

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS WEXFORD
ON MONDAY 10th JANUARY 1977

The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle,
presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Philip Corish,
Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, J. Furlong,
Thomas Carr, J. Jenkins, T.F. Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager,
Mr. Eamon Lacey, Acting Borough Surveyor,
Mr. John Kennedy, Borough Accountant,
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

The members passed a vote of sympathy with the wife and relatives of the late Mr. T. Cullimore, Storekeeper, and the late Mr. Lorcan Kiernan, Staff Officer, Wexford County Council.

The County Manager, on behalf of the staff, wished to be associated with the vote of sympathy.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Her Worship the Mayor, the Council adopted the Minutes of the Adjourned Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 6th December 1976 and the Monthly Meeting held on 6th December 1976.

INTERVIEWING FACILITIES AT MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

The following motion in the name of Alderman Philip Corish and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche was adopted :-

"That private interviewing facilities be provided in the Municipal Buildings for those making enquiries of a personal nature".

The County Manager informed the members that a Notice Board would be erected identifying the various offices. A member of the public could then state the nature of their business to the Receptionist and would be directed to the appropriate office.

The members agreed with the foregoing suggestion and requested that a further report be submitted.

INTEGRATION OF STOREKEEPER POST INTO STAFF GRADING STRUCTURE

The Town Clerk explained to the members the nature of the duties performed by the late Storekeeper and the necessity for integrating this post into the staff grading structure.

It was agreed that the proposal be discussed with the appropriate Union and a further report submitted.

FIXING OF DATE FOR MAKING OF RATE

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Furlong that the Rates Meeting be held on Monday 7th February 1977 prior to the Statutory Monthly Meeting.

TEMPORARY BORROWING FACILITIES FROM WEXFORD CO. COUNCIL

The Town Clerk explained to the members the desirability of borrowing whenever possible and when the need arises from Wexford County Council. The latter Authority would be prepared to grant these facilities to the Corporation at the then current short term investment rate which would be cheaper than an overdraft facility.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Jenkins and seconded by Councillor John Roche, the Council agreed to temporary borrowing of varied amounts from Wexford County Council when necessary and feasible.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Town Clerk informed the members that there were no acknowledgements.

CORRESPONDENCE

ROSSLARE HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

The Town Clerk informed the members that the General Manager of C.I.E. had by letter dated 6th January 1977 confirmed that the Wallingford Research Station Study was now complete and that a report was in course of preparation which was expected within the next few weeks.

The members referred to the desirability of re-convening the Rosslare Harbour Development Committee which was the co-ordinating Body for all the various interested parties.

It was agreed that Councillor K. Morris would remain a member of the Committee.

It was noted that the Mayor, being the ex-officio chairman would arrange a date for such meeting.

The question of secretarial facilities for the committee in the context of the necessity for the compilation, assessment and presentation of facts is to be considered further, particularly in view of the importance to the economy of the region as a whole and to Wexford of the development of Rosslare Harbour.

ROSSLARE HARBOUR/LIMERICK JUNCTION RAILWAY LINE

The Town Clerk informed the members that by letter dated 10th December, 1976, the Area Manager of C.I.E. had confirmed that the Board of C.I.E. had decided to withdraw passenger services on the Limerick Junction/Waterford Line and a date would be set later. For the foreseeable future the line would be maintained for freight traffic.

The Board had also decided to withdraw passenger and freight services from the Waterford/Rosslare section. The fixing of a date for the closure had not yet been determined in order to enable Wexford and Kilkenny County Councils further opportunity of considering the use of the converted bridge as a road toll bridge, together with the implications of the proposed closure for the road network on both sides of the bridge.

The members expressed grave concern for the future economy of Wexford and the region should the proposed closures become effective. The development of Rosslare Harbour was considered to be a most vital potential for economic and tourism development and the closure should be resisted by every organisation in the County and in the region.

It was noted that members of the Corporation had been nominated to join in a deputation being organised by the South Eastern Regional Development Organisation to the Minister for Transport and Power.

REPORT OF RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES COMMISSION

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a copy of the report of the Commission on Roadside and Street Trading.

The Commission recommended that an outdoor Traders Licence, renewable annually should be issued by the Gardai. The proposed licence would apply both to Roadside and Street Traders.

The Commission also recommended that in Urban areas an additional Street Traders Licence should be issued by the Local Authority. It was also recommended that the Street Trading Act 1926 be amended to ensure that the powers granted by ancient charters would not over-ride the provisions in the Act.

QUESTIONS

In reply to question Alderman Philip Corish was informed by the County Manager :-

That the report on the effluent into Wexford Harbour was being considered as part of an overall study of water resources in County Wexford which was at present being prepared and would identify water resources, water quality and effluent to water courses. It was hoped that a preliminary report would be available in the near future and a further report would then be submitted to the Council.

ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING NEEDS UNDER SECTION 53
OF THE HOUSING ACT 1966 FOR PERIOD ENDING 30th JUNE 1981

The report on the assessment which had been circulated with the Agenda was noted with approval by the members of the Council.

The accumulated needs as at 30th June, 1976 was 218. The prospective needs for the 5 year period to 30th June, 1981 was 874. The allowances for vacancies in the period was 106.

The nett need for Local Authority and Private Dwellings within the Borough was therefore estimated at 768.

CHAIRMAN

Her Worship the Mayor Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle withdrew from the Meeting to attend another pre-arranged Meeting.

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was agreed that Councillor J. Jenkins take the chair.

MINOR FLOODING ON ROADS WITHIN THE BOROUGH

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, the following motion was adopted :-

"That this Council call on Wexford County Council to take action to remove the cause of minor flooding on the following roads -
Clonard - Belvedere - Distillery Road -
Thomas Street".

BILINGUAL FACILITIES

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor John Roche, the following motion was adopted :-

"That this Council call on the Minister for the Gaeltacht to ensure that bilingual facilities are made available in all Government departments for those who require them".

ABBEY STREET HOUSING SCHEME

Councillor J. Furlong expressed grave concern at the importation of blocks and window frames for the Abbey Street Housing Scheme and was adamant that materials and supplies should be obtained from Irish Firms.

The members also agreed that this overall principle should be adhered to and regarded Irish Firms as competent to supply the materials in conformity with designed specifications.

The Town Clerk had circulated to the members a statement dated 10th January 1977 outlining the correspondence between the Corporation and the Consulting Architect on the matter. The Corporation became aware of the necessity to import blocks in July 1976 and at that stage the Scheme was about to commence.

The County Manager explained to the members that having considered the correspondence from the Consulting Architect, the new design standards for insulation, the problem of insulation and condensation in new building schemes, the already protracted delay in commencing Abbey Street, the desirability of spending the Housing Capital Allocation, the delay which would occur should the Consulting Architect be requested to revise the design, the urgent need for new houses, the small percentage of the total cost involved, he decided to accept the recommendation of the Architect. He did not inform the members as there was no meeting in August.

The members appreciated the Manager's point of view and the views of the members were noted for future reference.

The Meeting then terminated.

Amé Doyle

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD,
ON 24th JANUARY, 1977 at 7.15 p.m.

The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle
in the Chair.

Alderman : Peter Roche.

Apology for inability to attend was received from
Alderman Philip Corish.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, J. Furlong,
T. Carr, J. Jenkins, T.F. Byrne,
John O'Flaherty.

In attendance : F.W. Kavanagh, Town Clerk.
J. Kennedy, Borough Accountant.

CORPORATION PROPERTY AT GIBSON STREET.

The Town Clerk explained to the members the
action taken to date and the nature of the legal advice
obtained.

The members recommended that if possible the
tenancy be terminated.

The Meeting then terminated.

Avril Doyle

MINUTES OF STATUTORY RATES MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD ON
MONDAY 7th FEBRUARY, 1977

The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle,
presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, J. Furlong,
Thomas Carr, J. Jenkins, T.F. Byrne,
John O'Flaherty.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager
Mr. Eamon Lacey, Acting Borough Surveyor
Mr. John Kennedy, Borough Accountant
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris, seconded by
Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was resolved ;

That we hereby allow and Make the Rate for the financial
year ending 31st December, 1977 as determined at the
meeting of the Borough Council held on 6th December 1976
and as set out and assessed in the Rate Books for the
collection district of the Borough.

SEALING OF RATE COLLECTOR'S WARRANT

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris, seconded by
Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was resolved that the seal of the
Borough Council be affixed to the Rate Collector's warrant
for collection of the Municipal Rate for the financial year
ending on 31st December, 1977.

The Meeting then terminated.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON
MONDAY 7th FEBRUARY, 1977

The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle,
presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, J. Furlong,
Thomas Carr, J. Jenkins, T.F. Byrne,
John O'Flaherty.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager
Mr. Eamon Lacey, Acting Borough Surveyor
Mr. John Kennedy, Borough Accountant
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM UNDERTAKERS
IN THE BOROUGH

The deputation consisted of :-
M/s Kearney, Parle and Browne.

