seconded by Councillor T. Roche - that a grant of £125 be given; proposed by Councillor Flaherty and seconded by Alderman Morris - that the matter be deferred to the next meeting.
Voting resulted as follows :

Councillor Flaherty's Amendment:

For : Alderman Morris and Councillors Flaherty and O'Leary.
Against : Alderman Mahony, His Worship the Mayor and Councillors T. Roche, Dunne and P. Roche.

The Amendment was declared defeated by 5 votes to 3.

Polls were taken for the remaining votes and resulted :

His Worship the Mayor's Amendment:

For : His Worship the Mayor and Councillor T. Roche.

Against : Aldermen Mahony and Morris and
Councillors Flaherty, P. Roche and O'Leary.
Councillor Dunne did not vote.

The Amendment was declared defeated by 5 votes to 2.

Alderman Morris' Amendment:

For : Alderman Morris and
Councillors Flaherty and O'Leary.

Against : Alderman Mahony, His Worship the Mayor and
Councillors T. Roche, Dunne and P. Roche.

The Amendment was declared defeated by 5 votes to 3.

Councillor P. Roche's Motion:

For : Alderman Mahony, His Worship the Mayor and
Councillors Dunne and P. Roche.

Against : Alderman Morris and
Councillors Flaherty and O'Leary.
Councillor T. Roche did not vote.

Councillor P. Roche's motion was declared carried by 4 votes to 3.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CRESCENT:

The Town Clerk informed the Council that discussions were at present going on between Wexford County Council and C.I.E. on the question of providing a road across Crescent Quay in conjunction with improvements to the railway bridge. The Council would be kept informed of developments.

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS:

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor the Council unanimously approved of the proposals of the County Manager to grant the following salary adjustments :

1. CLERICAL OFFICER: Revised salary scale from 1st April, 1970, as follows :
 - (a) Officers appointed as a result of competitions held after 26th May, 1964 -
£600 x £75 - £975 x £55 - £1,030 x £50 - £1,130 x £40 - £1,410 plus £140 on marriage.
 - (b) Officers appointed as a result of competitions held before 26th May, 1964, other than those who exercised the option provided for in Circular E.L.5/64 of 26th May, 1964 -
£600 x £75 - £975 x £55 - £1,030 x £50 - £1,180 x £45 - £1450 x £50 - £1,550.
2. Staff Officer :
Increase of £100 per annum from 1st April, 1968.

YIELD RIGHT OF WAY SIGN AT SWAN VIEW:

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "that the Borough Surveyor examine the need for a Yield Right of Way sign at Swan View for traffic approaching from Kevin Barry Street and the Folly Hill directions".

DERELICT HOUSES AT MAUDLINTOWN.

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahony it was unanimously resolved "that this Council request the Town Clerk to investigate who is responsible for the two near derelict houses at Maudlintown which are an eyesore to visitor and local alike and to find out what is the Council's position re these eyesores". The Town Clerk undertook to investigate the matter and pointed out that, depending on the condition of the houses, action might be taken as Dangerous Buildings, or under the Derelict Sites Act.

SELISKAR ABBEY TOWER:

On the proposition of Councillor Dunne seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "as Selskar Abbey Tower is part of the ancient Abbey of St. Selskar which is already conserved under the National Monuments Act - that this Council who are now custodians of the Tower, request the Office of Public Works to take it over with a view to having it repaired and conserved under the National Monuments Act".

BUNGALOWS AT "COLLEGE VIEW", DAVITT ROAD SOUTH:

On the proposition of Councillor Dunne seconded by Councillor P. Roche, it was unanimously resolved "that each of the old folk homes at Davitt Road be provided with a small fuel house". The Council agreed to the suggestion of the Borough Engineer that a small fuel bunker be provided for each house.

LETTING OF CORPORATION HOUSES:

On the proposition of Councillor T. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahony, it was unanimously resolved "future letting of Corporation Houses - that the Housing Authority submit to incoming tenants 10 days notification to facilitate connection of electric current prior to occupancy".

The Town Clerk pointed out that this problem was under consideration and in future schemes, tenants would be notified of their allocation, without specifying the particular house, in sufficient time to allow meter installation to take place.

QUESTIONS:

In reply to questions Councillor P. Roche was informed :

- 1/ The question of improvements to roadway at Gulbar/Antelope Road was under discussion with Messrs. Springs, who were partly responsible and will be carried out within the next two months.
- 2/ The attention of Wexford County Council will be drawn to the following :
 - (a) Drain at Distillery Road/Bishopswater overgrown with weeds.
 - (b) Footpaths at Trinity Street.
 - (c) Road surface at John Street.

In the case of the following question the Town Clerk stated that a written reply would be issued within the next week - "how many people in need of rehousing have their application forms in for (a) six years; (b) four years; (c) three years; and why have so many of these been passed over so often?".

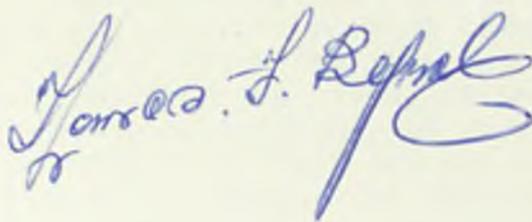
5th October, 1970.

In reply to questions Councillor Dunne was informed :

- 1/ Bacteriological analysis of the water supply is carried out 6 to 8 times each year by the Chief Medical Officer, while tests for residual chlorine content were carried out daily by Corporation staff.
- 2/ Report on prospective building site at back of Abbey Cinema given in writing - copy attached.

The reply to a question concerning unsightly thatched derelict houses in Maudlintown was given under Minute "Derelict Houses at Maudlintown".

The Meeting then terminated.

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20th October, 1970.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, on Tuesday, 20th October, 1970, at 7.30 p.m. The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

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

Officials in attendance: D. T. Wixted, Town Clerk and J.A.V. Merriman, Borough Accountant.

The meeting had been convened by His Worship the Mayor on a requisition signed by Alderman Jenkins and Kevin Morris, and Councillors Corish, James Morris and Flaherty.

FESTIVAL LIGHTING

The following motion, notice of which had been tabled by Alderman Jenkins and also signed by Alderman Morris and Councillors Corish, James Morris and Flaherty, was proposed by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderman K. Morris "That the motion passed at the Wexford Corporation meeting on October 5th, 1970, refusing a financial grant towards the special lighting of Wexford town during the Wexford Festival be hereby rescinded and that the sum of £250 (Two hundred and fifty pounds sterling) be granted to the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Wexford to help them illuminate the town as in former years".

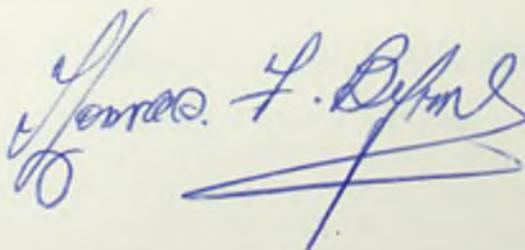
Following a discussion, the question was put and a poll resulted as follows:-

For the motion:- Aldermen Morris and Jenkins, Councillors Corish, Flaherty, Thomas Roche, Dunne, O'Leary and James Morris.

Against:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Mahoney, Councillors Cullimore and Peter Roche.

His Worship declared the motion adopted by eight votes to four.

The meeting then terminated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thomas F. Byrne', with a large flourish underneath.

2nd November, 1970.

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 were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen:- James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

Councillors:- John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, James J. Morris and Thomas Roche.

In attendance:- Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; Kevin Conway, Borough Engineer; J.A. V. Merriman, Borough Accountant and D. T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Kevin Morris, the minutes of the quarterly meeting of 5th October, 1970, and of Special Meeting of 20th October, 1970, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

WEXFORD COAT OF ARMS

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the permission of the Council was unanimously given to the 3rd Wexford Sea Rangers to incorporate the Wexford Coat of Arms on that Organisation's flag.

CARTER DIFFERENTIAL

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor J. Morris, it was unanimously resolved: "that in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the City and County Management Amendment Act, 1955, approval be given to the proposal of the County Manager to increase the differential payable to carters employed by Wexford Corporation from $1/5\frac{1}{4}$ per hour to $1/9\frac{1}{2}$ per hour, with effect from 1st October, 1970".

OVERDRAFT

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, it was unanimously resolved: "that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, approval be given to the raising of an overdraft from the Corporation's treasurers, the National Bank of Ireland Ltd., Wexford, for the quarter ending 31st December, 1970, as follows:-

Revenue Account	-	£80,000
Capital Account	-	£38,000"

AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1969.

The Council considered the report of the Local Government Auditor on the accounts of the Corporation of the Borough of Wexford for the year ended 31st March, 1969, and following a discussion on a number of points raised by the Auditor, the report was unanimously adopted on the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris.

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CIVIC RECEPTION - SEAMUS BUGGY AND RICHIE LYNG.

It was proposed by Councillor Peter Roche and seconded by His Worship the Mayor "that a Civic Reception be given by the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of this Council for the two Wexford men, Seamus Buggy and Richie Lyng, who won the recent World Handball Doubles Championship for Ireland". It was proposed by Alderman Kevin Morris and seconded by Councillor Flaherty "that a reception be given, but that the cost of same be borne by the members of the Council". On a vote for Alderman Morris' amendment, for:- Alderman Morris and Councillor Flaherty; against:- Alderman Mahoney and Jenkins, His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Cullimore, Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris and Thomas Roche. Alderman Morris' amendment was declared defeated by eight votes to two. Councillor Peter Roche's motion was then put to the meeting and unanimously adopted.

SOCIAL WELFARE BENEFITS

It was proposed by Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved: "that the Minister for Social Welfare be requested to meet a deputation to discuss the delay in paying out Social Welfare benefits".

The following deputation was then selected, viz: His Worship the Mayor on the proposition of Councillor Thomas Roche, seconded by Councillor Cullimore; Alderman Mahoney on the proposition of Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman Morris; and Alderman Morris on the proposition of Councillor J. Morris, seconded by Councillor Flaherty. It was also decided to invite the four T.D's. for the Wexford Constituency to accompany the deputation.

CAR PARKS

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved: "that Wexford Corporation place a notice in all public car parks that parking a vehicle for over a period of seven days be illegal and that an up to date report be given on the position regarding the car park in the Quay/Church Lane area".

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he would investigate the legal position regarding restriction of parking time. On the question of the car park in the Quay/Church Lane area, he pointed out that property on Church Lane had now been acquired and it was hoped to commence demolition work there within the next five or six weeks. This area would then be available for car parking. Other properties in the area were the subject of negotiations, but no commitments had, as yet, been given by the owners.

SEA WALL AND PROMENADE AT FERRYBANK

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved: "that urgent action be taken in the matter of the erection of the sea wall and promenade at Ferrybank".

The Borough Engineer pointed out that repairs to the promenade had now been completed, but he would inspect the area in order to ascertain if any further works needed to be carried out.

Regarding the sea wall, the Town Clerk pointed out that proposals for this wall had been submitted to the Department of Local Government with a request that 50% of the estimated cost of £9,421 be recouped by the Department by way of amenity grant. So far, no decision had been arrived at by the Department. In this regard, it was decided that in the event of the Minister for Social Welfare agreeing to meet a deputation from the Council on the question of the Social Welfare Benefits, the Minister for Local Government be also requested to meet this deputation to discuss the question of the sea wall, which was now urgently required.

PLANNING PERMISSION - WEXFORD CREDIT UNION LTD.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Morris, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved "that the contribution of £800 for car parks attached as a condition to the granting of planning permission to Wexford Credit Union Ltd. for their proposed new premises at Common Quay Street, Wexford, be waived".

In this connection, the County Manager pointed out that a decision on this condition was now a matter for the Minister for Local Government on appeal by the Wexford Credit Union Ltd., and apart from that, there was nothing either he or the Borough Council could do.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris, it was unanimously resolved "that the Minister for Local Government be requested to deal sympathetically with the appeal of Wexford Credit Union Ltd. against the condition re. car parks attached to the decision of Wexford Corporation on their planning application".

JUNIOR TRAFFIC WARDENS

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, and unanimously resolved "that consultations take place with the local schools re provision of Junior Traffic Wardens at these schools".

It was decided that following these consultations, a report would be submitted on the matter for the next meeting of the Borough Council.

TILE FIREPLACES AT BISHOPSWATER

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, it was unanimously resolved "that a report be submitted on the £400 that was allocated in the 1969 rates to instal ten tile fireplaces in Bishopswater by the Borough Council".

The Borough Engineer undertook to submit a report for the next meeting.

NATIONAL BUILDING AGENCY - ERECTION OF HOUSES FOR
INDUSTRIAL WORKERS.

The Council was informed that the National Building Agency are anxious, in conjunction with Wexford Corporation, to erect 20 houses on their land at Whitemill South for the housing of industrial workers. The arrangement would be that the houses would be erected by the National Building Agency, but would be managed and maintained by Wexford Corporation. Tenants would be nominated by the Industrial Development Authority and appointed by the Corporation. No loss would accrue to the Corporation, and any houses, for which the Industrial Development Authority were unable to nominate tenants, could be let by the Corporation as part of their normal housing.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris, the Council unanimously approved of the provision of these houses in association with the National Building Agency.

WEXFORD FESTIVAL

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, congratulations of the Council were extended to the organisers and all those associated with the recent Wexford Festival, which the movers of the motion felt had been a tremendous success.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

On the proposition of Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche, the congratulations of the Council were unanimously extended to His Worship the Mayor on his recent election as Vice-President of the General Committee of the Council of Europe.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions, Councillor Peter Roche was informed:-

1. The attention of the Wexford County Council would be drawn to the condition of the road at Casa Rio and Distillery Road.
2. The Borough Engineer is aware of the condition of the surface of the road at Batt Street and the danger that condition of the road is causing to sewers. In this connection, the Borough Engineer pointed out that while the surface needed attention, the damage was being done by the box sewer, which had been built too near to the surface of the road. Work would be carried out on the surface of the road.
3. The Borough Engineer is of the opinion that the school sign to the north of the St. John of God school, The Faythe, was situated too close to the school, while the sign at the southern end was located too far away. He pointed out that a condition attached to recent permission for an extension to the school, required the erection of a barrier outside the school gates.

TENDERS FOR WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME

Two tenders were opened as follows, for the carrying out of the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme:-

1. J. V. Duffy Ltd., Shankill, Co. Dublin. - £107,876.14.3d.
2. William Carroll & Son (Wexford) Ltd.,
Taghmon, Co. Wexford. - £131,734.35

The tenders were referred to the County Manager for attention.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Byrne

24th November, 1970.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at 8.30 p.m. The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

Councillors: John Cullimore, John Dunne and Peter Roche.

In attendance: Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

The meeting had been especially requisitioned by His Worship the Mayor.

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor and seconded by Alderman Mahoney "that Councillor Peter Roche be nominated by Wexford Borough Council for election as a Director of the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. at the Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday, 26th November, 1970". On a vote, for the motion; His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Mahoney and Councillors Cullimore, Dunne and Peter Roche. Against: none. Aldermen Morris and Jenkins did not vote. The motion was declared carried by five notes to none.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

7th December, 1970.

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 were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen:- James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

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

In attendance:- Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; Kevin Conway, Borough Engineer and D. T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

WEXFORD TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS

Inspector Fehily and Sergeant Mullarky of the Wexford Garda Siochana attended the meeting to discuss with the members traffic problems which were prevalent in certain parts of the town.

A long discussion took place during the course of which numerous traffic problems were mentioned, with particular reference to problems regarding parking and pedestrian freedom on the Main Street. After the discussion had been in progress for some considerable time, it was agreed that a meeting of the Traffic Management Committee, which is representative of various bodies including Wexford Corporation and the Garda Siochana, be called in the near future to consider the problems and report back to the Borough Council with any recommendations they might have for a solution.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Alderman Morris, the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 2nd November, and Special Meeting of 24th November, 1970, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET DEVELOPMENT - PROVISION OF SHOPS.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government intimating that the Department did not consider the provision of shops in the Talbot Street/Green Street Development to be necessary, particularly in view of the close proximity of the Shopping Centre. It was pointed out that the cost of the provision of shops in a local authority housing development cannot be considered as a charge on the housing capital account, unless the Corporation are committed to such provision as part of the terms of the acquisition of the housing site. A report from the Borough Engineer agreed with the Department's views. The members thought that it would be most unfair to deprive the existing shop-keepers in the area of their livelihood and the matter was adjourned until the next meeting, the Town Clerk to discuss the problem with the shop-keepers involved in the meantime.

SELISKAR ABBEY

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works intimating that all of St. Selskar's Priory, St. John's Tower, 19th Century St. Selskar's Church and 18th Century Gateway in the boundary wall together with the sites of the rights-of-way for access to these ruins have been placed in the guardianship of the Commissioners of Public Works for the Protection and National Monument. The letter was noted.

SOCIAL WELFARE BENEFITS

A letter was read from the Department of Social Welfare in reply to the Council's request that a deputation be received by the Minister to discuss the question of delay in the payment of Social Welfare Benefits. The letter set out systems for payment of these benefits and enumerated causes which might give rise to delays. It also stated it is not considered that any useful purpose would be served by the reception of a deputation, but that any particular cases of delay which were brought to the Department's attention would be investigated. The letter was noted.

JUNIOR TRAFFIC WARDENS

A report was presented by the Town Clerk on preliminary moves which had been made towards introducing a scheme for Junior Traffic Wardens in some or all of the local schools, and it was agreed that a meeting would now be arranged of the school's Principals, Garda Síochána and Corporation Officials, presided over by His Worship the Mayor, to further discuss the matter.

FIREPLACES AT BISHOPSWATER

The report of the Borough Engineer on the expenditure of monies allowed in 1969 for the provision of tiled fireplaces in Bishopswater was adjourned until the next meeting.

OPEN SPACE AT BISHOPSWATER

The report and estimate of the Borough Engineer on improvements at Bishopswater open space and roadway was adjourned until the next meeting.

TAP AT DUMPING GROUND

Alderman Jenkins moved the following motion:- "that a water tap be installed, if possible, at Wexford Dumping Ground, in the interests of health and hygiene".

In this connection, the Borough Engineer presented an estimate of £100 for the provision of the necessary tap. The matter was referred back for the Borough Engineer's attention.

FERRYBANK DEVELOPMENT

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved "that the Town Clerk be instructed to call together, forthwith, the Chamber of Commerce and Corporation members already selected to look into the delay in implementing the Ferrybank Scheme, and that this joint Committee would further report on the desirability of a major Tourist Amenity for County Wexford".