The members of the deputation expressed concern at the recent letter which they had received from the Town Clerk stating that the charges for the burial spaces and grave openings must be paid for at the time of booking and also that they had decided to discontinue the previous practice of collecting and being responsible for these charges in view of the high cost involved.

The County Manager stated that the Corporation must be in a contractual situation with either the relatives of the deceased or the undertakers to ensure payment of accounts.

The members recommended that the Corporation discuss the whole issue with the undertakers with a view to coming to a satisfactory conclusion.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor John Roche, the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Borough Council held on 10th January 1977 and the Special Meeting of the Borough Council held on 24th January 1977 were adopted.

LOCAL ARCHITECTS - OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY
FOR BUILDING CONTRACTS

The following motion in the name of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne was adopted :-

"That in future building schemes local architects be given the opportunity to apply for contract".

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The County Manager stated that the appointment of Consulting Architects was usually by public advertisement and on advice and recommendation to him from the Borough Surveyor. The previous experience of the architect was a determining factor in appointment. Occasionally it is more desirable to extend the appointment of an existing architect where, for example, a small scheme is involved or in the case of an extension of an existing scheme.

RENT SCHEME - TENANCY DISCOUNT

The following motion proposed by Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne was considered :-

"That in any future rent schemes a tenancy discount system be included as is already part of Tenant Purchase Schemes".

It was agreed that the motion be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government for consideration and appraisal and also to the National Association of Tenants Organisation.

CAR PARKING - PRESENTATION SCHOOL

The following motion proposed by Alderman J. Mahoney and seconded by Councillor John Roche was adopted :-

"That this Council call on the Garda Authorities to prohibit car parking outside the Presentation School".

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE SOUTH WEXFORD RAILWAY STATION

The following motion proposed by Alderman J. Mahoney and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne was adopted :-

"That this Council protest in the strongest possible manner to C.I.E. against the closure of the South Wexford Railway Station".

SELSKAR YOUNG IRELAND FOOTBALL CLUB - REQUEST FOR A SITE FOR A NEW CLUB HOUSE

The following motion proposed by Councillor J. Furlong was considered :-

"That this Corporation enter into meaningful negotiations with Selskar Young Ireland Football Club regarding their request for a site for a new Club House".

The Town Clerk read letter dated 1st February 1977 from the Secretary of the Football Club requesting that the Car Park immediately adjoining the North End of Selskar Abbey be sold or leased to the Club and stating that the purpose of the request was to enable the Club to fulfil a long standing ambition of the members, namely, the building of a new club on the site of the old Fr. Matthew Temperance Hall, the traditional Young Irelands Headquarters. The view was also expressed that a sports club of this kind would be of great benefit to the youth of the town.

The historical and architectural significance of the area adjoining Selskar Abbey and the medieval Town Gate at Westgate was considered in the context of any proposed future development for the area.

The County Manager explained that the area requested for a Club House was a car park provided with the aid of Traffic Management Grants and was zoned in Development Plan as open space. Any proposal for the disposal of land was a matter for the members and accordingly disposal would be in accordance with the wishes of the members.

The further development of the area was one which would require design features complimentary to the character of the area. The County Manager also informed the members of the proposed tentative development plans for Temperance Row and Lower Abbey Street incorporating road improvement and housing, and suggested that the application for a site be considered in the context of this proposed future development.

The members agreed to the foregoing suggestion and also that the appointment of a Consulting Architect would be at the discretion of the Manager.

PUBLIC LIGHTING - ROCHES TERRACE

The following motion proposed by Councillor Carr and seconded by Alderman James Mahoney was considered :-

"That the Council support the resolution to have a light installed on the wall at each end of Roches Terrace, to offset very possible accidents to old people who have to use the steps".

It was agreed that an estimate of the cost be submitted to the next meeting of the Borough Council.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT UPPER WILLIAM STREET WEXFORD

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Wexford County Council had considered the Corporation's request to have the pedestrian crossing resited and had consulted with the Garda authorities but did not propose to resite the crossing. However it was decided to erect protective railing along the footpath immediately adjacent to the existing crossing.

The members recommended that the Council be requested to consider the provision of a pedestrian crossing from the apex of the junction of The Faythe with William Street and the provision of an island, thereby facilitating the provision of a second pedestrian crossing which would be used in conjunction with the existing crossing.

BILINGUAL FACILITIES - GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Minister for the Gaeltacht had requested the Corporation to furnish any evidence available that bilingual facilities were lacking in Government departments.

PUBLICITY - ROSSLARE HARBOUR

The Town Clerk informed the members that the South Eastern Regional Tourism Manager had considered the question of adequate publicity in the promotion of Rosslare Harbour as a sea traffic route. The Fishguard/Rosslare and Hollyhead/Dun Laoghaire routes operated by Sealink (British Rail) was featured in their promotional literature. The Rosslare/Fishguard route received the same prominence in the English Sunday Newspapers as did the Hdlyhead/Dun Laoghaire route.

The Service Manager of British Rail had assured him that he was extremely anxious to maintain and increase traffic on the Rosslare route.

The B. & I. Line operates on the Swansea/Cork and Dublin/Liverpool routes. The members agreed on the suggestion of the County Manager that the B. & I. Company being a semi state body should also include Rosslare Harbour in its promotional literature.

CORRESPONDENCE

DIFFERENTIAL RENTS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received confirmation by letter dated 3rd February 1977 from the Department of Local Government that the maximum increase in rent to be applied under the 1976 Differential Rent Scheme was £2.00 per week and any increase in rent over and above that figure was not to accumulate as arrears but was to be written off.

The members were further informed of the following statistical information :-

1.	Number of Tenant Purchasers	-	354.
2.	Number let at Fixed Rents	-	377.
3.	Number let at Differential Rents	-	617.
4.	Total on Rental	-	1,348.
5.	Number of Tenants who have refused to pay the increase in Rent under the 1976 Scheme	-	49.

WAIVER OF RATES SCHEME -1977

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Department of Local Government had by letter dated 27th January 1977 indicated that a further £2,000,000 was being provided for the relief of hardship cases under the Waiver of Rates Scheme and that he was awaiting particulars of the allocation for Wexford Corporation.

ROAD FUND GRANTS 1977

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had been notified of a Road Fund Grant Allocation of £20,000 for widening of Abbey Street and of £7,575 for General Urban Road improvement.

Schemes for the utilisation of the General Road Improvement Grant would be submitted to the next meeting of the Borough Council.

HOUSING SCHEME AT COOLCOTTS

The Town Clerk informed the members that by letter dated 1st February 1977 the National Building Agency Limited had informed him that progress on the development works at Townparks was very poor and the original programme would have to be substantially re-drafted. The inclement weather and site conditions were such that it was impossible to make any progress. A re-drafted programme would be forwarded by the N.B.A. as soon as possible.

WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME - IMPROVEMENT OF STREAM
AT BISHOPSWATER AND PIERCE'S FACTORY

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that the Department be requested to expedite a decision on the Contract Documents submitted in respect of the above scheme.

ABBEY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE HOUSING SCHEME - STAGE 2 DEVELOPMENT

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Manager had received a recommendation from the Consulting Architect extending the contract of M/s Neil Hurley & Co. Ltd., for Stage 2 Development involving 6 four bedroomed houses.

The use of thermalite blocks costing approximately £4,500 was part of the proposed contract. The Consulting Architect had confirmed by telephone that he would be satisfied with the standard of insulation should the blocks be used on the inside of the cavity wall with conventional blocks on the outside.

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Furlong, the Corporation recommended that conventional blocks or blocks of Irish Manufacture be used and that thermal insulation values be maintained as far as possible.

The County Manager informed the members that the Consulting Architect had advised that the use of thermalite blocks for building had been approved by the British Standard Institute and were approved by the Manufacturers for use below damp proof course and in fact at Abbey Street Stage I only one row of such blocks had been used below damp proof course. The blocks were also approved for outside use. The members appreciated the Manager's clarification on the use of thermalite blocks.

TOWNPARKS DEVELOPMENT - STAGE 2 LAYOUT

A map showing the proposed Stage 2 layout was tabled for the information of the members. The proposed Scheme provided for :-

- 80 - 3 bedroomed houses
- 10 - 4 bedroomed houses
- 11 - 2 bedroomed houses
- 40 - lease sites
- 1 - shop.

The development was generally of a cul de sac nature with staggered rows of houses and also incorporated a playing field and standard open space provisions.

The members agreed with the proposed layout and recommended that the details of the Scheme and house type be proceeded with.

Councillor T.F. Byrne was anxious to ensure that the shopping area would not be developed excessively.

FERRYBANK DEVELOPMENT - STAGE 3.

The Town Clerk explained that the Council had agreed in principle to proceed with the development of Stage 3 on the basis of a 50% contribution from the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. The estimated cost of the development was £20,000.

It was proposed now to proceed with the following phases of the development :-

- Surface dressing entrance area (in progress).
- Extend Caravan Park to provide 12 extra bays.
- Provide new shower block unit incorporating wash-hand basins and sinks.
- Provide Caretakers hut.

The members agreed that the foregoing phases of development should be proceeded with.

SWIMMING POOL SUB-COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk explained that it was desirable to form a Swimming Pool Sub-Committee in an endeavour to ensure the full potential use of the Pool and to consider ideas for raising revenue.

The Sub-Committee should consist of a member of the Irish Water Safety Association ; The Wexford Swimming Club ; Caretaker of the Pool ; Two members of the Borough Council and Two members of the Wexford District Committee of the Wexford County Council.

The members nominated Alderman J. Mahoney and Councillor John Roche to the Committee.

QUESTIONS

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That the carrying out of building schemes by direct labour would involve the recruitment of administrative staff, the maintenance of costing and stores records and was not recommended.

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That a tenant must notify and obtain the permission of the Corporation before a house is vacated for six weeks or more in any period of 52 weeks ; there is no legal restriction on a tenant purchaser vacating the house.

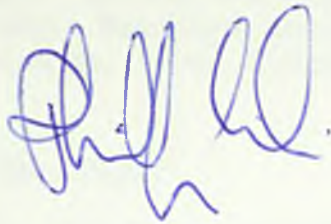
In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That a tenant is not legally entitled to transfer the tenancy and the Corporation in such cases would consider determining the tenancy.

In reply to question The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle was informed :-

That the potential use for a communal Television Aerial at Lower John Street and John's Gate Street Flats was 38% and that the Corporation would be reluctant to enter into a contract with a T.V. Company and be liable for weekly repayments in view of the already existing heavy subsidy on the central heating cost.

The Meeting then terminated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. H. O.', is written in the center of the page.

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HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS WEXFORD
ON MONDAY 7th MARCH, 1977

The members present were :-

Chairman : Alderman Philip Corish presiding.
Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.
Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, J. Furlong,
Thomas Carr, T.F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

An apology for inability to attend was received from
The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. A. Doyle and Councillor J. Jenkins.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Engineer
Mr. John Kennedy, Borough Accountant
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

TAKING OF CHAIR

On the proposal of Alderman J. Mahoney and seconded
by Councillor T. Carr, it was agreed that Alderman Philip Corish
take the chair.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor T. Carr and seconded
by Alderman F. Byrne, the Minutes of the Statutory Rates Meeting
of the Borough Council held on 7th February 1977 and the Statutory
Monthly Meeting held on 7th February 1977, were adopted.

POST OF BOROUGH SURVEYOR

The Manager introduced Mr. S. O'Sullivan who took up
duty as Borough Surveyor on 1st March 1977 and in welcoming him
expressed the wish that he would help to develop this unique Borough
and in doing so, maintain the character of the town.

The members also welcomed Mr. O'Sullivan and wished
him every success in his new appointment.

The members expressed their appreciation of the
service given by Mr. E. Lacey, Acting Borough Surveyor, and
requested that their appreciation be conveyed to him.

- (1) LAND BETWEEN COLLEGE VIEW AND DAVITT ROAD SOUTH HOUSES
 - (2) SMALL SECTION OF GROUND AT LOWER BRIDE STREET
 - (3) SECTION OF LAND AT BISHOPSWATER, NEW LINE JUNCTION.
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On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, the following motion was adopted :-

"That those responsible for the upkeep of the following sections or pieces of ground be compelled to clean them up at once" :-

Section of ground between College View, and Davitt Road South Houses.

Small section of ground at Lower Bride Street.

Both sections of land at Bishopswater, New Line Junction.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The following motion proposed by Councillor John Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche was considered :-

"That the members of this Council be given a more efficient service by the administration here in the Municipal Buildings".

Councillor Roche referred to the lack of effective action on motions, questions and in some cases unanswered correspondence.

The Manager explained that he would have preferred that these matters had been raised with him in the first instance rather than in a public forum. He appreciated that the members, although involved generally in policy matters, had numerous representations from the electorate. The officials had concentrated on such developmental aspects as Townparks Stage 1 and 2 ; Abbey Street Stage 1 and 2 ; Talbot Street possible Housing Scheme ; Abbey Street Road Improvement and possible Housing Scheme ; Stage 3 Development Caravan Park ; Extension of Crosstown Cemetery and with the changing staff was extremely difficult to ensure that all aspects were attended to immediately.

The members present appreciated both points of view. The motion on being put to the meeting was defeated by 5 votes against and 3 for with two abstentions.

LOCATION OF DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

The following motion, proposed by Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor John Roche was adopted :-

"That the Government be requested to locate the new Department of Fisheries in Wexford having regard to the seafaring tradition of Wexford people and to the desirability to decentralise office employment to provincial towns".

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FISHING INDUSTRY

The following motion proposed by Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, was adopted :-

"That Wexford Corporation again pledge full solidarity with the Irish Fishermen in their fight for the survival of our Fishing Industry".

WEXFORD TOWN GARDA STATION

The following motion proposed by Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, was adopted :-

"That Wexford Corporation seek an assurance from the Minister for Justice that Wexford Town Garda Station be adequately manned at all times and that overtime restrictions be lifted".

VACANT LAND BETWEEN KENNEDY PARK AND BISHOPSWATER

The following motion proposed by Alderman J. Mahoney and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, was adopted :-

"That this Council have a dangerous turn made safe to the people driving various vehicles by removing a plot of land between the area of Bishopswater and Kennedy Park".

TRINITY STREET HOUSES

The following motion proposed by Alderman J. Mahoney and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, was considered :-

"That this Council call on the County Manager to grant permission to the tenants living at Trinity Street to make their own privacy between their back yards and gardens and to seal off an open space in the front of Trinity Place".

It was agreed that Alderman Mahoney would discuss the matter further with the residents and the County Manager would then consider the matter with him.

DEPUTY MAYOR

The following motion proposed by Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor K. Morris, was considered :-

"That this Council request the Minister for Local Government to make provision for the position of Deputy Mayor in the new Bill dealing with Local Government Authorities which is being drawn up this year".

The members were of the opinion that the present arrangement for deputising^a Mayor was satisfactory and the motion, on being put to the meeting, was defeated by five votes against and two for.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT - JOHN STREET

The Town Clerk informed the members that the County Council had intended to include the improvement of John Street in their Road Works Programme for 1977.

DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement from both the Department of Local Government and the National Association of Tenants Organisations regarding the suggested tenancy discount in future rent schemes and that any views which the members might have should be submitted to him for referring to the National Association of Tenants Organisations.

POST OF ASSISTANT BOROUGH ENGINEER

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Local Appointments Commission were unable to fill the post as a result of recent interviews and that the post would be again re-advertised.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would discuss the matter with the Manager and report back to next meeting of the Borough Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

WEXFORD TRADES COUNCIL - REQUEST FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION

The members agreed that a deputation should be received from the Wexford Trades Council at the next Borough Council Meeting on 4th April 1977 to consider the question of the re-introduction of direct labour into future housing schemes.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 1977

The members agreed to take part in the Parade which is to commence at Swan View at 11.40 a.m.

NATIONAL GRAVES' ASSOCIATION - WEXFORD BRANCH

The members agreed that participation in the Easter Commemoration Ceremonies would be as in former years.

CAPITAL ALLOCATION - HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME

The Town Clerk informed the members that an initial Capital Allocation of £580,000 had been received to cover the Corporation's ongoing commitments at the 1st January, 1977. The allocation included £350,000 to cover expenditure on the N.B.A. Scheme at Townparks.

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had written to the Department on new works which was to be started before the 30th June 1977 - Stage 2 Development Abbey Street and also of Stage 2 Development Townparks which was expected to be started in the second half of the year.

The initial Capital Allocation was satisfactory.

HOUSING LOANS AND GRANTS - INITIAL CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR 1977

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had been notified of an initial Capital Allocation of £15,000 which was not sufficient but that the Department had confirmed that additional allocation would be forthcoming.

CAPITAL ALLOCATION - SANITARY SERVICES

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Capital Allocation for Sanitary Services for 1977 was £25,000.

This allocation was sufficient to carry out the proposed extension of the treatment works at Newtown but no allocation had been made for the scheme which had been submitted to the Department on 30th September, 1976, to relieve flooding at Bishopswater and culverting of stream under Pierces Factory.

It was agreed that the Department of Local Government be requested to re-consider the allocation.