In this connection the Council considered a letter received from the Department of Local Government intimating:-

1. That the planning of the Swimming Pool be advanced to the stage where all technical aspects would have been finalised and that arrangements are being made for the Department's Inspector to discuss the pool plans with the Corporation's Technical Advisors.

2. While no indication could be given at this stage as to when capital could be made available for the financing of this pool, it will be possible when planning etc. has been completed, for the Minister to consider releasing the pool for commencement in the light of the capital allocation available to him for the financing of the programme. Any loan raised should be obtained from a source other than the Local Loans Fund, and the overall amount to be borrowed for the pool should not exceed £50,000 or 80% of the cost of the pool proper, i.e. exclusive of features such as the restaurant, spectator accommodation and sun-bathing area, which are not normally part of a local authority swimming pool project, whichever is the lesser.

A discussion took place, during which the members expressed dissatisfaction with the financing arrangements as outlined in the Department's letter, and it was agreed that while discussion on the technical aspects would take place between the people involved, the request for the reception of a deputation by the Minister would again be renewed.

It was also agreed on the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, to request the Minister to include the pool in his capital allocation for 1971/72.

FINANCE REPORTS

On the proposition of Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved:- "that this Council requests a complete breakdown of figures as to how the £4,000 allocated in the estimates 2 years ago for repairs to tenant-purchase houses was spent, and in future more up to date figures regularly to show how monies allocated are spent on repairs to dwellings, sewers (up-keep of) etc."

Regarding the second part of the resolution, it was agreed that a general report showing allocations and expenditure to date would be submitted to the Council each quarter.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved:- "we as a Housing Authority and arising from a motion unanimously passed some months ago, more regular meetings of the Housing Committee of this Council be held".

In this connection, the Town Clerk pointed out that it had already been agreed that meetings of the Housing Committee would be held each quarter and that a meeting was, in fact, scheduled for January, 1971, when it was hoped the new Housing Priority List would be available.

SELSKAR ABBEY

On the proposition of Councillor Dunne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved:- "as custodians of the grounds at Selskar Abbey, which are in a deplorable condition due to neglect and vandalism, that a general cleaning up be undertaken by the Corporation as a contribution towards Conservation Year".

It was agreed that provision be made for this work in the Estimate of Expenditure for 1971/72.

GRADED RENTS SCHEME

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved:- "that Wexford Borough Council call on the Minister to amend the Graded Rents Scheme to allow reductions in rent to married men with low incomes and young children".

It was pointed out that provision for this was already made in the Corporation's Graded Rent Scheme, but the County Manager agreed to again look at the specific case to which Alderman Mahoney referred.

SHORTAGE OF DRUGS

Alderman Mahoney moved the following motion:- "that Wexford County Council be asked to investigate the shortage of drugs in the local clinic". The County Manager pointed out that machinery existed for the procuring of drugs which might not be in stock in the local clinic.

SALARY REVISION - CLERK TYPISTS

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the provision of Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, approval be given to the proposal of the County Manager to apply a revised salary scale to the office of Clerk Typist with effect as from 1st April, 1970, viz: £590 x £65(1) - £655 x £50(3) - £805 x £45(2) - £895 x £35(2) - £965 x £30(1) - £995; the revised scale to attract the 12th round Pay in the Public Service Agreement.

SCHEME FOR RELIEF FROM RATES FOR 1970/71.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, it was decided not to implement any scheme for relief from rates for the financial year 1970/71.

OVERDRAFT

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, approval be given to the raising of an overdraft from the Corporation's treasurers, the National Bank of Ireland Ltd., Wexford, for the quarter ending 31st March, 1971, as follows:-
Revenue Account - £80,000 Capital Account - £38,000

CHRISTMAS TREE

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved that provision be made for the erection of the usual Christmas Tree.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions, Councillor Peter Roche was informed:-

1. The trees at the top of Trinity Street had originally been provided by the Chamber of Commerce; no one now seemed to take responsibility for them, and the Borough Engineer had taken it on himself to carry out some work on them at a cost of £12.

2. The Borough Engineer does not feel that there is any need for a light in alleyway leading from Bernadette Place to the top of the Faythe, as a light already exists there.
3. Repairs to the roadway outside Springs at Gulbar Road/Antelope Road will be commenced within the next week or so.

In reply to questions Councillor Dunne was informed:-

1. The County Council has now discontinued using the Assembly Room in the Town Hall for Civil Defence purposes, and when the lease, which that body had on the premises was revised, the necessary space for storage of relics might be available.
2. Wexford Corporation has no responsibility for the removal of the two refuse dumps at back of Sloan's shop in Cornmarket.
3. The provision of fuel containers at the old folks' bungalows at Davitt Road South would be commenced within the next two weeks.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Byrne

14th December, 1970.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

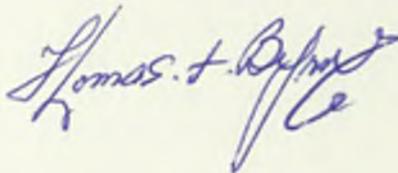
Aldermen: James Jenkins and James Mahoney.

Councillors: Peter Roche, John Dunne, John Cullimore,
Thomas Roche and James J. Morris.

In attendance: J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk.

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting, indicating that it had been called by him on the requisition of Aldermen Mahoney and Jenkins, Councillors Dunne, Peter Roche, J.J. Morris and Thomas Roche. His Worship then called on Councillor John Dunne who proposed "that the members of Wexford Borough Council protest against the Government Plan to re-invoke Section 2 of the Offences against the State Act, 1940, to intern people without trial or charge". The motion was seconded by Councillor Peter Roche and supported by all present. His Worship the Mayor noted that the resolution had been unanimously resolved by the meeting and requested that its terms should be conveyed to An Taoiseach through the Press.

The meeting then terminated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas F. Byrne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

A Ferrybank Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, 15th December, 1970, at 8.30 p.m. Those present were:-

Aldermen: Morris, Jenkins and Mahoney, representing Wexford Borough Council.

M/s J. Browne and M. Joyce, representing Wexford Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. B. Wallace, S.E.R.T.O.; M/s K. Meehen and A Lennon, Architects; Mr. K. Conway, Borough Engineer; and D. T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, it was proposed by Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved that Alderman Jenkins take the chair.

FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL PROJECT

A long discussion took place on both the technical and financial aspects of the Ferrybank Swimming Pool Project, which had been specifically referred to by the Department of Local Government in its letter dated 4th December, 1970. It was agreed that M/s Meehen and Lennon would contact the Department's Inspector to discuss the technical aspects, viz: suggestion that the maximum depth be reduced to 4½ feet, and that a ramp for wheel-chairs be provided. Regarding the ramp, it was also agreed to ask the County Medical Officer for his views on its necessity.

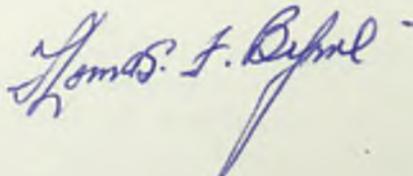
On the financial side, it was agreed to again request the Minister for Local Government to receive a deputation to discuss the matter and to write to the four T.D.s for the constituency requesting them to use their good offices to bring this about. It was also agreed to request Bord Failte to increase their contribution and to explore the possibility of obtaining a contribution from Wexford County Council.

It was decided to have a further meeting when revised plans were ready, or alternatively as soon as new major developments arose.

TOURIST AMENITY PROJECT

The Chairman referred to a need for a major tourist amenity project for County Wexford, and in this connection, Mrs. Wallace informed the meeting that a survey was being arranged through the Irish Management Institute in order to ascertain what type of tourist amenity would be a viable proposition for Wexford. Further consideration was deferred pending the carrying out of the survey.

The meeting then terminated.



4th January, 1971.

A quarterly 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 were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney and Edwin Morris.

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

In attendance: Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; K. Conway, Borough Engineer and D. T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the widow and family of the late Mr. Rich Reynolds.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 7th December, 1970, Special Meeting of 14th December, 1970 and Ferrybank Committee meeting of 15th December, 1970, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

COUNCILLOR PETER ROCHE

A letter was received from Councillor Peter Roche, apologising for his inability to be present at the meeting, and wishing the members and officials a happy and prosperous New Year.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, the best wishes of the Council were extended to Councillor Peter Roche and wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness.

INSTALLATION OF FIRE PLACES AT BISHOPSWATER

The report of the Borough Engineer on expenditure of monies allowed in 1969 for the installation of fire places in Bishopswater, was considered by the Council. The Borough Engineer was requested to arrange to have all fire places, which had been installed by the tenants themselves, inspected.

OPEN SPACE AT BISHOPSWATER

The Borough Engineer submitted estimates for the improvement of open space and roadway at Bishopswater as follows:-

1. Level and reseed open space, widen roadway to 24 feet, including kerb and completion of paths through open space £2,650.
2. Levelling and reseeding open space where necessary, including completion of pathway through it - £500.

Following a discussion, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Corish, that a break-down of the estimates as between labour and materials be available for the next meeting, when the question of enlisting the help of the Residents' Association in carrying out improvements would be considered.

4th January, 1971.

TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET DEVELOPMENT

The Town Clerk reported that of the three shop-keepers affected by the re-development of Talbot Street/Green Street area, one had intimated that he was willing to go out of business and negotiations to compensate him were in hand. The two remaining shop-keepers were anxious to have their businesses relocated in the area. On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation's Architect be instructed to prepare a lay-out for the re-development, including provision for two shops and to submit same for the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

THOMAS CLARKE PLACE HOUSING SCHEME.

In connection with a motion in his name in the matter, Councillor Dunne intimated that he had now been informed that the plumbing work had commenced in a number of houses at Thomas Clarke Place. In this connection, a report from the Borough Engineer indicated:-

- (a) Nos. 9 and 10 - complete except for fixing of sink, w.c. and painting.
- (b) Nos. 11 - 16 - complete except for plumbing and painting - plumbing in progress.
- (c) Nos. 17 - 20 - roofed, windows glazed, outoffices built and external and internal plastering in progress. It is hoped that eight houses will be available for allocation next month.

REGIONAL BOARDS

A discussion took place on the desirability of having the Headquarters of one of the Regional Boards located in Wexford, and His Worship the Mayor undertook to make every effort to have Wexford selected as the Headquarters of the South Eastern Regional Development Organisation.

WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - FINANCE

On the proposition of Councillor Corish, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be requested to the raising of a loan of £275,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the financing of the Wexford Water supply Improvement Scheme and that an undertaking be given to the Commissioners of Public Works that the instalments of the loan and of all outstanding loans will be punctually remitted on the due dates".

ADVANCES UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved "that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be requested to the raising of a loan of £25,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of making advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966, and that an undertaking be given to the Commissioners of Public Works that the instalments of the loan and of all outstanding loans will be punctually remitted on the due dates".

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Regarding loans for house purchase, Alderman Mahoney intimated that he would submit a motion for the next meeting requesting the Minister for Local Government to amend the regulations in order to allow a more realistic valuation to be placed on houses in respect of which loans were sought.

PURCHASE OF LAND - LOAN

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved "that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be requested to the raising of a loan of £40,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purchase of land, and that an undertaking be given to the Commissioners of Public Works that the instalments of the loan and of all outstanding loans will be punctually remitted on the due dates".

In this connection, the Town Clerk informed the meeting that approximately 51 acres of land had been purchased at Coolcotts and Clonard.

PLANNING PERMISSION - McINERNEY CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.

On the proposition of Councillor Corish, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "that, in accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, the permission granted under Section 26 of the said Act to Messrs. McInerney Construction, Bluebell, Inchicore, Dublin 12, for the development of a 2.9 acre site and the construction of 26 semi-detached houses thereon, complete with all site works at Wygram, Wexford, be and is hereby modified by the addition of the following conditions and that the required notices to that effect be served on the persons thereby affected."

CONDITIONS:

REASONS:

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| 5. | The boundary wall along the main road is to be set back eight feet. | To allow for future road widening. |
| 6. | Detail plans of the junction between the estate road and the main road and of the new boundary wall are to be submitted to the Planning Authority for approval. | To ensure that the new junction does not create a traffic hazard. |

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

On the suggestion of Councillor Flaherty, it was agreed that a leaflet be prepared setting out the procedure to be adopted by would-be applicants for planning permission.

PICTURE GALLERY AT TOWN HALL, CORNMARKEET.

The County Manager read a letter from Mr. James White, Director, National Gallery, intimating that provided certain conditions were complied with, arrangements could be made for the establishment of a permanent display of paintings in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Wexford, and on the suggestion of Councillor Corish, the County Manager was requested to investigate the matter further.

SALARY OF MAYOR

On the proposition of Councillor Corish, seconded by Councillor Morris, it was unanimously resolved that the salary of the Mayor for the quarter ending 31st March, 1971, be fixed at £160."

4th January, 1971.

CAR PARKS

In connection with a recent resolution of the Council regarding dumping of cars, etc. in car parks in the town, the Town Clerk pointed out that the Department of Local Government was at present preparing regulations under the Road Traffic Act which would solve this problem, and that in the meantime, notices would be displayed in the car parks limiting parking to a continuous period of 12 hours. The suggestion was approved by the Council.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions, Councillor Dunne was informed:-

1. Due to the occurrence of an unusually large number of chimney fires at Kennedy Park, discussions were taking place with the manufacturers of the stoves and the Fire Officer, and a report would be submitted in due course.
2. Sunday, 9th January, 1971, after 11.00 a.m. Mass was fixed for the members of the Borough Council to visit Selskar Abbey Grounds.
3. The County Medical Officer was being consulted regarding the presence of rats in the town sewers, and if necessary, suitable remedial action would be taken.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

1st February, 1971.

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 were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen:- James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

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

An apology was received from Councillor John Cullimore.

In attendance:- Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; Kevin Conway,
Borough Engineer and Desmond T. Wixted, Town
Clerk.

SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the widow and family of the late Mr. James J. Stafford.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. Duggan of High Street.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. J. Kelly.

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the sympathy of the Council was extended to Councillor Dunne and the other members of the family, on the death of his brother Stephen.

Councillor Dunne thanked the members for their expression of sympathy.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Corish, the minutes of quarterly meeting of 4th January, 1971, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

COUNCILLORS PETER ROCHE AND JOHN CULLIMORE

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, the best wishes of the Council, for a speedy recovery from their illnesses, were extended to Councillors Peter Roche and John Cullimore.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEWS AND PLANNING CONTROL

Consideration of a circular from the Department of Local Government in the matter of Development Plan Reviews and Planning Control was deferred until the May meeting of the Council.

PLANNING APPEALS

The Town Clerk informed the members that Corporation planning decisions in the matter of proposed developments at Cornmarket by Mr. William Rackard and Alex. Sloan & Co. (Dublin) Ltd., had been upheld by the Minister for Local Government.

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PAINTING BY FRANCIS DANBY

The Council considered a report on the restoration of a painting by Francis Danby, the property of Wexford Corporation. It was estimated that it would cost between £85 and £125 to complete the work, and on the proposition of Councillor Flaherty seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was agreed to have the work carried out and to provide the necessary funds at a later date.

OPEN SPACE AT BISHOPSWATER

The Council considered a report from the Borough Engineer regarding the improvement of open space at Bishopswater as follows:-

1. Level and reseed open space, widen roadway to 24 feet including completion of paths through the open space - £2,650

Breakdown as follows:-

(a) Materials:- concrete, bituminous macadam, soil, seeds, miscellaneous and plant hire - £2,100

(b) Labour:- £550

2. Alternative:- Level and reseed open space where necessary, including completion of pathway through the open space - £500

Breakdown as follows:-

(a) Materials:- Bituminous macadam, soil, seeds, miscellaneous and plant hire - £350

(b) Labour:- £150

As stated in the original report, the alternative and cheaper scheme has the disadvantage that without road widening, cars and lorries would continue to damage the open spaces.

Having discussed the matter at length, it was decided on the proposition of Councillor Corish to request the Borough Engineer to re-examine the position with a view to carrying out the work in stages - the financing of the first stage to be considered at the annual estimates meeting.

It was also decided to investigate the possibility of securing an amenity grant from the Department of Local Government for the carrying out of the works at the open space itself.

FIREPLACES IN BISHOPSWATER

The Borough Engineer reported that in accordance with the Council's request, houses Nos. 47, 59, 80, 93 and 99 in Bishopswater had been inspected and the fireplaces installed by the tenants had been found to be satisfactory.

INCREASES IN RATES

Councillor Dunne moved the following motion, which was seconded by Alderman Mahoney:- "that a special meeting of the Council be held to seek ways and means to bring about reductions of spiraling increases in the rates". The other members present did not agree that a special meeting would achieve any purpose and it was agreed that any feasible reductions in the rates would be considered at the estimates meetings.

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SELISKAR ABBEY GROUNDS

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, and unanimously resolved:- "that this Council seek co-operation from the members of the Old Wexford Society, An Taisce and others interested in having a plaque erected at Selskar Abbey and a voluntary cleaning up of the grounds".

It was agreed that the Council would consider favourably the granting of permission to any organisation who wish to carry out improvements on the portion of the grounds over which the Corporation has jurisdiction.

TOURIST ADVERTISING - COUNTY WEXFORD

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Dunne and unanimously resolved "that this Council protest to Bord Failte at the consistent neglect of County Wexford in their advertising".

LIGHTING OF DISTILLERY ROAD

Alderman Mahoney moved the following motion "that this Council will give extra lights along the Distillery Road".

It was pointed out that the lighting of Distillery Road was a matter for Wexford County Council, and His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Corish intimated that the County Council had plans to have the lights on this road improved in the very near future.

GRANT TO WEXFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was agreed in principle that a grant of £36 be made to Wexford Harbour Commissioners for the financial year 1971/72, the Town Clerk to investigate the possibility of having the statutory requirements re advertising and sanction, either waived or covered by Wexford County Council, in the event of that Body also agreeing to the payment of a grant to the Commissioners.

LEASING OF PREMISES AT STONEBRIDGE TO FRANK CULLIMORE.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved that a lease of the property at Stonebridge, Wexford, be granted to Frank Cullimore for the period of 31 years from 1st January, 1971, subject to an annual rent of £25 - the rent to be revised after five years in the light of the then value of money.