WEXFORD FESTIVAL SINGERS - APPLICATION FOR GRANT

It was agreed that consideration of the application be deferred to the next Estimates Meeting.

IRELAND - NORTH AND SOUTH - TOWARDS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING

The Town Clerk informed the members that the chairman of Donegal County Council had invited the Mayor to a meeting in the Gresham Hotel Dublin on 8th March, 1977. The purpose of the meeting was to achieve a more widespread appreciation of the problems and concerns which are shared with our neighbours in the North. A central aim was to make a meaningful contribution towards the achievement of peace through better community understanding. The Mayor had deputised Alderman Philip Corish to attend.

The chairmen of all local authorities had been invited.

The members noted with approval.

ROSSLARE HARBOUR

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a letter from the B. & I. Line indicating that it would be commercially unrealistic in the very highly competitive cross channel shipping scene for B. & I. to publicise Rosslare Harbour.

It was agreed that the location of Rosslare Harbour and Wexford on the B. & I. Map would be clarified with the Company.

SOUTH RAILWAY STATION WEXFORD

The Town Clerk informed the members that an acknowledgement had been received on the Corporation's representations regarding the closure of the South Railway Station.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ABROAD/CONFERENCES, SEMINARS ETC
AT HOME

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a circular from the Department expressing the wish that the members would consider carefully the cost of sending members to conferences, seminars etc., and the benefits to be derived therefrom before coming to a decision to participate. The members noted the circular.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

It was agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Carr and seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, that Councillor T.F. Byrne would attend the Annual General Meeting.

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES ETC.

The members agreed not to participate in the following :-

1. Conference of European Municipal Authorities to be held in Lousanne, Switzerland.
2. National Housing and Town Planning Conference to be held at Harrowgate.
3. International Congress and Exhibition to be held in Geneva - the subject matter - Towards a More Human and Urban Technology.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty, it was agreed that overdraft accommodation on Revenue Account of £130,000 be approved for the quarter to the 30th June, 1977.

RAISING OF LOAN - HOUSE PURCHASE

On the proposal of Councillor T. Carr and seconded by Councillor K. Morris, it was agreed that a loan of £50,000 be raised to finance house purchase loans.

RAISING OF LOAN - SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

On the proposal of Councillor J. Flaherty and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that a loan of £40,000 be raised to finance supplementary housing grants.

RAISING OF LOAN - LOWER JOHN ST. AND JOHNS GATE ST. FLATS

On the proposal of Councillor J. Flaherty and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that a supplementary loan of £30,000 be raised to finance the construction of Lower John Street and John's Gate Street Flats.

COLLECTION OF RATES ON TENANT PURCHASE HOUSES BY RENT COLLECTORS

The Town Clerk explained to the members that in the case of tenant purchase houses it was proposed to continue to collect the rates weekly with the tenant purchase repayments, and to discontinue the previous practice of collecting the rates in two moieties.

In consideration it was proposed to increase the Rent Collector's bonus by £50 per annum.

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was agreed that the Rent Collector's bonus be increased by £50 per annum.

The foregoing arrangements were noted with approval.

CREATION OF POST OF ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER

The Town Clerk informed the members that it was proposed to create a post of Assistant Staff Officer in lieu of the former post of Storekeeper and that a further report would be submitted on the Storekeeping duties.

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty, it was agreed that a permanent post of Assistant Staff Officer be created in lieu of the former post of Storekeeper. It was noted that no additional cost was involved in the current year's Estimates.

ABBEY STREET - STAGE 2 DEVELOPMENT

The Manager explained to the members that he proposed to accept the recommendation of the Consulting Architect that Soltex Dry Pellett Cavity Fill be used with conventional blocks for Stage 2 Development. This method would comply with the thermal insulation standards of the Department of Local Government. The members noted the Manager's report.

TALBOT STREET - POSSIBLE HOUSING SCHEME

A map showing a proposed Housing Scheme for the vacant land at Talbot Street was tabled for the information of the members. The proposed scheme provided for 15 - 4 roomed houses containing a total floor area of 658 sq. feet approximately.

The Manager stated that the house type would conform to a traditional house type which would help to re-create the character of the area.

The members noted the Manager's proposals with approval.

URBAN ROAD FUND GRANTS 1977

The Town Clerk informed the members that consideration was being given to carrying out the following works :-

- Thomas Clarke Place
- Footpath at Bride Street
- Green Street/Whitemill Road.

The members requested that the following works be considered :-

- Footpaths in Maudlintown
- Roadway Fisher's Row Area
- Junction of Antelope Road with Harbour View
- Clonard Church footpath.

It was agreed that an estimate of the cost for all the foregoing schemes be submitted to the next meeting of the Borough Council.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor J. Roche was informed :-

- (i) That the Consulting Architect was examining the condensation problems in Talbot Street and a further report was awaited.
- (ii) The notification of the rent arrears in each individual case would probably take approximately 2 - 3 weeks.
- (iii) All complaints regarding repairs to Corporation dwelling are investigated, and if regarded as an emergency the repair work is carried out forthwith, otherwise the necessary repair is listed on the schedule of repairs.

In reply to questions Alderman F. Byrne was informed :-

- (i) That the resurfacing of John Street would be included by the County Council in its road works schemes for 1977.
- (ii) It was hoped to have the House Purchase Schemes up to date in approximately 2 - 3 months.

In reply to question Councillor T. Carr was informed :-

That the Corporation proposes to clear material dumped at the back of College View.

In reply to question Alderman J. Mahoney was informed :-

That the repair to No. 70 Kennedy Park had been carried out and that the necessary repairs to No. 56 Wolfe Tone Villas was scheduled on the Housing Repair List.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT 1976
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1977

The Town Clerk informed the members that the purpose of circulating the memorandum dated 7th March 1977 of the provisions of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1976 and the Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations 1977 was to enable the members to consider the implications regarding "declaration of interests" and other matters and that it was proposed to include them as an item on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Borough Council in 4th April, 1977.

The members noted the foregoing with approval.
The memorandum dated 7th March 1977 will be attached as a record in the Minute Book.

The meeting then terminated.

Anne Doyle

SCHEDULE OF SALE OF DWELLINGS APPROVED AT STATUTORY
MEETING OF 7th MARCH 1977

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3
		£
23 Bernadette Place	Fintan Mullins	2,225
3 Bishopswater	Joseph Donoghue	1,656
46 "	Thomas Roche	1,505
35 "	John Walsh	1,575
69 "	Mrs. Alice Bennett	1,725
101 "	Thomas Rossiter	1,505
124 "	Liam Devereux	1,505
5 Corish Park	Joseph James	1,630
6 " "	Gerard Merrigan	1,680
8 " "	Patrick Doyle	1,627
13 " "	Nicholas Duggan	1,627
15 " "	Michael Bent	2,292
35 " "	Patrick Hearne	1,627
40 " "	Francis Kelly	1,627
55 " "	Joseph Brennan	1,673
57 " "	John Dodd	1,673
63 " "	Mrs. Breda Clarke	1,673
64 " "	James Cullen	2,341
67 " "	Thomas Pender	1,673
68 " "	Patrick Mahoney	1,673
69 " "	John Fallon	1,673
71 " "	Thomas Dempsey	1,673
75 " "	David Walsh	1,673
82 " "	Thomas Byrne	1,995
92 " "	Kevin Philips	1,390
94 " "	James McEvoy	1,890
96 " "	Myles O'Rourke	2,754
120 " "	Edward Busher	1,995
+ 123 " "	Patrick Hayes	1,944

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3
		£
78 Davitt Road North	Mrs. Elizabeth Carley	1,568
10 Kennedy Park	Donal Sadler	1,879
19 " "	Thomas O'Leary	1,879
21 " "	Dermot Campbell	1,879
46 " "	Joseph McAuley	1,999
59 " "	Isaac Furlong	1,879
63 " "	Michael Kelly	1,879
67 " "	Sean Crosbie	1,999
126 " "	Mrs. Mgt. Kavanagh	2,754
66 Liam Mellows Park	Brendan Scallan	2,658
68 " " "	Frank Morris	2,658
139 " " "	George Monahan	2,658
149 " " "	Jim Crowley	2,658
11 Harbour View	Mrs. Mary Browne	465
12 Saltee Avenue	John Murphy	360
6 Dolphin Road	George Browne	360
4 St. Aidans Crescent	John Jones	1,687
11 " " "	Mrs. Ita Gallagher	1,687
13 " " "	Joseph Murphy	1,687
14 " " "	Patrick Scallan	1,687
29 " " "	William Roche	1,687
31 " " "	Patrick J. Roche	1,687
35 " " "	Patrick O'Connor	1,687
37 " " "	Patrick Busher	1,687
38 " " "	John Tennant	1,687
39 " " "	Bernard Coughlan	1,687
46 " " "	Mrs. Anne Farrell	1,687
50 " " "	Mrs. Josephine Scallan	1,687
57 " " "	Thomas Murphy	1,687
60 " " "	William Murphy	2,352
64 " " "	James Conway	1,687
62 " " "	James F. Saunders	1,687
65 " " "	John Sutherland	1,687
69 " " "	Mrs. Alice Edwards	1,687
75 " " "	Mrs. A. Duggan	1,687
5 Trinity Street	Miss Sheila Flusk	100
37 Wolfe Tone Villas	Liam Walsh	346
76 " " "	James Thomas	434
88 " " "	Mrs. Mary K. Martin	434
91 " " "		434

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3
		£
+ 11 Kennedy Park	James Murphy	1,879
+ 64 " "	Dermot Kelly	2,118.
+ 85 " "	John Dempsey	2,113
+ 89 " "	Joseph Murphy	2,118
+ 99 " "	William Bierney	2,475
+ 109 " "	Edward Roche	2,118
+ 119 " "	Edward Ryan	1,999

An affirmative resolution in these cases will rescind previous resolutions, mainly due to additional tenancy having accrued.

F.W. KAVANAGH
TOWN CLERK.

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD
ON MONDAY 4th APRIL 1977

The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle
presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Philip Corish,
Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, J. Furlong,
Thomas Carr, J. Jenkins, T.F. Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from
Councillor John O'Flaherty.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, Co. Manager,
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Engineer,
Mr. John Kennedy, Borough Accountant,
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

The members present passed a vote of sympathy
with the relatives of the late Mr. Frank Stafford,
and the late Mr. Victor Stafford, and paid tribute to
the contribution which both deceased men had made to the economic
and social life of the town.

The County Manager on behalf of the staff wished
to be associated with the vote of sympathy.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and
seconded by Her Worship the Mayor, the Council adopted the Minutes
of the Statutory Meeting held on 7th March, 1977.

CONDITIONS AT PORTLAOISE PRISON

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and
seconded by Councillor John Roche, the Council unanimously adopted
a motion calling on the Government to hold an independent enquiry
into the conditions of Portlaoise Prison.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES UNION

Letter dated 25th March 1977 from the Local
Government and Public Services Union having been circulated to the
members with the Agenda was considered.

Following discussion it was agreed that a sub-committee
be appointed to consider and review the matters raised by the Union with

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particular reference to ensuring a satisfactory solution to the problems of the members and the staff in their respective complimentary roles.

The sub-committee appointed were :-

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle,
Alderman Peter Roche, Councillors John Roche,
T.F. Byrne, K. Morris and T. Carr.

RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM WEXFORD TRADES COUNCIL

The Deputation consisted of :-

M/s Reck, Larkin, Crowley, Hayes, White and Bailey.

It was agreed that Standing Orders be suspended and that each member of the Deputation be allowed to address the members.

The members of the Deputation representative of the various trades requested that the Corporation return to the Direct Labour system in the building of future Corporation Housing Schemes. The submissions made in favour of the Direct Labour system referred in particular to the potential for the creation of jobs for Wexford Town people, and the consequent increase in commercial activity and wages paid locally. It was also considered that the quality of houses by Direct Labour would be of a higher standard than by contract and would be equally as competitive and require less maintenance cost. The system of "lumping" would not apply. To increase productivity incentive bonus schemes should be a feature of the system.

The members of the Deputation having thanked the members for receiving them withdrew.

The County Manager stated that he was concerned to ensure the best level of Local Government service in Wexford. The Direct Labour system would have to be competitive with the contract system and would not have the flexibility inherent in private contracts. A new organisation would be required and all these factors would have to be further considered.

It was agreed that the Manager submit a full report to the next meeting of the Borough Council on the implications of the introduction of the Direct Labour system. It was further agreed by 8 votes for and nil against, with two abstentions, that the following motion, proposed by Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, be adopted.

"That Direct Labour be introduced on all local authority housing schemes".

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

WEXFORD TOWN GARDA STATION

The Town Clerk informed the members that an acknowledgement had been received from the Office of the Minister for Justice on the motion passed at Borough Council Meeting on 7th March, 1977.

LOCATION OF DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

The Town Clerk informed the members that an acknowledgement had been received from the Department of Fisheries regarding the motion passed at Borough Council Meeting on 7th March, 1977.

WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE - IMPROVEMENT OF
STREAM AT BISHOPSWATER AND PIERCE'S FACTORY

The Town Clerk informed the members that by letter dated 15th March 1977 the Department of Local Government was not yet in a position to sanction this scheme.

RETENTION OF ANCO TRAINING CENTRE

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement dated 9th March 1977 from the Office of the Minister for Labour regarding the request for the reception of a Deputation.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Manager referred to the circular letter dated 4th March 1977 from the Minister for Local Government on Environmental Cleanliness and Tidyness and explained to the members the following action taken to date and the proposed action.

Public Facilities - Dumps.

As previously agreed with the members the operation and control of the Dump at Carcur was now on a County at large basis. Proper control tipping was taking place and reclamation work. As the Council had bought further adjoining land the tipping would take place for approximately ten years. The contribution of Wexford Corporation for 1977 would be £5,940, from a total cost of £48,490. This figure had been provided for in the current year's estimates. Future contributions would be on the basis of a product of 1p.

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, it was agreed that an agreement be formally entered into with Wexford County Council under Section 59 of the Local Government Act 1955 on the basis of the Manager's proposals.

Toilets.

Toilets would be maintained in a proper state and special attention would be given to them.

Graffiti and Slogan Writing.

The Manager stated that these had been removed from public buildings, walls and car parks and from property where ownership and individual responsibility was difficult to define. This policy would continue if necessary and as it would be expensive and extensive it would not be policy to remove slogans from commercial buildings as the benefits to accrue would be primarily commercial rather than social.

The members noted the Manager's proposals with approval and expressed their complete disapproval at the disfigurement of public and private property which would not help to promote any ideals but rather be offensive to tourist and expensive to the rate payers of the Borough.

Litter and the Environment Generally.

The Manager stated that for some time past he had felt the concern of all the Councillors in Wexford to improve refuse disposal, to overcome indiscriminate dumping on roadside and elsewhere and to prevent litter despoiling the county - countryside, town and beach.

The Local Authorities in Wexford had provided £240,000 in the current year to deal with refuse and litter which was an indication of their concern.

On the local scene organisations like Tidy Towns, Junior Chamber of Commerce, An Taisce, Local Development Associations and many others were active in this field. Nationally, Bord Failte, Keep Ireland Beautiful, Nationwide Care, A Better Irish Countryside and the Department of Local Government are campaigning to arouse public awareness of the real danger of Ireland losing her natural beauty, not through nature's design but because of her people's carelessness and apathy.

It would therefore be desirable if all concerned both locally and nationally were joined together for maximum impact and effect. It was recommended that Wexford Corporation would join with Wexford County Council in initiating an annual "Keep Wexford Tidy" Campaign in co-operation with all other interested organisations both local and national to commence on May Sunday 1977 and which would be primarily addressed to school children and through them to the adult population to embrace the entire County Wexford and dealing with tipheads, abandoned cars, indiscriminate dumping, litter, broken glass, open space maintenance, residential neighbourhoods, industrial locations, beaches, street cleaning, graffiti, slogan writing etc.

On the proposal of The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle and seconded by Councillor J. Jenkins, the foregoing proposals of the Manager were unanimously agreed to by the members of the Borough Council.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of The Mayor and seconded by Councillor John Roche, it was agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Meeting to continue with the business, past 9.30 p.m.

HOUSING SCHEME AT COOLCOTTS

The Town Clerk informed the members that the revised target date from the N.B.A. for completions in the current year was 32 No. houses available for handover in December, 1977. The revised target date was necessary because roughly $3\frac{1}{2}$ months had been lost because of site conditions and excessive rain over an extended period.

The members expressed disappointment at the delay and on the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, that the N.B.A. submit a full report on the original target date, the number of men employed at present

and the proposals for increasing the number, and the proposals for ensuring a greater number of completions during the current year.

JOHN STREET, WEXFORD

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had been informed by the Wexford County Council that improvement to John Street was being included in the Road Works Scheme for the current year but that the amount of money available was very limited and that it was unlikely that the scheme would provide for the improvement of the entire length of John Street.

SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION LTD.

The members were informed that the Annual General Meeting would be held on the 12th April 1977.

RENT COLLECTION FOR 1976

The Town Clerk informed the members that the arrears outstanding at 1st January 1976 was £12,370 and at 30th September 1976 £4,880. Consequent on the withholding of rents in some cases the arrears reached to £13,950 at 31st December 1976.