ADVANCE FACTORY FOR WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved that the Industrial Development Authority be requested to include Wexford's Industrial Estate as the location for one of their proposed advance factories. In this connection, the County Manager pointed out that such representations had already been made and that a decision thereon should be available in March, 1971.

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COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TEAM

The County Manager informed the members that Wexford County Council had agreed to the establishment of a County Development Team for the County, consisting of the Chairman of the County Council, County Manager, County Engineer, Chief Agricultural Officer and the Chief Executive Officers of both the County and Town Vocational Education Committees.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT WYGRAM

Councillor Flaherty gave notice that he would introduce a motion at the next meeting requesting the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Wygram.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions, Councillor Dunne was informed:-

1. That Wexford Corporation was responsible for the "new" refuse dump on the derelict site at John's Gate Street opposite Mr. Boyle's yard, that the dump had now been removed, and that arrangements were now being made to have receptacles made available for the temporary disposal of street refuse, pending removal by the Corporation truck.
2. A report on the necessity for a pedestrian crossing from the Quay to Wexford Bridge was considered by the Council approximately two years ago. The volume and nature of traffic in the area at the time did not warrant the provision of a crossing, but the matter was again being examined in the light of the Traffic Management Study at present being carried out.
3. The Contractor is responsible for the condition of the roadway from Wexford Park to Mr. Sinnott's residence.

In reply to questions, Alderman Jenkins was informed:-

1. A sign half way down the Market Place indicating where the toilets are could be provided, and the Borough Engineer would discuss with Alderman Jenkins, the exact location of same.
2. No provision had been made by the Corporation for the improvement of the public lighting in the Bull Ring and North end of the town, but the Electricity Supply Board would be asked for their recommendations and Estimate.
3. It is hoped to hold the first Special Meeting of the Corporation to review motions passed at previous meetings in conjunction with a Housing Committee Meeting, which will be held in about one month's time, but if the members wished, a Special Meeting to consider motions could be called at any time.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Byrne

2nd February, 1971.

A meeting of the Traffic Management Study Group for the Borough of Wexford was held in the Municipal Buildings, Wexford, on Tuesday, 2nd February, 1971, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, was in the chair.

Those present were:- Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; M/s Ahlback and O'Reilly of the firm of M/s Orrje & Co., Traffic Consultants to Wexford Corporation; Mr. T. J. O'Connor, County Engineer; Mr. K. Conway, Borough Engineer; Mr. P. Lynch, Department of Local Government; Inspector J. Feely and Sergeant Darmody, Wexford Garda Siochana; Mr. M. Kelly, Coras Iompair Eireann; Mr. P O'Connor, Wexford Chamber of Commerce and Mr. D. Wixted, Town Clerk.

At the outset, reference was made to the proceedings at the last meeting of the Study Group held on 13th January, 1970, and it was pointed out by the Town Clerk that the present meeting had been called to consider the implementation of some of the Consultants recommendations by way of affording temporary relief in congested areas of the town.

CAR PARKS

The Borough Engineer reported that certain properties had now been acquired in the Church Lane/Custom House Quay/Common Quay Street area, and it was hoped to have demolition work on these completed within the next five or six weeks. Parking facilities for an additional 100 cars would then be available.

RECOMMENDATIONS

A general discussion took place on the possibility of introducing some further controls in the form of additional one-way streets, and stricter enforcement of the existing restrictions by the Garda Authorities. The various proposals put forward were discussed in detail, with full account being taken of problems which they would create for business people, delivery trucks, private motorists and pedestrians.

Eventually, it was agreed that the following recommendations would be made to the Wexford Borough Council and the Garda Authorities with a view to their implementation as soon as possible.

DOUBLE ^{yellow} ~~white~~ LINES:

Double ^{yellow} ~~white~~ lines to be provided where feasible and as agreed between the Borough Engineer and the Garda Authorities, and particularly at road junctions.

LOADING BAYS: It was agreed that a number of properly marked loading bays would be provided at locations selected by the Borough Engineer in consultation with the Garda Authorities.

2nd February, 1971.

ONE-WAY STREETS:-

The following additional streets to be converted to one-way traffic:-

- (a) Skeffington Street - west from the Quay to Main Street.
- (b) Monck Street - east from Main Street to Quay.
- (c) Henrietta Street - west from the Crescent to Main Street.
- (d) Harpur's Lane - west from the Crescent to Main Street.
- (e) Peter Street - west from Main Street to St. Peter's Square.

It was pointed out that when the Church Lane car park was in operation, there would be no exit from same onto the Main Street via Church Lane.

PEDESTRIANISATION:-

Mr. Ahlback suggested that part of his proposals for the pedestrianisation of portion of the Main Street might be implemented for a limited length of time as a trial. It was suggested that a suitable time for this would be during the shopping period around Christmas.

It was agreed that the idea of following Mr. Ahlback's suggestion would be put forward for discussion by the Borough Council and other interested bodies before any decision on such a trial was arrived at.

CRESCENT QUAY

The provision of a through road at Crescent Quay was raised and it was decided that the matter could be discussed with the County Engineer and the Harbour Authorities with a view to arriving at an amicable solution.

His Worship the Mayor thanked all those who had attended the meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Byrne

16th February, 1971.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at 8.15 p.m. The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

Councillors:- Desmond Corish, Thomas Roche and John Dunne.

In attendance:- Kevin Conway, Borough Engineer; J.A.V. Merriman, Borough Accountant and D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

The meeting had been specially requisitioned by His Worship the Mayor to consider the following letter from the Department of Local Government re Ferrybank Swimming Pool:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 29th January, 1971, and previous correspondence relating to the above-mentioned project and to state that the Minister is not prepared to waive the financial stipulations contained in this Department's letter of 4 Nollaig, 1970, which were that any loan raised should be obtained from a source other than the Local Loans Fund and that the overall amount to be borrowed for the pool should not exceed £50,000 or 80% of the cost of the pool proper, i.e. exclusive of the cost of features such as the restaurant, spectator accommodation and sun-bathing area, which are not normally part of a local authority swimming pool project, whichever is the lesser. The Minister considers the provision of the voluntary local contribution of 20% of the cost of the pool proper as an essential requirement and that no useful purpose would be served by his receiving a deputation at this stage.

With regard to the last paragraph of your letter under reply in which you request that a capital allocation be made available for the project in 1971/72, I am to say that as indicated in the Department's letter of 4 Nollaig, 1970, when all the technical aspects of the project have been finalized and the voluntary contribution of 20% available, the Minister will consider releasing the pool for commencement in the light of the capital allocation available to him for the financing of the programme".

A long discussion took place on the financing of the swimming pool project, and on the implications for its erection in the immediate future contained in the Department's recent letter. Grave dissatisfaction was expressed at the Minister's refusal to waive the two vital conditions, viz: loan ceiling of £50,000 or 80% of the cost of the pool proper, whichever is the lesser, and the requirement that 20% of the capital cost be raised by voluntary local contributions.

After the matter had been discussed for some considerable time, it was unanimously agreed (1) that the Corporation renew its efforts either to have the above conditions waived or a deputation received by the Minister for Local Government to discuss the matter; and (2) that a meeting of the members of the proposed deputation be called to discuss the matter with particular reference to the possibility of raising the necessary monies voluntarily in the event of the Minister refusing to alter his decision.

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Regarding the technical aspects of the project which had been raised by the Department of Local Government, the Borough Engineer informed the members that in company with M/s Lennon and Meehan, he had discussed the matter with the Department's Inspector and no major problems would arise on the technical end. He pointed out that the ramp referred to by the Department in previous correspondence concerned entry to the pool complex rather than to the pool itself.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Byrne

1st March, 1971.

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 were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

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

In attendance: Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; Kevin Conway,
Borough Engineer and Desmond T. Wixted, Town
Clerk.

SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor J. J. Morris, the sympathy of the Council was extended to Mr. Myles Redmond and the other members of the family, on the death of their mother.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Morris, the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 1st February, 1971, and of Special Meeting of 16th February, 1971, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

REFUSE BINS ON STREETS

His Worship the Mayor referred to the practice which some people have of leaving their refuse bins on the side of the street for unreasonable lengths of time and following a discussion it was decided to ask these people to co-operate with the Corporation by removing these bins except when they are due to be collected.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government extending the time for the submission of comments on the White Paper - "Local Government Reorganisation" to the end of May, 1971.

ADVANCE FACTORY

A letter was read from the Industrial Development Authority, in reply to a Resolution of the Council, intimating that the claims of Wexford Town for an advance factory will receive full consideration when the locations of these factories are being determined.

TOURIST ADVERTISING

In response to representations from the Council a letter was read from the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Ltd. indicating that full publicity for Wexford as a Tourist Centre was being given in the Organisation's publications. On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, it was decided to ask the Organisation to ensure that Wexford received its share in the printing of its publications.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE, 1971.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved to accept the invitation of the organising Committee to participate as a body in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, 1971.

NATIONAL GRAVES' ASSOCIATION

An invitation was received for His Worship the Mayor and the members and officials to participate in the Easter Sunday Commemoration Ceremonies of the National Graves' Association.

SUBSIDISABLE LIMITS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING

The Town Clerk informed the members that subsidisable limits for Local Authority houses have been increased with effect from 1st January, 1971. As far as Wexford Corporation is concerned the increase is from £1,850 to £2,200 per house. Neither Thomas Clarke Place nor Whitmill Scheme would benefit as these Schemes had been commenced before 1st January. An approach had already been made to the Department to have uncommenced houses in these Schemes included at the new rates, but this had been refused. It was unanimously decided to ask the Minister to reconsider his decision.

WAGE INCREASE - MAINTENANCE CRAFTSMEN

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Morris, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, approval be given to the proposal of the County Manager to increase the wages of Maintenance Craftsmen by £2 per week, with effect from 1st January, 1971, and that to meet this increase, expenditure of the sum of £110 be allowed over and above that provided in the Estimate of Expenses, 1970/71.

WAGE INCREASE - BUILDING WORKERS

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Morris, it was unanimously resolved that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, approval be given to the proposal of the County Manager to fix the following hourly rates of wages for building workers with effect from 1st January, 1971, viz. Craftsmen 52.09p; Labourers 43.75p and to further increase these hourly rates with effect from 8th February, 1971, by the following amounts, Craftsmen 1.25p; Labourers 1.05p.

IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC LIGHTING

A letter was read from Wexford County Council indicating that it was proposed to provide Traffic Route lighting on the following Main Roads in the Borough;

1. From Quay at King Street to junction of Joseph Street and King Street.
2. From Joseph Street/King Street junction via Joseph Street, Carrigeen Street, John Street to Slaney House on Newtown Road.
3. From Joseph Street/King Street junction to Boys' Club at Bishopswater.

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The Town Clerk pointed out that the Corporation would be responsible for the maintenance and lighting charges on these new lights and in a full year, these would mean an increase of approximately £1,300 in the vote for Public Lighting. The Borough Engineer had some reservations about the Scheme and commented: "Stage 2 may require some modification as there are areas such as St. Peter's Square, Wygram, Bride Street about the Church and one or two others where I would prefer the high pressure mercury vapour fluorescent type lamps to the monotonous yellow light given off by the sodium vapour lamp" On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved to agree in principle to the proposals subject to the reservations of the Borough Engineer and to accept the additional charges - the question of a Government Grant towards the maintenance charges to be investigated later.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The Council had before it the Report of the Traffic Management Study Group and it was decided to defer consideration of the Report to a Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 9th March, 1971 at 8.30 p.m.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF REGIONAL HEALTH BOARD

It was proposed by Councillor Peter Roche and seconded by Alderman Mahoney, "That this Council protest most strongly about the proposed setting up of a local Advisory Committee to the Regional Health Board seeing that Wexford Corporation which contributes such a large sum to health each year is to have no representation". Councillor Roche withdrew his motion and it was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris and unanimously resolved that the Minister for Health be requested to provide for two representatives from Wexford Corporation on the Advisory Committee.

RATE REDUCTIONS FOR OLD AGE PENSIONERS

With the consent of the Council, Councillor Peter Roche withdrew the following motion in his name:- "That we request the County Manager, who always looks on cases of hardship favourably, to look into possible rate reductions for old age pensioners on fixed and differential rents".

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT JUNCTION OF SEAN MCDERMOTT STREET/JOHN STREET/ WYGRAM PLACE.

It was proposed by Councillor Flaherty seconded by His Worship the Mayor and unanimously resolved "That the Corporation request the establishment of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Sean McDermott Street/John Street/Wygram Place". The Borough Engineer was requested to prepare a Report and Estimate in the matter.

DISPOSAL OF SITE TO MARECHAL TENTS, LTD.

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of approximately 0.90 acres of land at Whitemill, Wexford, to Messrs Marechal Tents, on which the purchasers propose to erect a factory and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 18th February, 1971, and circulated to the members, viz. for the sum of £700.

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WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME - LOAN.

The Town Clerk reported that the revised cost of the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme now amounted to £115,000 and that the loan of £97,000 already authorised by the Council was not now sufficient. On the proposition of Alderman Kevin Morris, seconded by Councillor John Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved "That the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be requested to the raising of a loan of £115,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the financing of the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme and that an undertaking be given to the Commissioners of Public Works that the instalments of the loan and of all outstanding loans would be punctually remitted on the due dates".

WATER AND SEWERAGE EXTENSION TO COOLCOTTS AND ROAD AT INDUSTRIAL ESTATE - LOAN

On the proposition of Councillor John Flaherty, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "That the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be requested to the raising of a loan of £42,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for water and sewerage extensions to Coolcotts and the provision of a roadway through Industrial Estate at Whitemill and that an undertaking be given to the Commissioners of Public Works that the instalments of the loan and of all outstanding loans would be punctually remitted on the due dates".

ADVANCES UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966 - LOAN

On the proposal of Alderman Kevin Morris, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £45,000 (Forty five thousand pounds) from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, for the purpose of making advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966".

PAYMENT OF RATES BY INSTALMENTS - 1971/72.

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "That a Scheme for payment of Rates by Instalments in 1971/72 be adopted for the following classes of hereditaments:-

1. Consisting wholly or mainly of a dwelling; and
2. Consisting wholly or mainly of Agricultural land within the meaning of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1939.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION, 1971.

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche "That Wexford be not entered for the Tidy Towns Competition 1971". It was proposed by Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, that an entry be submitted. On a vote for Alderman Morris' amendment, for: Aldermen Morris and Jenkins, His Worship the Mayor and Councillors Flaherty, Thomas Roche, Dunne and O'Leary (7). Against: Alderman Mahoney and Councillors Peter Roche and Morris (3). Alderman Morris' amendment was declared carried by seven votes to three and Councillor Roche's motion defeated on a similar vote.

DELEGATE TO A.G.M. OF IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES, LTD.

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Corish was unanimously selected as the Corporation delegate to the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

1st March, 1971.

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NO. 68, MANNIX PLACE.

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved that the County Manager be requested to appoint Mrs. Jean Passfield tenant of No. 68, Mannix Place.

ESTIMATES 1971/72

It was decided to hold a meeting of the Finance Committee on Tuesday, 23rd March, 1971, at 8.15 p.m. to consider Estimate of Expenditure and Receipts for financial year ending 31st March, 1972, the Statutory Estimates Meeting to be held on 5th April, 1971.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions, Councillor Peter Roche was informed:-

1. Report of Traffic Committee circulated to members.
2. The Contractor is responsible for disgraceful condition of footpaths outside Christian Brothers' Schools.
3. A total of £1,754 was paid to Roadstone Ltd. for period January, 1970, to end of January, 1971.

The meeting then terminated.

L. J. Byrne

9th March, 1971.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Jenkins.

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor John Dunne.

In attendance: Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer and Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The meeting had been convened to consider the Report and recommendations of the Traffic Management Study Group. The Group had recommended the following additional traffic restrictions:

DOUBLE YELLOW LINES:

Double yellow lines to be provided where feasible and as agreed between the Borough Engineer and the Garda Authorities, and particularly at road junctions.

LOADING BAYS:

It was agreed that a number of properly marked loading bays would be provided at locations selected by the Borough Engineer in consultation with the Garda Authorities.

ONE-WAY STREETS:

The following additional streets to be converted to one-way traffic:-

- (a) Skeffington Street - west from the Quay to Main Street.
- (b) Monck Street - east from Main Street to Quay.
- (c) Henrietta Street - west from the Crescent to Main Street.
- (d) Harpur's Lane - west from the Crescent to Main Street.
- (e) Peter Street - west from Main Street to St. Peter's Square.

It was pointed out that when the Church Lane car park was in operation, there would be no exit from same onto the Main Street via Church Lane.

PEDESTRIANISATION:

Mr. Ahlback suggested that part of his proposals for the pedestrianisation of portion of the Main Street might be implemented for a limited length of time as a trial. It was suggested that a suitable time for this would be during the shopping period around Christmas.

It was agreed that the idea of following Mr. Ahlback's suggestion would be put forward for discussion by the Borough Council and other interested bodies before any decision on such a trial was arrived at.

Following some discussion on the recommendations, it was proposed by Councillor Corish, seconded by Alderman Jenkins and unanimously resolved that further consideration be adjourned until after 30th April, 1971, the views of interested bodies such as the Chamber of Commerce, Trades Council, etc. to be sought in the meantime.

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The meeting then terminated.

J. F. Byrne

23rd March, 1971

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at 8.15 o'clock p.m. The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney and James Jenkins.

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

In attendance: Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer; J.A.V. Merriman, Borough Accountant and Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

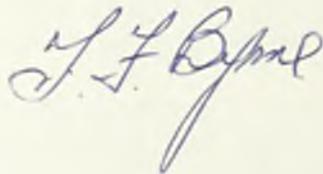
The meeting considered the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the Local financial year ending 31st March, 1972. The Estimates, as presented by the County Manager estimated total Expenditure and Receipts for 1971/72 as follows:-

Total Expenditure	£374,006
Total Receipts	<u>130,061</u>
Deficit	<u>£243,945</u>

The net poundage rate required would amount to £7.06 in the £ - an increase of £2.01 over that for 1970/71.

The members perused each item of expenditure and receipts and it was then agreed to adjourn further consideration to another meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on Monday, 5th April, 1971 at 7 p.m. - the Statutory Estimates Meeting to follow at 9.30 p.m. on the same evening.

The meeting then terminated.



5th April, 1971.

A Finance Committee Meeting of Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at seven o'clock p.m. The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Jenkins.