Now that the National Differential Rent Scheme 1976 was fully implemented it was expected that the arrears position would improve within the coming months.

RATE COLLECTION 1976

The Town Clerk informed the members that the standard of rate collection for 1976 was 87.6% and that the arrears carried forward was £35,000 approximately i.e. (10.25%). The percentage waived was .72% and the percentage written off was .43%.

The standard of collection for 1975 was 90.94%.

The members requested that a full report on the standard of rate collection for 1976 be submitted to the next meeting of the Borough Council.

PLANNING FOR THE USE OF IRISH SAND DUNES

The Town Clerk informed the members that a conference would be held on 27th and 28th April 1977 at The Talbot Hotel Wexford which was being organised by An Foras Forbartha.

The Manager explained that it would be desirable for a member of the Corporation to be present at the conference.

Councillor T.F. Byrne was proposed by Councillor T. Carr and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche.

Alderman F. Byrne was proposed by Councillor K. Morris and seconded by Councillor J. Jenkins.

On a show of hands Councillor T.F. Byrne was nominated to attend the conference on behalf of the Corporation.

EMPLOYER - TRADE UNION NATIONAL AGREEMENT 1977

On the proposal of Councillor T. Carr and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, the Council adopted the proposals of the Employer-Trade Union National Wage Agreement 1977 in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

CARETAKER HOUSE AT COOLREE

The Manager informed the members that he had not as yet decided if either the Corporation or Wexford County Council should incorporate the house into part of the housing stock of either authority but that he would consider the matter as soon as possible.

URBAN ROAD FUND GRANTS 1977

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Urban Road Fund Grant was £7,575.

Estimate of cost of the following works were submitted to the meeting.

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|----|---|---|---------------------------|---|--------|
| 1. | Thomas Clarke Place | - | carriageway and footpaths | - | £2,000 |
| 2. | Footpath at Bride Street adjacent to Car Park | | | - | £400 |
| 3. | Complete Green Street/Whitemill Road carriageway | | | - | £3,000 |
| 4. | Roadway/Footpath at Fishers Row/Faythe junction | | | - | £2,000 |
| 5. | Clonard Church footpath | | | - | £1,000 |
| 6. | Paths in Maudlintown and junction of Antelope Road with Harbour View. | | | | |

The Borough Surveyor had reported that roads and footpaths in this area had now exceeded their design life and a complete renewal scheme was necessary. For urgent repairs a figure of £5,000 was essential. A complete renewal scheme would cost approximately £50,000.

It was agreed, on the proposal of Alderman J. Mahoney and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, that the following works be carried out.

- | | | | |
|----|--|---|--------|
| 1. | Thomas Clarke Place | - | £2,000 |
| 2. | Footpath at Bride Street adjacent to Car Park | - | £400 |
| 3. | Complete Green Street/Whitemill Road carriageway | - | £2,500 |
| 4. | The balance of £2,675 to be distributed between :- | | |
| 1. | Roadway at Fishers Row | | |
| 2. | Junction of Antelope Road with Harbour View | | |
| 3. | Clonard Church footpath. | | |

It was further agreed, on the proposal of Councillor J. Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche that a programme for Urban Road Improvement be formulated with the estimate of cost and a submission to the Department of Local Government for an increase in future Urban Road Fund Grants as it was quite evident that the present allocation was not sufficient to maintain the standards required.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT 1976 and 1977 REGULATIONS

The Town Clerk informed the members that an explanatory memorandum had been forwarded to the members with the March Agenda and that the Statutory Declarations of Interest must be submitted before the 12th April 1977.

Following discussion it was agreed that the present monthly list of planning applications was sufficient for the members and that the weekly publication of planning applications on the notice board at the Municipal Buildings was sufficient publication.

The explanatory memorandum dated 7th March 1977 is attached to the Minutes.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF PROPOSED CONVENTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received confirmation from the Hon. Secretary of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland that the role of the Association would not be affected by the formation of the new body.

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, it was agreed that the Draft Constitution as circulated be formally approved.

E.E.C. - SUBSIDISED BUTTER

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche the following motion was unanimously adopted :-

"That this Council call on the Government to publicly condemn the sale of highly subsidised butter at cheap rates from the E.E.C. to countries outside that Organisation".

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME

The following motion proposed by Councillor John Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche was considered :-

"That this Council request the County Manager to implement the system of giving credit for rent paid to applicants for tenant purchase once the sale of their houses has been approved by the Borough Council".

The Town Clerk informed the members that the previous system of processing Tenant Purchase applications and allowing applicants to repay on a tenant purchase basis pending the preparation of Transfer Order Maps was still in operation but that the preparation of such maps was not now a problem.

The members noted the foregoing.

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TOURISM OFFICER FOR WEXFORD TOWN

On the proposal of Councillor T. Carr and seconded by Councillor J. Roche, the following motion was adopted :-

"That a temporary Tourism Officer be appointed for Wexford Town for the 1977 Season".

PRICE INCREASES

On the proposal of Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, the following motion was adopted :-

"That this Council views with concern the recent vicious price increases and that a scheme of subsidies be introduced immediately".

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor J. Roche was informed :-

1. That it was not the practice to pay sums approved in the Estimates to organisations such as the Male Voice Choir, Wexford Festival Council etc., until the latter half of the year, that is on receipt of rate revenue.
2. That 32 houses at Townparks would be handed over in December 1977.
3. The Corporation does not propose to sell the houses at Croke Avenue because these houses were not considered suitable for inclusion in a sale scheme.

The Meeting then terminated.

Amel Doyle

Municipal Buildings
Wexford.

7th March 1977

To each member of the
Wexford Borough Council.

Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1976
(Commencement) Order 1977.

Local Government (Planning & Development) Act Regulations 1977.

The Minister's appellate functions will be transferred to An Bord Pleanála as and from 15th March, 1977. Every application must be accompanied by a fee of £10.00. Provision is made for the return of the deposit on the withdrawal or determination of the appeal unless the Bord directs that the deposit be forfeited. The Bord will have absolute discretion as to whether or not an oral hearing of any reference or appeal should be held except in a case where the Minister directs that there should be such a hearing. The Bord is empowered to direct any party to an appeal to pay to any other party or to the Bord compensation for the expenses occasioned in relation to the appeal.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Act provides that written declaration of certain interest which would be relevant to their functions under the Planning Acts must be made in the prescribed form (copy attached) to Planning Authorities within 28 days of the 15th March (i.e. before 12th April 1977) and that such declarations must be kept up to date. The same period will be allowed for the submission of a fresh declaration where there is a change regarding an interest.

The persons to whom the Section applies are :-

1. A member of the Bord.
2. A member of a Planning Authority.
3. An employee of the Bord or any other person whose services are availed of by the Bord and who is of a class description or grade prescribed for the purposes of this Section.
4. An officer of a Planning Authority who is the holder of an office which is of a class description or grade so prescribed. The specified classes for the purposes of Wexford Corporation are :-

1. County Manager.
2. Borough Engineer.
3. Town Clerk.
4. Any office under the Corporation, the holder of which is assigned duties which relate to the performance of any functions of the Corporation as Planning Authority under the Acts.

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The interest to which the Section applies are :-

1. Where the person is a member or officer of a Planning Authority, interest in land situated in the area of the Authority.
2. Any business of dealing in or developing land in which such a person is engaged or employed and any such business carried on by a Company or other Body of which he or any nominee of his is a member.
3. Any profession, business or occupation in which such a person is engaged, whether on his own behalf or otherwise and which relates to dealing in or developing land.

The interests have been defined in such a way as to cover a considerable number of situations. For example, while a person would not ordinarily be required to make a declaration regarding employment as say an Accountant, he would be required to declare this if he is employed as an Accountant by a builder or developer. Again, a person who is employed, or is in private practice, as an architect or auctioneer would be required to make a declaration.

A person will be regarded as having an interest in land if he, or a nominee of his, is a member of a Company or other Body which has an interest in the land.

A person shall not be regarded as having an interest to which the Act applies if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to influence a person in considering or discussing or in voting on, any question with respect to any matter arising or coming before the Board or Authority, as may be appropriate, or in performing any function in relation to any such matter.

The Act provides that where a person's interest is confined to the ownership of shares in a Company or other Body, by himself or his nominee and the value of the shareholding does not exceed -

- (a) £500 or
 - (b) 1% of the total nominal value of the issued share capital, or of any class of shares,
- whichever is the lesser, he will not be required to declare the interest.

REGISTER OF INTEREST

The Act provides for the keeping by the Planning Authority of a Register of Interest. This Register will contain the particulars given in the Declarations. It will be available at the Offices of the Planning Authority for public inspection during office hours.

The Act provides for the removal from the Register of entries relating to a person five years after he ceases to be a person to whom the Section applies.

It is an offence to fail to comply with the provisions of the Act or to give a false or misleading Declaration. On summary conviction a fine of up to £250 or up to six months imprisonment or both may be imposed.

It shall be a defence in proceedings for an offence under the Section for a defendant to prove that, at the relevant time, he believed, in good faith, that the declaration was true or that he had no relevant interest to declare or that the relevant

interest was not one which the Section applied.

REQUIREMENTS AFFECTING MEMBERS AND CERTAIN OFFICERS OF PLANNING AUTHORITIES AND CERTAIN OTHER PERSONS WHO HAVE CERTAIN BENEFICIAL INTEREST

This Section is designed to ensure that members of a Planning Authority and local officers will not deal with or influence planning and land acquisition decisions in cases in which they have a pecuniary or other beneficial interest.

The phrase "pecuniary or other beneficial interest" is not defined in the Section; except to the extent that the following kinds of interest are brought within the meaning of the phrase - indirect interest. These are interest of a spouse, interest of a company or other body with which the person is connected, interest of a partner or employer and interest which arise because of any arrangement or agreement (whether enforceable or not) concerning land affected by decision of the Board or the Planning Authority.

A person will not be regarded as having a beneficial interest if the only interest he has in a matter is so remote or insignificant that it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to influence him. It will be up to the person himself to decide in the first instance if this exclusion applies to him.

The following interest is also excluded - small shareholdings will not be regarded as pecuniary or beneficial interest, that is the lesser of -

- (a) £500 nominal value, or
- (b) 1% of the total nominal value of the issued share capital or of any class of shares.

The ordinary definition of pecuniary is "relating to money". The addition of the words "or other beneficial interest" has the effect of broadening the scope of the provision to cover interest which might not involve money but would still be useful or advantageous.

The Act provides that where at a meeting of a Planning Authority or of any committee of a Planning Authority, a resolution, motion, question or other matter is proposed or otherwise arises either pursuant to, or as regards the performance by the authority of a function under, the Local Government (Planning & Development) Acts, 1963 and 1976, or in relation to the acquisition or disposal by the authority of land under or for the purposes of those Acts or any other enactment, a member of the authority or committee present at the meeting shall, if he has a pecuniary or other beneficial interest in or which is material to the matter -

- (a) at the meeting and before discussion or consideration of the matter commences, disclose the nature of his interest
- (b) withdraw from the meeting for so long as the matter is being discussed or considered

and accordingly he shall take no part in the discussion or consideration of the matter and shall refrain from voting in relation to it.

The Act will require a disclosure only where a member is present at the meeting at which the relevant matter arises. There will be no question therefore of a member being forced to attend a meeting to make a disclosure if he is not able to be charged with an offence arising out of some decision at a meeting he did not attend.

The Section also contains a prohibition on the use of influence in relation to certain decisions of a Planning Authority or Committee by a member who has a pecuniary or other beneficial interest in the matter at issue. - A member of a Planning Authority or of any committee of a Planning Authority who has a pecuniary or other beneficial interest in or which is material to a matter arising either pursuant to or as regards the performance by the Authority of a function under the Planning Acts or in relation to the acquisition or disposal by the Authority of land under or for the purposes of those Acts or any other enactment, shall neither influence nor seek to influence a decision of the Authority as regards the matter.

The Section will require the Manager of a Planning Authority who has a pecuniary or other beneficial interest in or which is material to any matter which arises or comes before the Authority either pursuant to or as regards the performance by the Authority of a function under the Planning Acts, or in relation to the acquisition or disposal by the Authority of land under or for the purposes of those Acts or any other enactment, he shall as soon as may be disclosed to the members of the Planning Authority the nature of his interest. However in view of the functions of a Manager as defined in legislation, the Section does not prevent him from carrying out a function because of any interest he might have.

The Act provides that officers of a Planning Authority (other than the Manager) who have a pecuniary or beneficial interest in a planning matter or in relation to the acquisition or disposal of land by the Authority, that such officers are prohibited from influencing any decision by the Authority in the matter and where they are concerned with such a case, they must disclose their interest to the Manager and comply with any directions given by him in relation to the matter.

Where a disclosure of interest is made at meetings of Planning Authorities and Committees and withdrawals from meetings are made, such must be recorded in the Minutes of the Meeting.

A defence to a charge under the Section is that where a person can prove that he did not know and had no reason to believe

- (a) that the matter in which he had an interest was being considered by the Planning Authority, or
- (b) that the Section applied to the interest which is the subject of the charge.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS FOR AN OFFENCE UNDER THE FOREGOING PARAGRAPHS.

A prosecution for an offence shall not be instituted except by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions. Reserving the right to prosecute to the Director of Public Prosecutions or a person who has obtained the consent of the Director, provides a reasonable safeguard for public representatives and officials without in any way lessening the possibility of a prosecution where circumstances warrant it.

Where a person is convicted of an offence the following provisions apply.

- (a) In case the person is a member of a Planning Authority or a member of any committee of a Planning Authority, he shall on such conviction cease to be a member of the Authority or the Committee as may be appropriate.

- (b) In case the person is a member of both a Planning Authority and any one or more such Committee, he shall so cease to be a member of both the Authority and every such Committee.
- (c) In case the person ceases to be a member of a Planning Authority or any such Committee, he shall be disqualified for being a member of the Authority or Committee during the period which but for the cessation of his membership of the Authority or Committee under this Section would be the remainder of his term. This provision will not prevent a person from standing for election at the next Local Elections after he ceases to be a member but it will prevent him from being co-opted back to membership by his fellow councillors.

Membership of a Company will be regarded as membership of a subsidiary or holding company.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A decision to grant permission for a development which would contravene materially the Development Plan or a special Amenity Area Order shall be a reserve function. The consent of the Minister to the resolution will no longer be required. It shall be necessary for the passing of a resolution that the number of the members of the Planning Authority voting in favour of the resolution exceeds one-third of the total number of the members of the Planning Authority.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1977

Notice of every planning application and of the date of its receipt shall be published by a Planning Authority by inclusion in a weekly list of which copies :-

- (a) shall be made available to the members of the Authority in such manner as they may by resolution direct.
- (b) shall be displayed in or at the offices of the Planning Authority for a period of not less than four weeks in a position convenient for public inspection during normal office hours.
- (c) where the Planning Authority by resolution so decide, may be displayed for public inspection in any other place which the Planning Authority considers appropriate or published in a newspaper circulating in the district or made available to anybody, group or person likely to be interested.

Every waiver notice shall also be published in the like manner.

As far as the Wexford Corporation is concerned the following officers are hereby prescribed for the purposes of the Act.

- (a) County Manager
- (b) Borough Engineer
- (c) Town Clerk
- (d) Any other office, the holder of which is assigned the duties which relate to the performance of any functions of a Planning Authority under the Acts.

The provisions of the Regulations relate to Development Plans; exempted development; permissions; outline permissions and approvals; appeals and references to An Bord Pleanála including oral hearings; compensation under the Acts; licensing under Section 89 of the Act of 1963; the extinguishment of a public right-of-way and other miscellaneous matters. The 1977 Regulations replace 13 sets of Regulations currently in operation.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT 1976
(COMMENCEMENT) ORDER 1977

The other provisions covered by the Commencement Order relate to the operation of the Planning Board, procedures governing appeals, and minor amendments of the 1963 Act consequential on the transfer of appeal functions to the Board.

I enclose copy of Sections 32, 33 and 34 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1976 which are the relevant sections dealing with interest in land and pecuniary or other beneficial interest in matters under the Acts.

F.W. Kavanagh
Town Clerk.

7th March 1977

32.—(1) It shall be the duty of a person to whom this section applies to give to the relevant body a declaration in the prescribed form, signed by him and containing particulars of every interest of his which is an interest to which this section applies and for so long as he continues to be a person to whom this section applies it shall be his duty where there is a change regarding an interest particulars of which are contained in the declaration or where he acquires any other interest to which this section applies, to give to the relevant body a fresh such declaration.

Declaration
by members
and employees of
Board, and
members and
officers of
planning
authorities of
certain interests.

10 (2) (a) This section applies to the following persons, namely:

(i) a member of the Board,

(ii) a member of a planning authority,

(iii) an employee of the Board or any other person,

(I) whose services are availed of by the Board, and

15 (II) who is of a class, description or grade prescribed for the purposes of this section,

(iv) an officer of a planning authority who is the holder of an office which is of a class, description or grade so prescribed.

20 (b) This section applies to the following interests, namely:

(i) any estate or interest which a person to whom this section applies has, in case the person is a member or officer of a planning authority, in land situated in the area of the relevant authority, and in any other case, in any land,

25 (ii) any business of dealing in or developing land in which such a person is engaged or employed and any such business carried on by a company or other body of which he, or any nominee of his, is a member,

30 (iii) any profession, business or occupation in which such a person is engaged, whether on his own behalf or otherwise, and which relates to dealing in or developing land.