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

In attendance: Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer; J.A.V. Merriman, Borough Accountant and Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

The Council gave further consideration to the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the local financial year ending 31st March, 1972. The Council considered in detail each item in the estimate of expenditure and the following decisions were arrived at:-

1. Item No. 14 - Special Works - Sewers.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, the provision of £2,300 in respect of this item was deleted.

2. Item No. 27 - Tourist Development.

It was decided to reduce the Estimate under this heading to the amount allowed for 1970/71, viz. £300 - a decrease of £150 on the County Manager's Estimate.

3. Item No. 46 - Debit Balance Accumulated.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, the sum of £11,200 was deleted from this item, it being agreed that the accumulated balance be levied over a period of 5 years.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the estimates to a further meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on Wednesday, 21st April, 1971, at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

J. F. Byrne

5th April, 1971.

The Statutory Estimates meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half past nine o'clock p.m. The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Jenkins and James Mahoney.

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

In attendance: Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; Kevin Conway, Borough Engineer; J. V. Merriman, Borough Accountant and Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved that the meeting be adjourned, to be reconvened on Wednesday, 21st April, 1971, at 9.00 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

T. F. Byrne

5th April, 1971.

A Quarterly meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at 9.35 p.m. The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Jenkins and James Mahoney.

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

In attendance: Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; Kevin Conway, Borough Engineer; J.A.V. Merriman, Borough Accountant and Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, the sympathy of the Council was extended to Alderman Mahoney and the other members of his family on the recent death of Mrs. M. Mahoney, Bride Street.

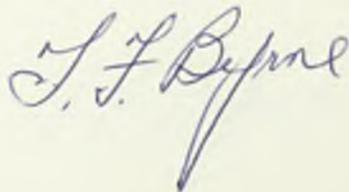
ROSSLARE HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

On the proposition of Alderman James Jenkins, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation request C.I.E. to give urgent attention to the need for co-ordination of development at Rosslare Harbour to match the large scale development of Fishguard port by British Rail".

ADJOURNMENT

On the proposition of Councillor James Morris, it was unanimously resolved that the meeting be adjourned until Monday, 3rd May, 1971, at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.



14th April, 1971.

A Special 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 were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney and James Jenkins.

Councillors: John Flaherty, Thomas Roche, John Dunne and Peter Roche.

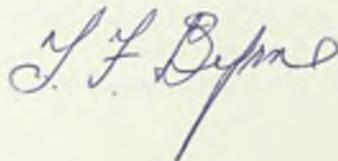
In attendance: Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

The meeting had been specially convened on the requisition of His Worship the Mayor, Councillors John Dunne, Thomas Roche, Desmond Corish, Peter Roche and Alderman James Jenkins, to consider the following motion:-

"To rescind the decision of the County Manager as regards the allocation of houses at Thomas Clarke Street, and that Miss M. Barnwell, 15, Abbey Street, be included in the list as agreed unanimously at a previous meeting of the Corporation on the motion of Councillor Jack Dunne, that the residents of Abbey Street, who must leave their homes as a result of demolition, be given first priority in the new housing scheme at Thomas Clarke Street".

Following a discussion, it was unanimously resolved on the proposal of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, that the County Manager be asked to again consider the allocation of one of the houses at Thomas Clarke Street to Miss M. Barnwell, 15, Abbey Street, particularly in view of the fact that two brothers of Miss Barnwell would shortly be returning to reside permanently with her in Wexford. It was also agreed that the claims of Mr. J. Murphy and Matthew Roche of Cornmarket, should be considered when allocating houses at Thomas Clarke Place.

The meeting then terminated.



21st April, 1971.

A Finance Committee Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at seven o'clock p.m. The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

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

In attendance: Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; Kevin Conway, Borough Engineer; J.A.V. Merriman, Borough Accountant and Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

The Committee continued its examination of the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the local financial year ending 31st March, 1972. Following detailed examination of each item, the following adjustments were made:-

EXPENDITURE

Urban Roads - Item No. 8 - Contingencies. £100 deleted.

Sanitary Services:-

It was proposed by Councillor Corish and seconded by His Worship the Mayor, that Items Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13 be adopted without amendment. It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, that items Nos. 10 and 11 be reduced by £811. On a vote for Alderman Jenkin's amendment, For: Aldermen Mahoney, Morris and Jenkins, Councillors Dunne, Thomas Roche and John Flaherty;

Against: His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Fintan O'Leary, Corish, and J. J. Morris.

Alderman Jenkin's amendment was declared carried by six votes to four, and Councillor Corish's proposal defeated on a similar vote.

Item No. 16:

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously agreed that slots be provided on the doors of the public conveniences and the estimate under this heading was accordingly increased by £200 to £3,055.

Item No. 20:

It was unanimously agreed that the sum of £100, allowed for contingencies, be deleted.

Housing - Item No. 24:

It was proposed by Councillor Corish, seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche, that the estimate for maintenance and repairs be reduced by £920. It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, that this item be reduced by £1,845. On a vote for Alderman Jenkin's amendment, For: His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Jenkins.

Against: Aldermen Mahoney and Morris, Councillors Corish, Flaherty, Thomas Roche, John Dunne, Fintan O'Leary and J. J. Morris.

Alderman Jenkin's amendment was declared defeated by eight votes to two, and Councillor Corish's proposal carried on a similar vote.

21st April, 1971.

General Urban Purposes - Item No. 46:

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Corish, it was unanimously agreed that a grant of £400 be paid to the Redmond Memorial Park Committee for the financial year ending 31st March, 1972. It was agreed that no commitment to an annual increase in this grant would be made.

Item No. 47:

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation assist Wexford Harbour Commissioners by making a grant of £36 to the Commissioners under Section 7 of the Harbours Act, 1947".

Item No. 50:

It was unanimously agreed that Miscellaneous £100 be deleted.

Item No. 52:

Alderman Jenkins dissented from the decision of the Council to levy the sum of £2,800 in the year 1971/72 towards the writing off of accumulated debit balances.

Item No. 53:

Due to separate charges, the demand of Wexford County Council was increased from £95,650 to £96,624.

ADJOURNMENT OF STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the commencement of the adjourned statutory estimates meeting to 9.30 p.m.

RECEIPTS

Sanitary Services - Item No. 4:

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved that the fee for opening of graves be increased by £1 and the estimated receipt under this heading was accordingly increased by £150 to £900.

Item No. 7:

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, the Council unanimously accepted the recommendation of the County Manager that water charges be increased as follows with effect from 1st April, 1971:-

1. Commercial users within the Borough from 7¹/₂p to 14p per 1,000 gallons.
2. Metered users outside the Borough from 25p to 30p per 1,000 gallons.

The estimate under this heading was accordingly increased by £1,000, from £3,500 to £4,500.

Item No. 8:

It was agreed that receipts of £300 from Public Sanitary Conveniences be allowed for.

21st April, 1971.

As a result of the decisions of the Committee, the Estimate of the County Manager now stood as follows:-

Expenditure:

Urban Roads Account	£9,240
Sanitary Services Account.	47,820
Housing Services Account.	130,981
General Urban Purposes Account.	<u>168,258</u>
Total	<u>£356,299</u>

Receipts:

Urban Roads Account.	£2,173
Sanitary Services Account.	9,484
Housing Services Account.	96,100
General Urban Purposes Account.	<u>23,754</u>
Total	<u>£131,511</u>

The net amount to be raised was accordingly reduced to £224,788, which would require a net poundage rate of £6.55.

The meeting then terminated.

L. F. Byrne

21st April, 1971.

An Adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half past nine o'clock p.m. The members present were:

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

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

In attendance: Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer, J.A.V. Merriman, Borough Accountant and Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

DETERMINATION OF RATE IN THE POUND FOR LOCAL FINANCIAL
YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1972.

It was proposed by Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, that a rate of £6.05 in the pound be determined.

It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche that a rate of £6.45 in the pound be determined.

It was proposed by Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, that no rate be determined.

Voting resulted as follows:-

1. Councillor Peter Roche's amendment:
For: Alderman Mahoney, Councillors Peter Roche and Dunne.
Against: Aldermen Morris and Jenkins, His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Corish, Flaherty, Thomas Roche, O'Leary and Morris.
Councillor Peter Roche's amendment was declared defeated by eight votes to three.
2. Alderman Jenkin's amendment:
For: Alderman Jenkins, His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Corish and Thomas Roche.
Against: Aldermen Mahoney and Morris, Councillors Flaherty Dunne, Peter Roche, O'Leary and Morris.
Alderman Jenkin's amendment was declared defeated by 7 votes to 4.
3. Alderman Morris' proposal:
For: Alderman Morris, Councillors Flaherty, O'Leary and Morris - 4.
Against: Alderman Jenkins, His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Corish and Thomas Roche - 4.
Alderman Mahoney and Councillors Dunne and Peter Roche did not vote.
There being an equality of votes, His Worship the Mayor, exercised his casting vote against the proposal, which was declared defeated by 5 votes to 4.

ADJOURNMENT

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn further consideration of the estimates to Friday, 23rd April, 1971, at 7.30. p.m.

23rd April, 1971.

An Adjourned Estimates 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 were:

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

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

In attendance: Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer; J.A.V. Merriman, Borough Accountant and Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

COUNCILLOR JOHN CULLIMORE

Councillor John Cullimore wrote advising the Council that due to doctor's orders, he would be unable to attend meetings of the Borough Council for some time yet. On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Morris, the best wishes of the Council were extended to Councillor Cullimore, wishing him a speedy recovery to full health. On behalf of Councillor Cullimore, Alderman Jenkins thanked the members for their kind wishes.

DETERMINATION OF RATE IN THE POUND FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1972.

It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins, that a rate of £6.44 in the pound be determined. This proposal received no seconder.

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, that a rate of £5.05 in the pound be determined. On a vote, for Councillor Dunne's proposal: Alderman Mahoney, Councillors Dunne and Peter Roche.

Against: Aldermen Morris and Jenkins, His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Flaherty

Councillors Corish, Thomas Roche, Fintan O'Leary and James J. Morris did not vote. Councillor Dunne's proposal was declared defeated by 4 votes to 3.

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, that a rate of £6.43 in the pound be determined. This proposal received no seconder.

The County Manager pointed out to the Council, that in the event of the Council neglecting to determine a sufficient or any rate in the pound for the local financial year ending 31st March, 1972, it would be his duty to report the matter to the Minister for Local Government for any action which the Minister might decide to take under Section 30 of the Local Government Act, 1946. In view of the fact that the Council had now neglected to determine a rate in the pound for the current local financial year, he intended acquainting the Minister of the position.

The meeting then terminated,

J. F. Byrne
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29th April, 1971.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

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

In attendance: Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; William P. Creedon, Deputy County Manager; Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer; J.A.V. Merriman, Borough Accountant and Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

The meeting was convened on the requisition of His Worship the Mayor, "for the purpose of determining a Municipal Rate for the local financial year ending 31st March, 1972".

At the outset, the County Manager informed the members that since the last Adjourned Statutory Estimates Meeting of 23rd April, 1971, he had reported to the Minister for Local Government that Wexford Borough Council had neglected within the statutory period of 21 days, commencing on the date of the Statutory Estimates Meeting of 5th April, 1971 to determine a Municipal Rate for the local financial year ending 31st March, 1972.

The Deputy County Manager outlining the legal position, pointed out that there was an obligation on the Council to determine a Municipal Rate during the months of March or April. While the Statutory twenty-one day period had now elapsed, it was felt that, should the Council now determine a sufficient rate, it would be acceptable to the Minister for Local Government.

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor that a Municipal Rate of £6.42 in the £ be determined. This proposal received no seconder. No further proposal was made and the meeting terminated without a Municipal Rate for the local financial year ending 31st March, 1972, being determined by the Council.

T. F. Byrne

3rd May, 1971.

An adjourned Quarterly Meeting of Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m. The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney and James Jenkins.

Councillors: Thomas Roche, John Dunne and Peter Roche.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Desmond Corish.

In attendance: Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer and Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche, the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 1st March, 1971, of Special Meetings of 9th March, 1971 and 14th and 29th April, 1971, of Finance Committee Meetings of 23rd March, 1971 and of 5th and 21st April, 1971, of Estimates Meetings of 5th, 21st and 23rd April, 1971, and of Quarterly Meeting of 5th April, 1971, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

TOURIST ADVERTISING

A letter was read from Bord Failte, indicating steps taken to advertise the South East Region as a holiday centre.

A letter was read from South East Tourism indicating that Wexford was receiving its fair share of that organisation's advertising.

DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, ETC.

On the proposition of Alderman Kenkins, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved "that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be requested to the raising of a loan of £52,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for water and sewerage extensions to Coolcotts and the development of the Industrial Estate at Whitemill, and that an undertaking be given to the Commissioners of Public Works that the instalments of the loan and of all outstanding loans would be punctually remitted on the due dates".

CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING

Circulars from the Department of Local Government re co-operative housing were considered by the Council. On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was agreed that Wexford Corporation would co-operate in every way possible with any group who wished to embark on such a venture and that any suitable land in the Corporation's possession would be made available to such groups.

3rd May, 1971.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Circulars from the Department of Local Government and the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland re Local Government Reorganisation were considered. A circular from the Department indicated that, subsequent to the date by which interested parties have been asked to submit their comments on the proposals in the White Paper, i.e. 30th June, 1971, a series of regional meetings of local authorities with the Minister would be held to discuss the proposals. The Council would be advised of arrangements for their meetings in due course.

On the proposition of Councillor Thomas Roche, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, it was unanimously resolved to hold a Special Meeting of the Council to consider the White Paper on Monday, 17th May, 1971, at 7.30 p.m.

LOANS FOR ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES

The Council was informed that income and valuation limits for loans for acquisition and construction of houses had been raised from £1,200 to £1,500 and from £50 to £60 respectively as from 1st March, 1971. The maximum loan limit had also been raised from £2,700 to £3,000 as from the same date.

ANNUAL MEETING FOR MAKING MUNICIPAL RATE, 1971/72.

It was unanimously agreed to hold the Annual Meeting for the making of the Municipal Rate 1971/72 on Monday, 5th July, 1971.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions, Alderman Jenkins was informed:-

1. The Town Foreman, subject to the Borough Engineer, is responsible for the supervision of street sweeping in Wexford. Car parks are swept periodically. The wage of a street sweeper is £18 per week. Four sweepers are employed. The Borough Engineer is examining a number of mechanical methods of sweeping and will be reporting to the Council in the matter in due course.
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3. Notice boards for Bull Ring toilet and car parks are in course of preparation and will be erected shortly.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

10th May, 1971.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

Councillors: John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, Fintan O'Leary, James Morris, Thomas Roche.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Desmond Corish.

In attendance: Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; J.A.V. Merriman, Borough Accountant; Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer and Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

The meeting was convened on the requisition of His Worship the Mayor for the purpose of considering the following letter addressed to the County Manager from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 24th April, 1971, and enclosures and the Town Clerk's letter of 30th idem, and to state that it is noted that Wexford Corporation have failed to reach a decision on the adoption of the Estimates and the determination of a rate in respect of the year 1971/72.

I am to point out that there is a clear obligation on the Council to strike a rate sufficient to meet that portion of the expenses of the Local Authority which falls to be met from local taxation and failure on the part of the Council to do so would have such serious consequences that the Minister would have no alternative but to take action in the matter. The remedy provided in law to deal with the present situation would involve the removal of the members of the Council from office under Section 44 of the Local Government Act, 1941, as amended by Section 64 of the Local Government Act, 1946. Before having recourse to that remedy, however, the Minister is anxious that the Council should be afforded every reasonable opportunity of discharging its statutory functions in this matter and for that reason he has decided to defer taking action under the Local Government Acts for a period of fourteen days.

I am to request you to bring the contents of this letter to the notice of the Council at the earliest possible date".

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor and seconded by Alderman Morris, that the Estimate of £221,184 be adopted and a Rate of £6.40 in the £ be determined for the local financial year ending 31st March, 1972. A poll was taken and resulted:-

for the motion: Aldermen Morris and Jenkins, His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Flaherty and Thomas Roche (5);

against: Alderman Mahoney, Councillors Peter Roche, O'Leary and Morris (4).

Councillor Dunne did not vote. The motion was declared carried by five votes to four.

The County Manager pointed out that while his original estimate had been drastically reduced and no provision made for the writing off of accumulated debit balances, he would accept the rate as being adequate.

10th May, 1971.

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SPECIAL MEETINGS

It was decided to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, 24th May, 1971, at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering the White Paper - Local Government Reorganisation to be followed by a Housing Committee Meeting to consider the recommendations of the County Medical Officer for the new priority list.

It was decided to hold the Statutory June Meeting on Monday, 14th June, 1971, at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

James F. Byrne

25th May, 1971.

A meeting of the Housing Committee of Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at 7.45 p.m. The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney and James Jenkins.

Councillors: John Dunne, Peter Roche, James J. Morris, and Thomas Roche.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Desmond Corish.

In attendance: J.A.V. Merriman, Borough Accountant; Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer and Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

The meeting had been convened to consider the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer on applications for inclusion in the new Housing Priority List, and following a discussion, it was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche and unanimously resolved that the Council agree with the decision of the County Manager to adopt the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer as presented, subject to further examination of the following cases and the inclusion of any further applications which would be lodged within the next two weeks:-

1. Richard Duggan, 105, The Faythe,
2. Billy Clarke, 105, The Faythe,
3. James Flynn, 10, Commercial Quay.
4. Martin Rowe, 2, Mary Street.
5. Joseph Maloney, 16, Distillery Road.
6. Sean Duggan, 25, Fisher's Row.
7. Bill Burke, 26, North Main Street.
8. John Doyle, 4, Batt Street.
9. Sean Furlong, 13, Hill Street.
10. *Charles Mann, 23 Wolfe Tone Villas (see Minutes of Statutory Meeting of 14/6/71)*

On the proposal of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved to recommend to the County Manager that Mrs. Agnes Byrne, 5, Grogan's Road be considered for a house at Thomas Clarke Place.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, it was unanimously resolved that Mr. William Murphy, Talbot Street, be recommended to the County Manager for the tenancy of No. 22, Distillery Road.

It was agreed that, at the present time, applications for rehousing received from persons residing outside the Borough cannot be considered.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

25th May, 1971.

A Special 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 were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney and James Jenkins.

Councillors: John Dunne, Peter Roche, James J. Morris, Thomas Roche.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Desmond Corish.

In attendance: J.A.V. Merriman, Borough Accountant, Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer and Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

The meeting had been specially convened to consider the Government's proposals for alterations in the Local Government system in Ireland as outlined in the White Paper - Local Government Reorganisation.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, 26th May, 1971, at 8.00 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

26th May, 1971.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day at the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at eight o'clock p.m. to consider the White Paper issued by the Government on Local Government Reorganisation.

Those present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair;
Aldermen: James Mahoney, James Jenkins and Kevin Morris;
Councillors: James J. Morris, Peter Roche, John Dunne and Thomas Roche.

In attendance: Thomas F. Broe, County Manager and J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

His Worship the Mayor opened the proceedings by requesting the County Manager to outline the main points in the White Paper which would affect the Borough of Wexford. Having heard the County Manager, a full discussion followed, to which all members contributed. The following motions were adopted unanimously:-

1. Alderman Jenkins proposed and His Worship the Mayor seconded "that all representatives on local or regional councils be elected under adult franchise through the existing procedures for electing public representatives".
2. His Worship the Mayor proposed and Alderman Kevin Morris seconded "that this Corporation is of the opinion that it is not possible to deal with many of the proposals in the White Paper until the White Paper on Local Finances is published".
3. His Worship the Mayor proposed and Councillor Peter Roche seconded "that where an Urban District Council is viable at all, it should be preserved in the interests of democracy".

His Worship the Mayor directed that the Corporation's representatives at the Special Meeting of the Association of Municipal Authorities to be held on 3rd June, 1971, should put forward these resolutions.

MEETING OF ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche and agreed unanimously that the Town Clerk should attend the meeting to be held on 3rd June, 1971, of the Association of Municipal Authorities.

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor J. J. Morris, and agreed unanimously, that Councillor Peter Roche should attend the meeting of the Association of Municipal Authorities to be held 3rd June, 1971, in place of Councillor John Cullimore who has indicated that he cannot attend.

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DISPOSAL OF LITTER

Councillor Peter Roche referred to the anti-litter campaign and told the Council that a group of people had arranged to collect waste paper from traders and others at no cost to the Corporation. The proceeds of the collection and sale of such waste paper, estimated to produce between £600 and £700 per annum, would be handed over to the Corporation. Councillor Roche asked that approval be given to the efforts of the group. This was agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roche.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne.

14th June, 1971.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

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

In attendance: Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer; Desmond
T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

An apology for inability to be present was received from
Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager.

MINUTES

Councillor Peter Roche referred to minutes of Housing Committee Meeting held on 25th May, 1971, and stated that the name of Charles Mann, 23, Wolfe Tone Villas, should have been included among those applicants requiring further examination. On the proposition of Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved to amend the minutes accordingly.

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Corish, the minutes of adjourned quarterly meeting of 3rd May, 1971, of Special Meetings of 10th, 25th and 26th May, 1971, and of Housing Committee Meeting (as amended) of 25th May, 1971, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late John Dwyer, William Bolger and Mrs. Michael Crosbie. All members and officials present associated themselves with the votes which were passed in silence.

DEVELOPMENT OF ROSSLARE HARBOUR

A letter was read from the Area Manager, Coras Iompair Eireann, informing the Council that a scheme of further improvements at Rosslare Harbour, incorporating stern loading facilities for British Rail ships had been approved by the Board of Coras Iompair Eireann. Satisfaction at the news was expressed by the members.

PHARMACEUTICAL CONGRESS

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, the Council unanimously accepted an invitation for His Worship the Mayor to preside at the opening of the 10th Irish Pharmaceutical Congress on Sunday, 10th October, 1971.

WATER SUPPLY

The Council approved of the recommendation of the Borough Engineer to ration the public water supply by shutting down nightly between the hours of 12.30 a.m. and 5.30 a.m. until the supply position improved sufficiently to resume normal supplies.

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ESTIMATES 1971/72

A report was submitted as follows from the Borough Engineer, indicating the affects which reductions in the County Manager's Estimates for 1971/72 by the Borough Council would have on the services provided by Wexford Corporation during the current financial year:-

"Resulting from the Finance Committee's recommendations and the final adoption of a reduced rate, adjustment to attain the necessary reduction in spending will be required. Hereunder are comments and proposals regarding same:-

ROADS - £3,000 - Special Works - Deleted.

These comprised the following:-

1. Widening at Bishopswater and kerbing, Phase 1 - £1,600
2. Renewal of footpath - selected stretches - 400
3. Renewal of road surfaces - selected stretches (Maudlintown, The Faythe, etc.) - £1,000

Regarding Item 1, this is now included in the Urban Road Improvement Grant allocation. (Report submitted for Manager and Council). Items 2 and 3 will have to remain undone and there is little point in the Council complaining of the condition of these old pavements which cannot be renewed from normal maintenance funds.

PUBLIC AND DOMESTIC SCAVENGING - Reduction of £811 on the Manager's Estimate

The necessary reductions will be achieved by a lowering of the maintenance standard at the Municipal Dump, the cutting down on overtime by using one sweeper on Sundays in place of four and rigid adherence to the regulations on the quantities and quality of waste to be handled.

SEWERS: - £2,300 - Special Works - Deleted.

These comprised the following:-

1. Relaying sewer at Batt Street/New Street - £2,000
2. Relaying sewer at St. Patrick's Square - 300

The deletion of these Items will put a burden on normal maintenance funds, as these old sewers are constantly giving trouble and are a source of bitter complaint from the residents.

HOUSING MAINTENANCE - Manager's Estimate reduced by £1,724.

This reduction will be achieved by maintaining repairs at present level - no additional carpenter, etc."

SALE OF HOUSES

Proposals of the County Manager for the sale of houses in a number of Corporation Schemes to the tenants thereof, indicating proposed sale prices, were considered by the Council, and on the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche, it was unanimously decided to defer further consideration of the proposals to a future date.

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In this connection, the feeling of the members of the Council was, that the prices required were too high, too much emphasis being placed on location. The Council also considered that market value would be a much fairer basis on which to calculate sale prices, rather than replacement cost.

WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME

The Council was informed that a loan of £115,000 for the financing of the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme has now been sanctioned, and the Contractor is being instructed to submit a Fidelity Guarantee Bond and to indicate when he will be in a position to commence work.

OVERDRAFT

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, approval be given to the raising of an overdraft from the Corporation's treasurers, The National Bank of Ireland Ltd., Wexford, for the quarter ending 30th September, 1971, as follows:-

Revenue Account	- £80,000
Capital Account	- £60,000

SPEED LIMITS

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, it was unanimously resolved "that the Borough Council call on the Minister for Justice to reduce speed limits inside the Borough from 30 m.p.h. to 15 m.p.h."

It was also decided to request the Garda Authorities to enforce the existing limits more rigidly than heretofore.

SURVEY OF WEXFORD HARBOUR

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, it was unanimously resolved "that the Borough Council call on the Minister for Finance to reconsider his decision and not to turn down a grant towards the survey of Wexford Harbour".

KENNEDY PARK HOUSING SCHEME

On the proposition of Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved "that a full explanation be requested by this Council as to the reason for the omission of a pram walk from the Kennedy Park Scheme, which was contained in the original plan".

It was decided to have an estimate of the cost of providing the pram walk prepared for consideration by the Council.

SOCIAL WELFARE BENEFITS

On the proposition of Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved "that this Council protest most strongly to the Department of Social Welfare regarding the hold-up in the payment of Widows' pensions and payments to deserted wives".

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NAMING OF WHITEMILL HOUSING SCHEME

On the proposition of Councillor Dunne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "that the new housing scheme at Whitemill North be named Liam Mellows Park".

PARKING AT BULLRING

deferred Councillor Dunne moved "that the parking space directly in front of the 1798 Memorial in the Bullring be 'No Parking'" but ~~withdrew~~ his motion pending completion of the new car park in Church Lane.

(As Minutes of Council Meeting of 21 July 1971)

DISPOSAL OF SITE TO INSULATED CONTAINERS LTD.

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of approximately 2½ acres of land at Whitemill, Wexford, to Messrs Insulated Containers Ltd. on which the purchasers propose to erect a factory, and on the terms as set out in notice dated 25th May, 1971, and circulated to the members, viz. Lease for a term of 10 years at an annual rent of £132.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT CLONARD, WEXFORD

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of approximately 6 acres of land at Clonard, Wexford, to Messrs Noonan Construction Co. Ltd. on which the purchasers propose to erect houses and on the terms as set out in notice dated 2nd June, 1971, and circulated to the members, viz. for the sum of £5,200.

SCHEME FOR RELIEF FROM RATES

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved that no formal scheme under the Local Government (Rates) Act, 1970, be adopted by the Council for the financial year ending 31st March, 1972.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEWS AND PLANNING CONTROL

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously decided to defer consideration of circular from the Department of Local Government re Development Plan Reviews and Planning Control, to a future date.

URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT. 1971/72.

The Council unanimously approved of the proposals of the Borough Engineer for the utilisation of the Urban Road Improvement Grant, 1971/72 amounting to £1,573 as follows - Phase 1, of widening and kerbing of the roadway at Bishopswater Housing Estate.

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT GRANT, 1971/72.

The Council considered the proposals of the Borough Engineer for the utilisation of the Traffic Management Grant of £12,000 for 1971/72:-

1. Updating of the Traffic Survey	£5,000
2. Purchase of Fisher/Porter Traffic Counter, (Punch Tape type)	300
3. Surface Church Lane Car Park and drainage	£2,000
4. White and double yellow thermoplastic lines and sign-posting	300
5. Purchase of properties at Custom House Quay, Wexford.	£4,400

Some of the members felt that the updating of the Traffic Survey was unnecessary and on a vote for the adoption of the proposals, Alderman Morris, His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Corish, Flaherty, J. J. Morris and Thomas Roche. Against: Aldermen Mahoney and Jenkins, Councillors Dunne and Peter Roche.

The proposals were declared adopted by six votes to four.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved that quarterly meetings be held as follows:- 5th July, 1971, 4th October, 1971, 3rd January, 1972 and 3rd April, 1972.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions, Alderman Mahoney was informed:-

1. Repairs will be carried out to No. 33, Wolfe Tone Villas.
2. Broken path and concrete around a newly erected pole at Barrack Street will be repaired within the next week or two.
3. The Borough Engineer will inspect fire brigade houses with a view to repairing windows, but it might not be possible to carry out full repairs due to scarcity of funds.

In reply to questions, Councillor Peter Roche was informed:-

1. That the Council's Foreman only attends fires occurring within Wexford Borough, and his attendance is necessary to ensure an adequate supply of water. During his absence on holidays, either the Storeman or Water Inspector acts in his place.
2. The duties of the Assistant Borough Engineer consist of:-
"To give to the Local Authority under the direction and supervision of the Borough or Town Engineer, such engineering or ancillary services of an advisory, supervisory or executive nature as may be required by the Local Authority in the exercise and performance of its powers and duties, and including the duties of acting for the Borough or Town Engineer as so required during that officer's absence".

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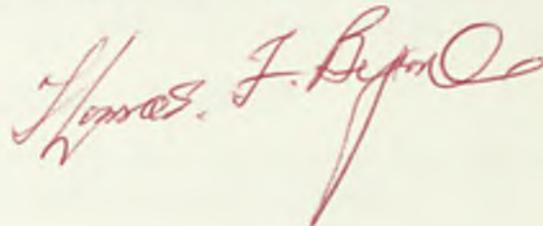
In this connection, the Town Clerk read a report submitted to the County Manager by the Borough Engineer, and in fact, recommending that two Assistant Borough Engineers were required. While the County Manager could not, at this stage, accept fully the latter recommendation, he was satisfied that a need did exist to maintain the engineering staff at its existing level.

3. The Temporary Assistant Engineer recently advertised for would be employed until such time as a permanent Assistant Borough Engineer was appointed.

In reply to questions, Councillor Dunne was informed:-

1. The clearance of derelict sites at John's Gate Street was a preliminary to the provision of houses there and any expenses incurred would have to be carried as a debit until such time as a loan was negotiated.
2. The remaining derelict houses will be removed within the next few weeks.
3. The Assembly Room in the Town Hall is not yet available for Picture Gallery and Museum. It was estimated that the adoption of the Assembly Room for this purpose would cost approximately £300, not including insurance on exhibitions, and in addition to this, the rent of £400 per annum received from Wexford County Council would have to be foregone. The County Manager did not feel that the time was opportune to request the Council to provide these monies.

The meeting then terminated.



5th July, 1971.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Cornmarket, at half past seven o'clock p.m. The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, in the chair.

Aldermen:- James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins.

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Cullimore.

In attendance: Thomas F. Broe, County Manager; Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer; J.A.V. Merriman, Borough Accountant; Fintan O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor and Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

MINUTES

Councillor Dunne referred to minutes of Statutory Meeting of 14th June, 1971, and pointed out that his motion "Parking at Bullring" had not been "withdrawn" but merely "deferred" pending completion of the new car park in Church Lane. The minute was amended accordingly.

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Morris, the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 14th June, 1971, as amended, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Corish, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Thomas Rossiter. All members and officials present associated themselves with the vote which was passed in silence.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business of the Quarterly Meeting was the election of a Mayor, who would hold office until either:-

- (a) Quarterly Meeting to be held not more than fourteen days before or after 8th July, 1972, or
- (b) Quarterly Meeting to be held after next Local Elections, and until his successor has been appointed and made a Declaration of Acceptance of office.

His Worship the Mayor asked for nominations for the office of Mayor, and the following were duly nominated:-

Alderman Thomas F. Byrne - proposed by Councillor Corish, seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche.

Alderman Kevin C. Morris - proposed by Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Morris.

Alderman James Mahoney - proposed by Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Councillor Dunne.

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There being no further nominations, a poll was taken and resulted:-

For Alderman Byrne,- Alderman Byrne and Councillors Corish and
Thomas Roche (3).

For Alderman Morris - Aldermen Morris and Jenkins, Councillors Flaherty
and Morris (4).

For Alderman Mahoney - Alderman Mahoney and Councillors Dunne and
Peter Roche (3).

As no candidate had a majority of the members present, the question as to which of the two lowest remaining candidates, viz. Alderman Byrne and Alderman Mahoney should be eliminated was determined by lot. At this juncture, Councillor Corish suggested that the question of who should be eliminated should be determined on a further poll as the drawing of lots introduced an element of chance into the election. The Corporation's Solicitor pointed out that the law was quite definite that the choice must be made by lot and the Council had no option in the matter.

On a drawing of lots, Alderman Byrne was eliminated. A second poll was then taken and resulted:-

For Alderman Morris - Aldermen Morris and Jenkins, Councillors
Flaherty and Morris (4).

For Alderman Mahoney - Aldermen Mahoney and Byrne, Councillors
Dunne and Peter Roche. (4).

Councillors Corish and Thomas Roche did not vote.

As no candidate had a majority of the members present, and there being only two remaining candidates with an equality of votes, the question as to who would be elected Mayor was determined by lot. On a drawing of lots, Alderman Morris was elected. The outgoing Mayor formally declared Alderman Morris to be elected and he made and subscribed the declaration of acceptance of office as provided by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, and the Local Government Act, 1941. Before leaving the chair, the outgoing Mayor, Alderman Byrne, thanked all those who had helped him during his term of office.

Alderman Byrne then vested Alderman Morris with the Robes and Chain of office and Alderman Morris took the chair. Alderman Morris thanked all those who had voted him to office and also congratulated the outgoing Mayor on his work during his term of office. The other members then congratulated Alderman Morris on his election and Alderman Byrne on the excellence with which he had carried out his duties.

MAKING OF THE MUNICIPAL RATE

The making of a Municipal Rate of six pounds and forty pennies in the pound for the service of the local financial year ending 31st March, 1972, was proposed by Alderman Byrne and seconded by His Worship the Mayor. The motion was adopted, Alderman Mahoney and Councillors Dunne, Peter Roche and Morris dissenting.

The Rate Book having been certified by the Town Clerk to be in conformity with the Valuation Lists was sealed and signed by His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Jenkins and Byrne and the Town Clerk.

5th July, 1971.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 64, DAVITT ROAD NORTH.

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Corish, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of House No. 64, Davitt Road North to the tenant thereof, Mr. James Curran, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd June, 1971, and circulated to the members, viz. for the sum of £2,646.

GRANT TO WEXFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved "that Wexford Borough Council hereby confirm resolution adopted at meeting of 21st April, 1971, that Wexford Corporation assist Wexford Harbour Commissioners by making a grant of £36 to the Commissioners under Section 7 of the Harbour's Act, 1947".

ADJOURNMENT

The remaining items on the Agenda were unanimously adjourned to the next Statutory Meeting of the Council.

The meeting then terminated.

Kevin B. M. O'Sullivan

30th July, 1971.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at eight o'clock p.m. The meeting was called on the requisition of His Worship the Mayor for the purpose of discussing the Rosslare-Le Havre car ferry service. Those present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Mahoney and Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors: John Cullimore, John Dugne and James J. Morris.

Apologies had been received from Councillor Peter Roche, who was unable to be present.

Officials in attendance: J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk.

His Worship the Mayor opened the proceedings by referring to the recent reports concerning the discontinuance of the Rosslare-Le Havre car ferry service to discuss which the meeting had been convened. His Worship then proposed the following motion:- "That Wexford Corporation most strongly urge the Government to take all necessary steps to ensure a continuance of the Rosslare-Le Havre car ferry service by having it taken over by Irish Shipping or some other appropriate undertaking, and that in this proposal the Corporation is voicing the wishes of all Wexford people". The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, supported by all present and unanimously resolved.

His Worship the Mayor further proposed "that an urgent meeting of all interested parties in the area be called with a view to appointing a deputation to meet the Minister for Transport and Power and the Minister for Finance to discuss the matter", which was seconded by Councillor J. J. Morris and unanimously resolved.

The date for convening a meeting of all parties referred to in the latter resolution was then considered, and it was agreed that the meeting should be called for Wednesday, 4th August, 1971, at eight o'clock p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Congratulations were extended to Councillor John Cullimore, who was present at the meeting after a lengthy illness.

The meeting then terminated.

Kevin C. Morris

4th August, 1971.

A Special Meeting was held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at 8.00 o'clock p.m. to which interested bodies were invited for the purpose of appointing a deputation to call on the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Transport and Power. The following were present:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Kevin Morris, in the chair.
Alderman Thomas F. Byrne.
Councillors Peter Roche and James J. Morris.
Mr. John Small, Chairman, Tourist Development Committee, Wexford.
Mr. Seamus Galvin, Chairman, Wexford Harbour Commissioners.
Mr. Liam Lynch, President, Wexford Chamber of Commerce.
Mr. Leo Carty, Wexford County Council.
Mr. G. Moriarty, President, Wexford Junior Chamber.
Mrs. B. Wallace, South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation.
Mr. Thomas Howlin, Wexford County Council.
Mr. Eugene Curtin, Wexford County Council.
Mr. J. V. Whelan, Chairman, Main Street Traders, Wexford.
Mrs. J. Carey, Chairman, Hotel and Guest House Owners, Wexford.
Mr. J. O'Brien, Chairman, Rosslare Harbour Development Association.

Officials in attendance:- Mr. Wm. P. Creedon, Acting County Manager
and J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk.

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting and asked if it was agreed that a deputation should be formed. All those present supported the idea and it was agreed that a deputation should seek a meeting with the Minister for Transport and Power and the Minister for Finance, in order to request the Ministers to do all in their power to ensure that the car ferry service between Rosslare Harbour and Le Havre should be continued. It was further agreed that the deputation should consist of the following:-

Deputy Sean Browne, T.D.
Deputy Lorcan Allen, T.D.
Deputy Sir A. Esmonde, T.D.
Deputy Brendan Corish, T.D.
His Worship the Mayor of Wexford, Alderman Kevin Morris.
Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, Wexford Corporation.
Councillor Thomas Howlin, Wexford County Council.
Mr. Liam Lynch, President, Wexford Chamber of Commerce.
Mrs. B. Wallace, South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation.
Mr. Leo Carty, Wexford County Council.

The Acting Town Clerk was instructed to contact the Ministers' offices and arrange for the reception of the deputation.

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, it was agreed that the South Eastern Regional Development Organisation should be asked to support the continuance of the car ferry service between Rosslare Harbour and Le Havre.

Finally, His Worship the Mayor paid tribute to Mrs. Wallace and her staff in the Tourist Information Office at Wexford for their high standards of efficiency, courtesy and information. Those present joined in the tribute with His Worship the Mayor.

The meeting then terminated.

Kevin B. Morris

9th August, 1971.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day at the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m. His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Kevin Morris, was in the chair, and the others present were :- Alderman James Mahoney and James Jenkins.

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

Apologies were received from Councillor John Dunne.

Officials in attendance: Mr. W.P. Creedon, Acting County Manager, Mr. C. Costello, Acting Borough Engineer, and J.A.V. Merriman, Acting Town Clerk.

SYMPATHY

A resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late Michael Flusk, a former member of the Borough Council and Mayor of Wexford, was proposed by His Worship the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Councillor James Morris and supported by all present. The motion was unanimously adopted in respectful silence. The Acting Manager joined in the expression of sympathy on behalf of the Manager and staff as well as on his own behalf.

ADJOURNMENT

His Worship the Mayor, at the request of Councillor Flaherty, proposed that Wexford Borough Council adjourn this meeting for one week in protest against the turn of events in Northern Ireland and as an expression of the abhorrence of all citizens at the introduction of internment and that a request be sent to the British Prime Minister, the Home Secretary, the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons urging them to take steps to improve the situation and ensure the restoration of peace and civil rights for the minority groups in the area and that a copy of this resolution be sent to An Taoiseach, Mr. J. Lynch, T.D., The motion was seconded by Councillor John Flaherty and supported by all present and adopted unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned until 16th August, 1971.

Kevin B. Morris

16th August, 1971.

An adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :

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

Aldermen : James Mahoney, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Dunne,
Peter Roche, James Morris, Thomas Roche.

In attendance : William P. Creedon, Deputy County Manager,
Charles Costello, Assistant Borough Engineer,
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, the minutes of Quarterly Meeting of 5th July, 1971, and of Special Meeting of 30th July, 1971, having been circulated were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

The Minutes of Adjourned Statutory Meeting of 9th August, 1971, were referred back for amendment as to the decisions of the Council taken at that meeting.

SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late James Meyler and Dr. Desmond French.

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Liam Lucking.

All members and officials present associated themselves with the votes which were passed in silence.

CONTINENTAL CAR FERRY

A letter was read from the Department of Finance suggesting that the meeting between the Minister and a deputation from Wexford re the Rosslare Harbour/Le Harve Car Ferry service might be postponed as Irish Shipping Ltd., are at present exploring ways of continuing the service. A letter on the same subject from the Department of Transport and Power suggested that a meeting with the Minister could be arranged when the Minister returned from holidays on 23rd August, 1971. It was agreed that the meeting be arranged for as soon as possible after that date.

16th August, 1971.

SPEED LIMITS

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government in response to the request of the Council that a speed limit of 15 m.p.h. be introduced in the Borough. The letter stated that the speed limit of 30 m.p.h. is a maximum one and does not entitle a driver to drive at this speed if circumstances indicate that it would be unsafe to do so. Provisions in the Road Traffic Acts relating to dangerous and careless driving taken in conjunction with the speed limit adequately cover any road hazard related to speed.

A letter was also read from the Superintendent of the Garda Siochana, Wexford, regarding speed limits within the Borough, assuring the members of the Council that everything possible would be done to ensure that the present regulations are stringently enforced and obeyed by all concerned.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

The Department of Local Government acknowledged the views of the Members of the Borough Council on the proposals in the White Paper on Local Government Reorganisation and stated that these views would be taken into account before final decisions are made as to any legislative proposals that may be submitted to the Oireachtas.

It was decided to appoint the Council's three representatives to the Regional Meeting to be held in Kilkenny in the near future on this subject at the next meeting.

GRANT FOR WEXFORD HARBOUR

A letter was read from the Department of Finance intimating that the Minister was not prepared to alter his decision not to make a grant towards the survey of Wexford Harbour. On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was resolved to again ask the Minister to re-consider his decision.

NORTHERN IRELAND

An acknowledgement was received of the Councils representations to the British Home Secretary regarding the situation in Northern Ireland.

SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS

An application was considered from the Convent Hill Tenants Association requesting the Council to consider the adoption of a scheme of Supplementary Housing Grants and on the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn consideration of the matter to the next Estimates meeting.

16th August, 1971.

WATER SAFETY

The Town Clerk informed the members that the functions of the Irish Red Cross in relation to promotion of water safety have now been taken over by the Irish Water Safety Association, and that Mr. Quinlivan of Rosslare Strand is a member of the committee of the Association.

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, the council unanimously extended its congratulations to Councillor Morris for his excellent work for the promotion of swimming and water safety in Wexford.

WEXFORD COAT OF ARMS

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, the permission of the Council was unanimously given to the Wexford Girl Mariners to incorporate the Wexford Coat of Arms on their flag and on their uniform crests.

WIRED T.V.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, the Council unanimously approved of permission being granted to Radio Telefis Eireann to install a wired T.V. system in Corporation houses and in the town generally.

FERRYBANK CARAVAN PARK

A letter was read from Mr. G.E. Longcroft, Chingford, London, complimenting the Council on the excellent Caravan Park at Ferrybank, which he stated was the best and most up-to-date Caravan Park he has yet visited. The writer also complimented the then supervisor, Mr. John Dunne. Mr. Longcroft's remarks were noted with satisfaction by the members.

WEXFORD FESTIVAL LIGHTING

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the Council unanimously resolved that a grant of £250 be made to Wexford Junior Chamber towards the provision of Festival Lighting during the Wexford Festival 1971.

WEXFORD TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Council unanimously agreed to receive a deputation from the Wexford Tourist Development Committee at the next meeting to discuss the financing of a recent amenity study of Wexford carried out by the students of Bolton Street College of Technology.

BARRY COMMEMORATION

It was unanimously resolved on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, that the annual Barry Commemoration Ceremony be held on Sunday, 29th August, 1971. The arrangements to be left to a committee consisting of the four aldermen.

16th August, 1971.

PLOT OF GROUND AT FISHERS ROW

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, the Council unanimously agreed that Mr. P. Carley, 85 The Faythe be allowed access to his garage over portion of Corporation property at Fishers Row.

WEXFORD WATER SUPPLY

Report from the Assistant Borough Engineer indicated that water rationing as from now has been reduced to the period 12 midnight to 6 a.m. It was pointed out that at the moment the Council is spending approximately £15.00 per week in purchasing water from Wexford County Council.

CHURCH LANE CAR PARK

Layout plans for the Church Lane Car Park were before the Council and on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the plans were unanimously approved of by the Council.

The question of employment of an attendant at the car park and the making of a charge for parking was deferred for the time being.

It was decided to have an estimate prepared of the cost of providing a public toilet in the car park.

GRADED RENTS

Consideration of the draft of a new graded rent scheme was on the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne, adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved to hold two meetings each month in future, the second meeting to be held on the third Monday, subject to the availability of the County Manager.

LANEWAY FROM COMMERCIAL QUAY TO NORTH MAIN STREET

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved to have the laneway leading from Commercial Quay to North Main Street cleared and to consider the taking over of the laneway for permanent maintenance at a later date. Alderman Byrne dissented from this decision.

DERELICT HOUSE AT PETER STREET

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor it was unanimously resolved to contact the owner of derelict house at Peter Street with a view to having the nuisance created thereby permanently abated.

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RE-HOUSING OF MARTY MURPHY

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that when suitable accommodation becomes vacant the Borough Council agree to house Marty Murphy!"

NOS. 54 and 8A MAUDLINTOWN

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved "that this council be given a full explanation as to what work was carried out by the Corporation at old demolished house at Maudlintown (thatched) and what steps, if any, were taken to safeguard No. 54 Maudlintown, now occupied by Mr. Bent".

The Assistant Borough Engineer undertook to investigate the matter.

KENNEDY PARK FOOTPATH

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Councillor T. Roche, it was unanimously resolved "that this Council call on the Department of Local Government for immediate grant to do something with disgraceful space at Kennedy Park footpath". It was agreed that an estimate and report be prepared on the matter.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that the following resolutions be submitted for consideration at the forthcoming Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland viz :

1. That this Conference calls on the Minister for Health to give Borough Corporations and Urban Council's a voice on Regional Health Boards and
2. That this Conference calls on the Minister for Local Government to set up a commission immediately to examine the rating system.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 9 MONUMENT PLACE, WEXFORD

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of House No. 9 Monument Place to tenant thereof, Mrs. Bridget Roche, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd July, 1971, and circulated to the members viz, for the sum of £1,890.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 12 ST. MAGDALEN'S TERRACE

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of House No. 12 St. Magdalen's Terrace to tenant thereof, Mrs. Ellen Scanlon, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd July, 1971, and circulated to the members viz, for the sum of £840.

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DISPOSAL OF NO. 4 BERNADETTE PLACE

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of House No. 4 Bernadette Place to tenant thereof, Mr. Thomas O'Neill, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd July, 1971, and circulated to the members, viz for the sum of £1,944.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 5 BERNADETTE PLACE

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of House No. 5 Bernadette Place to tenant thereof, Mr. Myles Redmond, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd July, 1971, and circulated to the members viz, for the sum of £2,268.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 9 BERNADETTE PLACE

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of House No. 9 Bernadette Place to tenant thereof, Mr. Richard Gaul on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd July, 1971, and circulated to the members viz, for the sum of £2,700.

DISPOSAL OF NO.14 BERNADETTE PLACE

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of House No. 14 Bernadette Place to tenant thereof, Mr. William Reville, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd July, 1971, and circulated to the members viz, for the sum of £2,268.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 16 BERNADETTE PLACE

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of House No. 16 Bernadette Place to tenant thereof, Mrs. Mary O'Neill, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd July, 1971, and circulated to the members viz, for the sum of £2,268.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 19 BERNADETTE PLACE

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of House No. 19 Bernadette Place to tenant thereof, Mr. Joseph Walsh, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd July, 1971, and circulated to the members viz, for the sum of £2,268.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 23 CORISH PARK

On the proposal of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of House No. 23 Corish Park to tenant thereof, Mrs. Elizabeth Sheehan, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 27th July, 1971, and circulated to the members viz, for the sum of £2,052.

16th August, 1971.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT TEMPERANCE ROW

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of plot of land at Temperance Row containing approximately 75 sq. yds. to Mrs. Alice Curran, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 27th July, 1971, and circulated to the members viz, for the sum of £20.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT JOHN STREET

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of plot of land at John Street containing 7 sq. perches to Mr. James J. Stamp, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd July, 1971, and circulated to the members viz, for the sum of £180.

ITEMS ADJOURNED

The following items were adjourned to the next meeting of the Council : consideration of Circular from the Department of Local Government re review of staff structure and procedures of Local Authorities and consideration of address of Minister for Local Government re Low Cost Housing.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions, Alderman Mahoney was informed :-

1. That repairs had been carried out to the front door of No. 13 Wolfe Tone Villas, and any further complaints concerning this house will be investigated; that repairs to footpath at Barrack Street were now in hand.

In reply to questions, Councillor Roche was informed :-

1. That submission of a Contract Guarantee Bond was awaited before formal contract for the carrying out of King Street Main Drainage Scheme could be drawn up.
2. That Wexford County Council are responsible for footpaths at Carrigeen Street and their attention would be drawn to the need for repairs thereto.
3. That the Borough Engineer is aware of the condition of footpaths at Lower Bride Street, but due to the parking of cars on one side it was necessary for heavy trucks to occasionally mount the footpath in order to get by.

The meeting then terminated.

John G. Morris,

6th September, 1971.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :

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

Aldermen : James Jenkins and Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne,
Peter Roche and Thomas Roche.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Desmond Corish and James Morris.

In attendance : Thomas F. Broe, County Manager, Kevin T. Conway, Borough Surveyor, Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the minutes of special meeting of 4th August, 1971, of statutory meeting of 9th August, 1971 and of adjourned statutory meeting of 16th August, 1971, having been circulated were taken as read adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

WEXFORD HARBOUR

A letter was read from the Minister for Finance in reply to the Councils further representations for the payment of a grant to meet the cost of a survey of Wexford Harbour. The letter indicated that the decision of the Minister in this matter already conveyed to the Council cannot be altered.

NORTHERN IRELAND

A letter was read from the Parliamentary Private Secretary to Mr. Harold Wilson assuring the Council that Mr. Wilson and his fellow members of the Shadow Cabinet are giving their closest and continuing attention to the latest sad developments in Northern Ireland. A letter was read from the Private Secretary to the British Home Secretary regarding the situation in Northern Ireland as follows: "Deprivation of the right to trial is distasteful, but in the Home Secretary's view it is no more so than violent acts of terrorism. The introduction of internment was necessary in order to bring the perpetrators of violence and murder in Northern Ireland to book and the Home Secretary is determined that such acts of violence will cease. Until then, measures introduced by the Government at Stormont to improve the quality of life of everyone in Northern Ireland cannot take firm root".

The members of the Council considered this letter to be in very poor taste but it was decided to take no further action other than to record the Council's rejection of the terms of the letter.

FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL

The Council considered further correspondence in the matter of the Ferrybank Swimming Pool as follows :-

1. From the Department of Local Government indicating that when the

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technical aspects of the project have been finalised and the normal voluntary contribution of 20% is available the Minister will be prepared in the light of the capital then available to him to consider the raising by the Corporation from a source other than the Local Loans Fund of a loan not exceeding £50,000 or 80% of the balance whichever is the lesser excluding certain features such as restaurant, spectator accommodation and sun bathing areas. 50% of the charges on the loan will be recouped by the Department.

2. From Bord Failte Eireann stating that because of severe curtailment of funds for work of this nature there would be no grants available in the current year for the proposed pool. In view of available information on finances for next year and the demands on these resources there is little hope that Bord Failte will be able to provide the grants requested by the Corporation. However, should any change take place in the position of available funds the Corporation's request will be re-considered.

Following a discussion it was agreed on the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor T. Roche, that a special meeting of all interested bodies in the town be held as soon as possible to consider the matter with a view to sending a deputation to meet the Director General of Bord Failte on the question of that Boards contribution towards the project.

BARRY COMMEMORATION

The Council was informed that due to a clash with the Church Gate Collection for Northern Ireland Relief, the holding of the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Commodore John Barry Memorial had been postponed from 29th August, 1971, to Sunday 12th September, 1971. On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor T. Roche, it was agreed that the ceremony be held on that date and that no charge on the Corporation's funds be made in respect thereof.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND

On the proposition of Councillor T. Roche, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, Alderman Byrne was unanimously chosen as a delegate to the annual conference of Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, 1971, in place of Alderman Mahoney who is unable to attend.

INDUSTRIAL SITES

The Council was informed that the present figure of £750 per acre at which sites on the Industrial Estate are being sold was not sufficient to recoup the Corporation for its outlay on land purchase and developments costs. Difficulty was now being experienced in raising additional monies to carry out further developments, including the provision of a spur road and further water and sewerage extensions. The Department of Local Government have now agreed to release sufficient funds to enable development to be carried out to facilitate the erection of an advance factory by the Industrial Development Authority, but have pointed out that the Corporation should endeavour to recoup its outlay on the provision of Industrial Sites by charging an economic price for sites. It was estimated that allowing for government subsidy in respect of water and sewerage works, a price of £1,000 per acre should be charged, and on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved that future sales of sites be at the rate of £1,000 per acre.

KENNEDY PARK

Reports and estimates were submitted by the Borough Engineer in respect of the provision of a pramwalk and the surfacing of the space between the road side path and the front boundary wall at Kennedy Park. The Town Clerk pointed out that a proposal to raise further monies for the completion of this scheme would shortly be before the Council, and it was agreed to defer further consideration of this matter until such a proposal was being discussed.

DERELICT HOUSES AT MAUDLINTOWN

The Council considered the report of the Borough Engineer on work carried out by the Corporation at old thatched houses at Maudlintown. The report indicated that the works which had been carried out by the Corporation were necessary in order to safeguard members of the public and that any further works to alleviate the effect of the demolition of the adjoining houses was the responsibility of the owner.

Following a discussion it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would take another look at the position.

PUBLIC SCAVENGING

A letter was read from Mrs. Barbara Wallace of South Eastern Regional Organisation complaining about the incidence of litter in the town during recent weeks and in this connection the Borough Engineer submitted a report on the matter as follows :-

Complaints have been received from the South Eastern Organisation and some others regarding litter about the town and these complaints are, I regret, not without some foundation.

Difficulty is being experienced :-

- 1) With the increasing quantity of litter produced by modern packaging methods relative to the number of sweepers employed which has remained static since the 1940's.
- 2) Shopkeepers who sweep their litter on to the footways.
- 3) Shopkeepers who give cartons and boxes to children to play with which end up in the streets or car parks.
- 4) Occasional slackness in the case of some individual sweepers; dealt with by modest disciplinary measures.

The occurrence of litter over the week-ends gives the most serious cause for complaint, and the report to Council at the Statutory Meeting in June is relevant, when the Council was informed of an intended reduction in Sunday sweeping to match the funds available. During the last two weeks in August, Sunday sweeping was increased again and some improvement resulted.

Funds are not available to employ more sweepers at present and I am in process of collecting information from a number of towns on mechanical sweepers which would reduce the manual work load. I have received data on a number of machines but am not yet ready to make a recommendation on the matter of purchase of one.

Derelict sites are a constant problem in creating dumping grounds for citizens with complete lack of civic spirit, and some of these persons are the first to complain.

A lengthy discussion took place on this subject during the course of which many causes of the problem were voiced and various suggestions put forward. It was agreed that the co-operation of all sections of the community including the public authority and citizens was necessary if an improvement was to be effected, and it was agreed that the question of providing mechanical sweepers would be vigorously pursued.

JUNIOR TRAFFIC WARDENS

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had had consultations with the Garda Authorities and the County Road Safety Officer on the question of introducing a scheme of Junior Traffic Wardens in the town, and it had been agreed that a scheme would be introduced at some school on the advice of the Garda Authorities. The scheme would be commenced at either the Faythe National School or The Christian Brother School, and the members would be kept informed of developments.

GRADED RENT SCHEME

The Council considered the draft of an amended graded rent scheme which the County Manager proposed to submit for the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and to apply to housing schemes in the town which were subject to graded rents. The scheme as submitted by the County Manager was as follows :

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, the Council unanimously approved of the proposals of the County Manager in this regard.

OVERDRAFT

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government approval be given to the raising of an overdraft from the Corporation's Treasurers, The National Bank of Ireland Ltd., Wexford, for the quarter ending 31st December, 1971, as follows :-

Revenue Account	£80,000
Capital Account	£40,000

SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS

The Council considered proposals for the sale of houses owned by Wexford Corporation to tenants as follows :-

<u>SCHEME</u>	£
Alvina Brook	2,250
Bishopswater	
(1) <u>Nos. 1 - 44</u> (Distillery Road)	
(a) End Houses	2,300
(b) Intermediate Houses	2,250
(2) <u>Nos. 45 - 128</u> (Inside Scheme)	
(a) End Houses	2,200
(b) Intermediate Houses	2,150

Carrigeen Street

(West Side)

<u>SCHEME</u>	£
<u>Carrigeen Street</u> (East Side)	750
<u>Roches Terrace</u>	850
<u>Caseament Terrace</u>	2,800
<u>Columba Villas</u>	
(a) End Houses	1,700
(b) Intermediate Houses	1,650
<u>Davitt Road North</u> (No-Frango type)	750
<u>Davitt Road North</u> (Terrace Nos. 10 - 20) (even Nos. only)	1,425
<u>Davitt Road South</u> (Original 12 Bungalows)	1,100
<u>Davitt Road South</u> Nos. 12A, 14A, 50 and 52	2,700
<u>Devereux Villas/Green Street</u>	
(1) Detached houses	1,250
(2) Semi-detached houses	1,200
<u>Faythe - No. 36</u>	820
<u>Faythe Nos. 24,26,28</u>	820
<u>Faythe Nos. 116 and 118</u>	2,790
<u>Faythe Nos. 127,129,146,148,150,166,168</u>	
(1) No. 148 (Intermediate House)	2,770
(2) 127,129,146,150,166 and 168 Semi-detached	2,790
<u>Faythe</u> Nos. 157,159,161,163 - Semi-detached	2,800
<u>Tuskar View</u> Nos. 25 and 26 - Semi-detached	2,800
<u>Tuskar View</u>	
(1) Semi-detached (10)	2,800
(2) Intermediate Houses (7)	2,772
<u>Fishers Row</u>	
(1) Nos. 1 and 6 Facing Trinity Street - Semi-detached	2,825
(2) Nos. 23, 45 Trinity Street Intermediate	2,800

<u>Fishers Row</u>		£
(3)	Semi-detached or detached Nos. 7,10,11,20,21,22,23,24,25,26	2,780
(4)	Intermediate Houses Nos. 8,9,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19	2,770
<u>Hill Street</u>		
	(Odd Nos. 1 - 35 incl)	900
<u>Emmet Place</u>		800
<u>Whiterock View</u>		
(1)	Nos. 51 - 62 incl. 4 roomed	1,950
(2)	Nos. 2 - 50 even Nos.) only and No. 49) 4 roomed	1,900
(3)	Nos. 1 - 47 odd nos. 3 roomed	1,450.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved that the sale price be approved and submitted for the sanction of the Minister for Local Government following which the scheme for the tenant purchase of these houses be drawn up and the terms thereof circulated to the tenants.

The remaining items on the agenda were adjourned to a special meeting of the Council to be held on Monday 13th September, 1971, at 7.30 p.m.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions, Alderman Jenkins was informed :

- (i) One man was engaged during the month of August in sweeping the Main Street/Quay area. The Town Foreman was responsible for supervision of this work under the direction of the Assistant Borough Engineer in the Borough Engineer's absence.
- (ii) While no concrete steps were at present being taken to minimise pollution of Wexford Quays, in the long term position action would be necessary. The cost would be very great and this was an inhibiting factor.

Councillor T. Roche was informed :

"Twenty eight houses would be ready for occupation at Liam Mellows Park in about two weeks time and groups of houses would become available each week thereafter. Tenants would be notified when their particular house was ready".

Councillor P. Roche was informed :

- (i) The Borough Engineer will check on dumping in Oyster Lane and dumping of boxes on various streets of the town.
- (ii) Yes. Cuttings would be attended to at Marian Row and Thomas Street.

The meeting then terminated.

Kenn. G. M. O'Neil

13th September, 1971.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :

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

Aldermen : James Mahoney, James Jenkins, and Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche and
Thomas Roche.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Desmond Corish, John Cullimore and James Morris.

In attendance : Thomas F. Broe, County Manager, Kevin T. Conway,
Borough Surveyor, Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

SYMPATHY

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, the sympathy of the Council was unanimously extended to Alderman and Mrs. Byrne and the other members of her family on the recent death of Mrs. Byrne's mother. All members and officials associated themselves with the vote which was passed in silence. Alderman Byrne thanked the members for their kindness.

MR. VICTOR MERRIMAN, BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, best wishes of the Council were extended to the Borough Accountant, Mr. Merriman, with the hope that he would soon be fully recovered from his present indisposition.

WEXFORD COAT OF ARMS

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, permission was unanimously granted to the Wexford Youth Group to incorporate the Wexford Coat of Arms on their membership cards and stationary.

ROSSLARE/LE HAVRE CAR FERRY SERVICES

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Byrne, The County Manager and Town Clerk reported on a recent joint deputation from Wexford Corporation, South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation and South Eastern Regional Development Organisation which met the Minister for Transport and Power to discuss the future of the Rosslare/Le Havre Car Ferry Service. The deputation had been received most courteously by the Minister who assured them that every possible effort was and would continue to be made to secure a continuance of the service. Irish Shipping Ltd., were exploring every possibility in an effort to secure a suitable ship in order to operate the service themselves.

HOUSING LOAN PERIODS

The Council considered a Circular from the Department of Local Government containing a suggestion that loans for house building purposes should be borrowed over a period of 35 rather than the existing 50 years, and in this connection considered the implications for Wexford Corporation of such a change assuming house building programmes of 50 and 100 houses over the next 3 years. It was disclosed that while the annual additional impact would be relatively light the total saving over the period will amount to quite a large sum of money. It was agreed on the suggestion of Alderman Byrne that the Council approve of the suggestion of the Department.

LITTER BINS

The Borough Engineer informed the Council that as far as he could ascertain M/s White & Carter (Councils) Ltd., who were the suppliers of commercial litter bins in the town appeared to have gone out of business.

It was agreed on the suggestion of Alderman Jenkins that the Corporation would investigate the possibility of providing such a service itself.

REVIEW OF STAFF STRUCTURES AND PROCEDURES OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The Council considered the Circular from the Department of Local Government in connection with the appointment of M/s McKinsey & Co. Inc. to assist the Minister for Local Government in carrying out a Review of Staff Structures and Procedures of Local Authorities. The County Manager explained that the reason for this review is to examine the staffing and structure of local authorities and their effectiveness by present day standards considering the antiquity of the legislation under which they were established. The members of the Council were critical of appointment of Non-Irish consultants for this work and it was agreed to wait until a report on their findings has been issued to consider the matter further.

WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that "Wexford Corporation wishes to have the 24 hour water supply to the town of Wexford speeded up to lessen the fire hazard and for the convenience of the citizens of the town". In this connection the Town Clerk informed the members that a Contract Guarantee Bond had now been submitted by the contractors for the Water Supply Improvement Scheme, the contract documents were now in course of preparation and it was hoped to commence work in the very near future.

The Council approved of the recommendation of the Borough Engineer that due to the present dry weather the water supply be shut down between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. each day until further notice.

DUMPING OF BUTCHERS WASTE

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Dunne, it was unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation provide suitable modern disposal facilities at Wexford Dump for butchers waste being left in the dump." The Borough Engineer was requested to insure that in future the caretaker of the dump secured that all butchers waste dumped there be properly buried.

SUPPLY OF CAST IRON PRODUCTS FOR HOUSING SCHEMES

It was proposed by Councillor T. Roche, and seconded by Councillor Flaherty, "that this Council in present and future housing schemes recommend that cast iron products such as louvres, grates, manholes etc., be supplied by local firm of M/s P. Pierce & Co., Ltd., who are now listed on local government suppliers". The motion was adopted unanimously it being pointed out that in the case of contractors all the Corporation could do would be to encourage them to buy their requirements locally.

PROVISION OF BATHROOMS FOR FIRE BRIGADE STAFF

On the proposition of Councillor T. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved "that this Council consider the provision of bathrooms for members of the Fire Brigade Staff". It was agreed that the position would be examined and an estimate of the cost of providing the bathrooms prepared. Alternatively the question of providing showers at the fire station would be explored.

CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND - KENNEDY PARK/LIAM MELLOWS PARK AREA

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved "that this Council make some provision in Kennedy Park/Liam Mellows Park area for a playground for children". The Borough Engineer was requested to examine the position with a view to preparing a scheme for the area which might be implemented with the co-operation of the local residents.

FIRE RISK - FLATS

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne "that immediate investigation be carried out re. fire hazard risk of the many flats in the town. That this investigation be carried out by a committee composing reps. of Corporation and Trades Council and that technical assistance be given by Borough officials. The result of this investigation to be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government". A long discussion took place on this problem and also on the flat problem generally in the town, during the course of which Councillor Flaherty pointed out that the Trades Council had carried out an investigation recently into this matter and would shortly be seeking a meeting with the County Manager to discuss the problem. The County Manager stated that a committee comprising representatives of County Council and the Urban Authorities in the County would shortly be set up to consider the financing of the fire brigade service including the improvement of the preventative end on the service. In view of the steps which were already been taken Councillor P. Roche withdrew his motion, the Council to be kept informed of developments in the matter.

PEDESTRIANISATION OF MAIN STREET

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Roche, "that the Main Street from Bull Ring to Henrietta Street be pedestrianised for a trial period of four months.

Following a discussion it was agreed that a meeting of all interested local bodies would be called to discuss this matter before any positive steps were taken.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION

The following were selected to represent Wexford Borough Council at a meeting with the Minister for Local Government to be held in the Rose Hill House Hotel, Kilkenny, on 19th October, 1971 to discuss the

White Paper on Local Government Re-Organisation viz :

Councillor P. Roche on the proposition of Councillor Dunne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

Alderman Byrne on the proposition of Councillor T. Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

His Worship the Mayor on the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 28 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 28 Davitt Road South to the tenant thereof Mr. Martin J. Walsh on the terms as set out in notice dated 24th August, 1971, and circulated to the members, viz : for the sum of £2,646.

DISPOSAL OF SITE TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of approximately 3 acres of land at Whitemill, Wexford, to the Industrial Development Authority on which the purchasers propose to erect a factory and on the terms as set out in notice dated 24th August, 1971, and circulated to the members subject to the amendment that the sale price be fixed at £3,600.

INDUSTRIAL SITES

The County Manager referred to the agreement of the Corporation at the last meeting ^{to} his proposal to increase the sale price of sites on the Corporation's Industrial Estate to £1,000 per acre, and informed the members that since the Department of Local Government would not allocate subsidy towards the development of Industrial Estates it would be necessary to charge £1,200 per acre in order to recoup the Corporation's outlay. On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously agreed that future sales be at the rate of £1,200 per acre. Alderman Jenkins dissented.

FREEDOM OF BOROUGH

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, it was unanimously resolved to invite the President of Ireland Mr. Eamonn De Valera to become a Freeman of the Borough of Wexford.

FREEDOM OF BOROUGH

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved to invite Dr. George Hadden to become a Freeman of the Borough of Wexford.

Kenneth L. Mahoney

The meeting then terminated.

27th September, 1971.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council with representatives of other interested bodies was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The following members of the Borough Council were present :-

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

Aldermen : James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, P. Roche,
James Morris, Thomas Roche.

In attendance : Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer.
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

M/s Larkin and Rossiter were representing Wexford Trades Council, Mr. J. Browne representing Wexford Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. B. Wallace representing S.E.R.T.O., Mr. E. Quinlivan representing Irish Water Safety Association and Mr. A. Lennon.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mr. K. Meehan, and Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager.

FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL

The meeting had been especially convened to discuss the latest position re. the proposed swimming pool at Ferrybank. The meeting was informed that the position was that the Department of Local Government had confirmed the conditions under which the Minister's sanction would be available for swimming pools viz ;

- 1) A voluntary local contribution of 20% of the capital cost.
- 2) A capital cost ceiling of £50,000 or 80% of the balance of the cost having allowed for the local contribution, and
- 3) The loan to be raised from a source other than the local loans fund.

In addition to this, Board Failte have now intimated that "because of severe curtailment of funds for work of this nature, there would be no grants available in the current year for the proposed pool. In view of available information on finances for next year and the demands on these resources there is little hope that Board Failte would be able to provide the grants requested by you. However, should any change take place in the position of available funds your request will be reconsidered".

A long discussion took place on the matter during the course of which strong disapproval of the actions of both the Department and Board Failte in departing from the positions which they adopted some years ago was expressed and it was decided that a further approach would be made to Board Failte in an effort to persuade them to reconsider their attitude.

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was decided that a pool in line with the Department's requirements as to cost should be designed and it was decided that His Worship the Mayor would call a public meeting of all interested at a suitable date to organise the raising of the necessary local voluntary contribution.

The meeting then terminated.

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27th September, 1971.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council with representatives of other interested bodies was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at 8.45 p.m.

The following members of the Borough Council were present :-

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

Aldermen : James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, P. Roche,
James Morris, Thomas Roche.

In attendance : Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer,
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

M/s Whelan and Kerr, Main Street Traders, Mr. M. Joyce, Chamber of Commerce, Mr. G. Moriarty, Junior Chamber, M/s Larkin and Rossiter, Wexford Trades Council, Mr. M. Kelly, C.I.E., Inspector Fehily and Sergeant Mularkey, Garda Siochana, Mr. J. O'Connor, County Engineer.

PEDESTRIANISATION OF MAIN STREET

A meeting had been especially convened to consider traffic problems in the town with particular reference to the proposal to pedestrianise portion of the Main Street from Bull Ring to Henrietta Street for a trial period.

A long discussion took place regarding the proposed pedestrianisation during which the advantages and disadvantages of the idea were stressed by the various representatives present. It appeared to be generally agreed that before a start was made adequate off-street parking space would have to be available while the question of access for goods delivery vehicles also posed problems.

At the request of the Main Street Traders, further consideration was adjourned to a later date pending the showing by the Traders of a film on the subject and a subsequent meeting of their members when the idea would be put before them.

The meeting then terminated.

Kevin T. Conway

4th October, 1971.

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

The following members being present :-

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

Aldermen : James Mahoney, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne,
Peter Roche, James Morris, Thomas Roche.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Desmond Corish.

In attendance : Thomas F. Broe, County Manager, Kevin T. Conway,
Borough Engineer, Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

AMENITY STUDY

M/s John Small and A. Lennon attended on the members requesting a grant of £150 from the Corporation towards the cost of an amenity study of Wexford which was being carried out by the students of Bolton Street College of Technology in conjunction with An Foras Forbarta who are making a grant of £250. The deputation explained that the study would consist of a social and amenity study of the town and it was hoped that the findings would be of some use to the Corporation in the review of the town Development Plan due to take place in 1972.

The Council were most sympathetic towards the position and promised the deputation to consider carefully their request for a grant.

ADJOURNMENT

It was proposed by Councillor Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor Dunne that standing orders be suspended to enable the Council to discuss a motion calling for the adjournment of the meeting as a mark of protest against television censorship recently introduced by the Government. It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Flaherty that the Council carry on with the business of the meeting.

On a vote for Councillor Roche's motion for Alderman Mahoney and Byrne and Councillors Dunne, Peter Roche and Thomas Roche against His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Jenkins and Councillors Flaherty, Cullimore and Morris. There being an equality of votes, His Worship the Mayor gave his casting vote against the motion which was declared defeated.

Alderman Mahoney and Councillor P. Roche then left the meeting in protest.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 6th September, 1971 and of Special Meeting of 13th September, 1971, copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda were taken as having been read, approved and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

WATER SUPPLY

The Council considered a report of the Borough Engineer recommending that due to the further deterioration in the water supply situation, rationing be extended between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a .m. commencing on Tuesday 5th October, 1971.

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, the Council unanimously adopted the recommendation of the Borough Engineer.

PLANNING PERMISSION - M/S J.J. STAFFORD AND SONS (WEXFORD) LTD.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, the Council unanimously resolved that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be sought to the making of a material departure from the provisions of the Development Plan in order to enable a non-restricted permission to be given to M/s J.J. Stafford and Sons (Wexford) Ltd., for the erection of five metal grain storage bins at Paul Quay, Wexford, which area is reserved for off-street car parking in the Plan.

FREEDOM OF BOROUGH - PRESIDENT DE VALERA

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, "that by virtue of the Municipal Privilege Act Ireland 1876 the Honorary Freedom of this the ancient Borough of Wexford be conferred on His Excellency Damon De Valera, Uachtaran na h-Eireann, on the occasion of his visit to Wexford on 14th October, 1971, as a token of our regard for his outstanding service to the Irish Nation".

Councillor Dunne stated that he wished to disassociate himself from this motion and when Alderman Byrne rose to speak to the motion, His Worship the Mayor ruled that no discussion would be allowed. Alderman Byrne and Councillors Dunne and T. Roche then left the meeting in protest.

The motion was unanimously agreed.

ADJOURNMENT OF MOTIONS

In the absence of Councillors Peter Roche and John Dunne the notices of motion appearing on the agenda in their names were adjourned to the next meeting.

LOW COST HOUSING

The Council considered a text of an address of the Minister for Local Government in which he urged housing authorities to consider the question of providing Low Cost Housing as a means of speeding up their house building programmes. The County Manager explained that the Department of Local Government had been investigating this aspect of house building for some time and had now compiled a list of twenty five firms whose proposals had been accepted by the Department. The question as to whether or not this type of house building would be adopted in Wexford was a vital policy decision which the Borough Council had to make and he stressed that in future allocation of capital funds for house building, the decision of the Council in this regard could have far reaching consequences. He suggested that the Council might investigate the possibility of introducing this type of housing in Wexford on the Talbot Street/Green Street site.

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, it was unanimously resolved to investigate the matter further.

TIDY TOWNS

The Council considered the adjudicators report on the Tidy Towns competition in 1971 which indicated that, in its section, Wexford secured 19th position out of 26 entries as against 11th out of a similar entry in 1970. All members present commented on the report and it was agreed that no progress would be made until each section of the community both public and private co-operated whole-heartedly in the effort. On the suggestion of Alderman Jenkins, it was agreed that a meeting of all interested bodies be held in the Spring of 1972 to co-ordinate the effort for that year.

SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION LTD

On the proposition of Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, Alderman Jenkins was unanimously nominated to represent the Council at the Annual General Meeting of the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd., in the Clonmel Arms Hotel, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, on Friday, 26th November, 1971.

COMMITTEE ON INTER-AUTHORITY FINANCIAL RELATIONS

His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Cullimore were, on the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Morris, unanimously selected to represent Wexford Corporation on the Committee being set up to consider Inter-Authority Financial Relations in Co. Wexford.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 9 TRINITY STREET

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 9 Trinity Street, to the tenant thereof Mrs. Elizabeth Fallon on the terms as set out in notice dated 21st September, 1971, and circulated to the members viz, for the sum of £840.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 70 MANNIX PLACE

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 70 Mannix Place, to the tenant thereof Mrs. Catherine Savage on the terms as set out in notice dated 21st September, 1971, and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,376.

GRANT FOR AMENITY STUDY

The Council considered the question of making a grant towards the cost of an amenity study of Wexford by the students of Bolton Street College of Technology which had been requested by the deputation who attended at the commencement of the meeting, and it was unanimously agreed that an approach be initially made to the Department of Local Government for a grant from that Department towards the cost of the study - in the light of the Department's reply, the Council would further consider the deputation's request.

The meeting then terminated.

Kevin G. Morris

8th November, 1971.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

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

Aldermen : James Mahoney, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne,
Peter Roche, Thomas Roche.

In attendance : Thomas F. Broe, County Manager, Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer, Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Mr. Patrick Curran, Retired Rate Collector.

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, the sympathy of the Council was extended to Mrs. Thomas F. Byrne and the other members of her family on the recent death of her brother, Ambrose Butler.

All members and officials present associated themselves with the votes which were passed in respectful silence.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor T. Roche, the minutes of Soecial Meetings of 27th September, 1971 and of Quarterly Meeting of 4th October, 1971, having been circulated were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Councillor Dunne pointed out that at the Meeting of 4th October, 1971, he had already left the Council Chamber before Alderman Byrne rose to speak to the motion re. Conferring the Freedom of the Borough on President De Valera. It was agreed to amend the minute accordingly.

HOUSING

The Council considered the present priority list which now contains a total of 64 names. It was pointed out that 71 houses have already been allocated at Liam Mellows Park, leaving a further 79 to be allocated. A total of 80 to 100 applications had not yet been reported on by the County Medical Officer and it would be necessary to have a further priority list prepared to complete Liam Mellows Park.

No objection was raised by the Council to the proposal of the County Manager to allocate a house at Liam Mellows Park to Mr. Gus Byrne who has retired from the Fire Brigade and whose house at Davitt Road North was now required for his replacement.

The County Manager undertook to enquire into the transfer need of Mr. Power of Wolfe Tone Villas, on the suggestion of Alderman Byrne.

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On the suggestion of Councillor P. Roche it was agreed to hold a meeting of the Housing Committee in the near future to discuss various aspects of housing priorities.

FINANCE - WHITEMILL NORTH HOUSING SCHEME

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £78,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the completion of Whitemill North Housing Scheme.

It was pointed out that allowing for price variations etc., up to date, it was estimated that the total cost of the Scheme would amount to £465,000, while a loan of £387,500 has already been approved by the Council and sanctioned by the Minister.

FINANCE - ADVANCES UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1966

On the proposal of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £60,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the purpose of making advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act 1966.

SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS

Alderman Byrne intimated that he would move a motion at the next meeting of the Council that a scheme of supplementary housing grants be introduced.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved that this Council consult with the E.S.B. with regard to the provision of better lighting for early morning workers.

It was decided to investigate the resiting of some of the dusk to dawn lights in the town to suit people going to work etc., early in the morning.

REINSTATEMENT OF FOOTPATHS ETC.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, and unanimously resolved that the Borough Engineer ensure in future that all footpaths which have been used as entrances to building sites and any damage caused to these footpaths should be made good by the contractor concerned.

IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC LIGHTING - NORTH MAIN STREET

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, and seconded by Councillor P. Roche, that the new mercury lighting system be extended from Bull Ring to end of North Main Street.

In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that the E.S.B. have already been requested for their proposals and estimate for the improvement of the public lighting system at the north end of the Main Street, i.e. from Bull Ring to Selskar. The E.S.B. had replied that the question of public lighting from Bull Ring to Selskar will be considered in conjunction with the undergrounding of their net-works in North Main Street and, that the earliest this could now be carried out would be 1972. It was agreed to pursue the matter and to enquire again as to the timing of the E.S.B. proposals for the area.

REFUSE BINS ON FOOTPATHS

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Alderman Byrne, that the placing of refuse receptacles outside premises the night before collection be prohibited along the Main Street and adjoining streets.

The Town Clerk pointed out that it was doubtful if the Corporation had power to "prohibit" as suggested in the motion, but power did exist under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 whereby persons could be prosecuted for leaving bins on the public footpath. The question as to whether or not a public health nuisance was created by these bins was a matter for the County Medical Officer to decide.

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved that any persons of whom the Town Clerk had information in this regard be written to, requesting them to co-operate with the Corporation by refraining from putting out their bins over night.

ROSSLARE/LE HAVRE CAR FERRY SERVICE

It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Byrne, that Wexford Corporation calls on the Taoiseach and the Minister for Transport and Power to make a positive statement on the future of Rosslare/Le Havre Car Ferry Service.

The motion was adopted unanimously and it was agreed to send copies to all Local Authorities in the South Eastern Region and to the South Eastern Regional Development Organisation.

NORTHERN IRELAND

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Roche and unanimously resolved that this Council congratulate Senator Edward Kennedy on his statement and stand regarding the Northern Ireland position and condemn in no uncertain manner the treatment being meted out to internees.

REPAIRS TO SECOND LETTING HOUSES

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved that all necessary repairs be done to second letting Borough Council houses.

Alderman Mahoney referred specifically to Nos. 18 and 35 Wolfe Tone Villas, and the Borough Engineer was asked to investigate these two cases.

LEASING OF TOWN HALL CORNMARKE T O WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

The Council considered the proposal of the County Manager to lease the Town Hall, Cornmarket to Wexford County Council for use as a Civil Defence Headquarters for a period of five years from 1st April, 1972, at an annual rent of £400. On the suggestion of Alderman Jenkins further consideration was deferred to the next meeting of the Council, the County Manager to endeavour in the meantime to secure an increased rent.

DISPOSAL OF NOMINAL REVERSION OF ONE DAY TO MR. PATRICK J. O'CONNOR

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved that approval be given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of hereditaments and premises comprised in indenture dated 24th March, 1908 made between Michael White and Catharine White (Widow) of John's Waterloo Road, Wexford) to

Mr. Patrick O'Connor, Carcur, Wexford, for the sum of £1.00 in order to enable Mr. O'Connor to acquire a nominal reversion of one day created by the indenture referred to.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEWS AND PLANNING CONTROL

It was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of Circular from Department of Local Government re. Development Plan Reviews and Planning Control to the next meeting of the Council.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor Dunne was informed :

- (i) Wexford Corporation is responsible for the demolition of rat infested derelict houses in Abbey Street and demolition was being held up due to the inability of the demolition contractor to secure the necessary insurance cover.
- (ii) The position of Water Inspector is still vacant and the post will be re-advertised shortly.

Councillor Dunne and Alderman Jenkins were informed :

- (i) That the County Manager was in the process of appointing a Consulting Architect to prepare a scheme for John's Gate Street that would be in keeping with the character of the area and fall in line with the wishes of the Council regarding its re-development.

Alderman Jenkins was informed :

- (i) Tenders were being sought for the supply of litter bins and it was intended to introduce a scheme of advertising on these bins in the near future.

Alderman Mahoney was informed :

- (i) That necessary repairs will be carried out at No. 10 Distillery Road before the end of this year.

The meeting then terminated.

Kevin G. Morris

6th December, 1971.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

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

Aldermen : James Mahoney and James Jenkins.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne,
Peter Roche, James Morris and Thomas Roche.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, the sympathy of the Council was extended to Mr. Austin Channing, Managing Director, People Newspapers Ltd., on the recent death of his wife.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 8th November, 1971 having been circulated were taken as read adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

ROSSLARE/LE HARVE CAR FERRY

The members were informed that the recent Resolution of the Council re. the Rosslare/Le Harve Car Ferry Service had been sent to The Taoiseach, the Minister for Transport and Power, S.E.R.D.O. and all Local Authorities in the Region. The Department of Transport and Power had intimated that Irish Shipping Ltd., are continuing to explore all possible approaches in the matter. A further approach had been made to that Department regarding the "Saga". In this latter connection it was agreed, on the suggestion of Alderman Jenkins that every pressure be maintained on Irish Shipping Ltd., to fully investigate the possibility of securing this ship.

FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL

The following letter from the Department of Local Government re. Ferrybank Swimming Pool was read "I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to previous correspondence concerning the above-mentioned proposal and to say that subject to final agreement regarding the technical aspects of the Pool and the adequacy of the Local Contribution, he will be prepared to sanction the raising of a loan on acceptable terms from a source other than the Local Loans Fund towards the cost of the proposal".

It was pointed out that the Corporation's Technical Advisers had reached agreement on some minor technical alterations with Department Inspectors some months ago and that it was intended to arrange a public meeting early in the new year to discuss ways and means of raising the necessary local voluntary contribution amounting to approximately £17,500.

The Town Clerk reported that he had had discussions with Board Failte regarding the contribution and had requested them to

consider setting aside the necessary monies in the financial year 1973/74, or alternatively in that year and the following year. A decision on this proposal was expected in late January or Early February 1972.

MODIFICATION OF PLANNING PERMISSION

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Cullimore it was unanimously resolved :
"that, in accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1963, the permission granted, under Section 26 of the said Act, to Messrs. J.J. Stafford and Sons (Wexford) Ltd., Paul Quay, Wexford, for the erection of four metal bins for the storage of grain at McCullough Yard, Paul Quay, Wexford, be and is hereby modified by the deletion of the following condition "the bins are to be removed before the 21st day of July, 1974, and the land permitted to revert to its present state as open general storage space, unless, before the 21st day of July, 1974 permission for their retention has been granted".

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Cullimore it was unanimously resolved :
"that, in accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1963, the permission granted, under Section 26 of the said Act, to Messrs. J.J. Stafford and Sons (Wexford) Ltd., Paul Quay, Wexford, for the erection of five metal grain storage bins at Paul Quay, Wexford, be and is hereby modified by the deletion of the following condition "the bins are to be removed Before the 21st day of July, 1974, and the land permitted to revert to its present state as open general storage space, unless, before the 21st day of July 1974 permission for their retention has been granted".

HOUSING SCHEME AT CONVENT AVENUE

The Council noted that the residents of the new housing scheme at Convent Avenue had named the scheme "Parklands".

RESIGNATION OF MR. FINTAN O'LEARY

The Council was informed that a vacancy now existed in the membership of the Council due to the resignation of Mr. Fintan O'Leary which had taken place from the date of receipt of his written resignation by the Town Clerk, viz, 3rd December, 1971. It was agreed to fill the vacancy by co-option at the next meeting of the Council.

Glowing tributes to Mr. O'Leary's abilities as a member of the Borough Council and to his honesty and integrity were expressed by all members present and it was agreed to write to Mr. O'Leary expressing the gratitude of the members for his efforts towards the welfare of Wexford, and wishing him every success in his future career.

The County Manager, Borough Engineer and Town Clerk joined in the message of good will to Mr. O'Leary.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government approval be given to the raising of overdraft from the Corporation's Treasurer, The National Bank of Ireland Ltd., Wexford, for the quarter ending 31st March, 1972 as follows :-

Revenue Account £80,000
Capital Account £50,000

FREEDOM OF BOROUGH - DR. GEORGE HADDEN

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Flaherty and unanimously resolved, "that by virtue of the Municipal Privilege Act Ireland 1876, the Honorary Freedom of this the ancient Borough of Wexford, be conferred on Doctor George Hadden as a token of our regard for his outstanding contribution to the cultural life of Wexford and in particular his invaluable efforts in assembling knowledge of our glorious past".

TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING

It was proposed by Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that the proposed housing scheme at Talbot Street/Green Street be made No. 1 priority by this Council so as to ensure a continuance of new houses and also continuous employment to the building workers in the borough".

In this connection, the County Manager pointed out that for some weeks past the desirability of building low cost houses as recommended by the Department of Local Government on this site had been under review and the Borough Engineer had now reported that he would not be in favour of such a scheme. The Council's Consulting Architect had since been instructed to expedite the submission of lay-out and house plans for the area.

During the discussion on this motion some criticisms were levelled at the standard of work in the Liam Mellows Park Scheme and also at the lack of opportunity for work been given on the scheme to local men. It was decided to discuss this matter at the next meeting of the Housing Committee.

FISHING LIMITS

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that this Council being fully aware of the numbers of people gainfully employed in the fishing industry in this town and county reject and condemn any moves or efforts to reduce in any way our twelve mile limits".

It was decided that a copy of the motion be sent to the Departments of Agriculture and Fisheries and Foreign Affairs.

NORTHERN IRELAND

His Worship the Mayor refused to allow Councillor T. Roche to move a motion in his name re. the Northern Ireland situation.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty and unanimously resolved "that round-about traffic be recommended for net-work of roads at the Redmond Monument in the interest of road safety."

The Council had before it plans for the installation of pedestrian crossings at the junction between Wexford Bridge and the Quay, and the plans were approved by the Council with the recommendation that traffic lights were really needed at this point.

SELSKAR ABBEY

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Alderman

Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that due to the alarming deterioration of St. John's Tower, Selskar Abbey that this Council request the Board of Works to commence repair work as soon as possible".

TOWN FLOODING

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that the Borough Council look into the matter of the latest flooding that took place at Bishopswater and proper drainage will be put there to take the water from the high land at the back of the dwellings and stop future flooding."

The Council considered a report from the Borough Engineer on the flooding which took place on Monday, 29th November, 1971 which was caused by a cloudburst over and to the west of the town which lasted about two hours and gave an intensity of one inch of rain between 4.45 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. The areas most affected were King Street, South Main Street from King Street Junction to Oyster Lane, Distillery Road, Bishopswater, John Street Upper, Monck Street and Wellington Quay.

Damage was caused to property, mainly motor vehicles, furnishings and decoration at Bishopswater, King Street, South Main Street, John Street and on the Quays, and one man lost his life in the flood in spite of the best efforts of the Fire Brigade and others to rescue him. The report indicated that the contract for the Main Drainage Scheme (The Diversion Culvert) was expected to commence in January, and in the meantime the Borough Engineer is discussing the design criteria for the new scheme with the Corporation's Consultants and will report further on this matter at a later date; if any modifications are considered necessary they will be incorporated as variations on the contract.

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the man who lost his life so tragically during the flood while the congratulations of the Council were offered to Mr. Peter O'Connor who made a great attempt to rescue the man, and all other individuals and organisations who helped both during and after the flood.

TOWN DUMP

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Morris and unanimously resolved "that the Borough Council look for a suitable dumping place a few miles outside the Borough, and close the present one in Carcur as it is a health hazard to the people in that area".

Alderman Mahoney handed His Worship the Mayor a petition in this regard signed by a number of residents in the Carcur area. The members were informed that for some time past efforts were being made to secure a more suitable dump but so far these had failed. However the search would be continued.

VALUE ADDED TAX

It was proposed by Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor T. Roche and unanimously resolved "that the Minister for Finance be requested to grant to the Provincial Newspaper Industry the same status in relation to the proposed Value Added Tax as has been done in the United Kingdom - to grant the industry a zero rating".

HOUSING

No objection was raised by the Council to the proposal of the County Manager to grant the tenancy of a vacant house at No. 2, Fishers Row, Wexford, to Mr. Thomas O'Mahoney, 5 Roches Terrace, Wexford, and to transfer Mr. Gus Byrne from his present Fire Brigade house to a house which it is expected will shortly become vacant in Thomas Clarke Place.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor P. Roche was informed :

- (i) Work was expected to commence on the I.D.A. advance factory within the next week or so.
- (ii) The vacancy for Water Inspector has not yet been filled and it is hoped to re-advertise early in the new year.

Councillor Dunne was informed :

- (i) The Borough Council was aware that some of the houses built in Liam Mellows Park were outside the Borough boundary.
- (ii) The Corporation have no claim on the lands referred to at Town Parks - the land had been offered to the Corporation some time ago but due to the excessive development costs which would be involved the offer had been turned down.
- (iii) The Assembly rooms in the Town Hall are not available for an Art Centre or Museum until the necessary funds to adapt the building for this purpose have been provided.

The meeting then terminated.

Kenn. b. Morris