35 (3) A person to whom this section applies and who has an interest to which this section applies shall be regarded as complying with the requirements of *subsection (1)* of this section if, and only if, he gives to the relevant body a declaration mentioned in that subsection within the period of twenty-eight days beginning—

40 (a) in case the person is such a person on the commencement of this section, on such commencement,

(b) in case the person becomes such a person after the commencement of this section, on the day on which he becomes such a person,

45 (c) in case there is a change regarding an interest particulars of which are contained in a declaration already given by the person or where the person acquires any other interest to which this section applies, on the day on which the change occurs or the other such interest is acquired.

50 (4) For the purposes of this section, a person to whom this section applies shall be regarded as having an estate or interest in land if he, or any nominee of his, is a member of a company or other body which has an estate or interest in the land.

(5) For the purposes of this section, a person shall not be regarded as having an interest to which this section applies if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to influence a person in considering or discussing, or in voting on, any question with respect to any matter arising or coming before the Board or authority, as may be appropriate, or in performing any function in relation to any such matter. 5

(6) Where a person to whom this section applies has an interest to which this section applies by reason only of the beneficial ownership of shares in a company or other body by him or by his nominee and the total nominal value of those shares does not exceed the lesser of— 10

(a) five hundred pounds, or

(b) one-hundredth part of the total nominal value of either the issued share capital of the company or body or, where that capital is issued in shares of more than one class, the issued share capital of the class or classes of shares in which he has an interest, 15

subsection (1) of this section shall not have effect in relation to that interest.

(7) The Board and each planning authority shall for the purposes of this section keep a register (which register is in this section referred to as the register of interests) and shall enter therein the particulars contained in declarations given to the Board or the authority, as the case may be, pursuant to this section. The register of interests shall be kept at the offices of the Board or the planning authority, as the case may be, and shall be available for public inspection during office hours. 20 25

(8) Where a person ceases to be a person to whom this section applies, any particulars entered in the register of interests as a result of a declaration being given by the person to the relevant body pursuant to this section shall be removed, as soon as may be after the expiration of the period of five years beginning on the day on which the person ceases to be such a person, from the said register by that body. 30

(9) Subject to *subsection (10)* of this section, a person who fails to comply with *subsection (1)* of this section or who, when purporting to comply with the requirements of the said *subsection (1)*, gives particulars which are false or which to his knowledge are misleading in a material respect, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds or at the discretion of the court, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both the fine and the imprisonment. 35 40

(10) In any proceedings for an offence under this section it shall be a defence for the defendant to prove that at the relevant time he believed, in good faith and upon reasonable grounds, that— 45

(a) the relevant particulars were true,

(b) there was no matter as regards which he was then required to make a declaration under *subsection (1)* of this section, or

(c) that the matter in relation to which the offence is alleged was not one as regards which he was so required to make such declaration. 50

(11) (a) For the purposes of this section and *section 33* of this Act,

(i) a manager shall be deemed to be an officer of every planning authority for which he is manager, 55

(ii) an assistant county manager for a county shall be deemed to be an officer of every planning authority in the county, and

(iii) an officer of a planning authority who, by virtue of an arrangement or agreement entered into under any enactment, is performing duties under another planning authority, shall be deemed to be also an officer of the other authority.

(b) In this section the "relevant body" means,

(i) in case a person to whom this section applies is either a member or employee of the Board, or other person whose services are availed of by the Board, the Board, and

(ii) in case such a person is either a member or officer of a planning authority, the authority.

33.—(1) Where a member of the Board has a pecuniary or other beneficial interest in, or which is material to, any appeal, contribution, question or dispute which falls to be decided or determined by the Board, he shall comply with the following requirements:

Requirements affecting members and employees of Board, members and certain officers of planning authorities and certain other persons who have certain beneficial interests.

(a) he shall disclose to the Board the nature of his interest,

(b) he shall take no part in the discussion or consideration of the matter,

(c) he shall not vote or otherwise act as a member of the Board in relation to the matter, and

(d) he shall neither influence nor seek to influence a decision of the Board as regards the matter.

(2) Where, at a meeting of a planning authority or of any committee of a planning authority, a resolution, motion, question or other matter is proposed or otherwise arises either pursuant to, or as regards the performance by the authority of a function under, the *Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts, 1963 and 1976*, or in relation to the acquisition or disposal by the authority of land under or for the purposes of those Acts or any other enactment, a member of the authority or committee present at the meeting shall, if he has a pecuniary or other beneficial interest in, or which is material to, the matter—

(a) at the meeting, and before discussion or consideration of the matter commences, disclose the nature of his interest,

(b) withdraw from the meeting for so long as the matter is being discussed or considered,

and accordingly, he shall take no part in the discussion or consideration of the matter and shall refrain from voting in relation to it.

(3) A member of a planning authority or of any committee of a planning authority who has a pecuniary or other beneficial interest in, or which is material to, a matter arising either pursuant to, or as regards the performance by the authority of a function under, the *Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts, 1963 and 1976*, or in relation to the acquisition or disposal by the authority of land under or for the purposes of those Acts or any other enactment, shall neither influence nor seek to influence a decision of the authority as regards the matter.

(4) Where the manager of a planning authority has a pecuniary or other beneficial interest in, or which is material to, any matter which arises or comes before the authority either pursuant to, or as regards the performance by the authority of a function under, the *Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts, 1963 and 1976*, or in

relation to the acquisition or disposal by the authority of land under or for the purposes of those Acts or any other enactment, he shall, as soon as may be, disclose to the members of the planning authority the nature of his interest.

(5) (a) Where an employee of the Board or any other person 5
whose services are availed of by the Board has a pecuniary or other beneficial interest in, or which is material to, any appeal, contribution, question or dispute which falls to be decided or determined by the Board, he shall comply with the following requirements: 10

(i) he shall neither influence nor seek to influence a decision of the Board as regards the matter, and

(ii) in case, as such employee or other person, he is concerned with the matter, he shall disclose to the Board the nature of his interest and comply with any 15
directions the Board may give him in relation to the matter.

(b) Where an officer of a planning authority, not being the manager, has a pecuniary or other beneficial interest in, or which is material to, any matter which arises or comes 20
before the authority, either pursuant to, or as regards the performance by the authority of a function under, the *Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts, 1963 and 1976*, or in relation to the acquisition or disposal of land by the authority under or for the purposes 25
of those Acts or any other enactment, he shall comply with the following requirements:

(i) he shall neither influence nor seek to influence a decision of the authority as regards the matter, and

(ii) in case, as such officer, he is concerned with the 30
matter, he shall disclose to the manager of the authority the nature of his interest and comply with any directions the manager may give him in relation to the matter.

(6) For the purposes of this section but without prejudice to the 35
generality of any of the foregoing subsections hereof, a person shall be regarded as having a beneficial interest if—

(a) he or his spouse, or any nominee of his or of his spouse, is a member of a company or any other body which has a beneficial interest in, or which is material to, a resolution, motion, question or other matter mentioned in the 40
foregoing subsections of this section,

(b) he or his spouse is in partnership with or is in the employment of a person who has a beneficial interest in, or which is material to, such a resolution, motion, question 45
or other matter,

(c) he or his spouse is a party to any arrangement or agreement (whether or not enforceable) concerning land to which such a resolution, motion, question or other matter relates, 50

(d) his spouse has a beneficial interest in, or which is material to, such a resolution, motion, question or other matter.

(7) For the purposes of this section, a person shall not be regarded as having a beneficial interest in, or which is material to, any resolution, motion, question or other matter by reason only of an interest 55
of his or of any company or of any other body or person mentioned in subsection (6) of this section which is so remote or insignificant that it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to influence a person

in considering or discussing, or in voting on, any question with respect to the matter, or in performing any function in relation to that matter.

(8) Where a person has a beneficial interest mentioned in *subsection (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5)* of this section by reason only of the beneficial ownership of shares in a company or other body by him or by his spouse and the total nominal value of those shares does not exceed the lesser of—

(a) five hundred pounds, or

10 (b) one-hundredth part of the total nominal value of either the issued share capital of the company or body or, where that capital is issued in shares of more than one class, the issued share capital of the class of shares in which he has an interest,

15 none of those subsections shall have effect in relation to that beneficial interest.

(9) Where at a meeting described in *subsection (2)* of this section a disclosure is made under that subsection, particulars of the disclosure and of any subsequent withdrawal from the meeting pursuant to the said subsection shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

(10) Subject to *subsection (11)* of this section, a person who contravenes or fails to comply with a requirement of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds or, at the discretion of the court, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both the fine and the imprisonment.

(11) In any proceedings for an offence under this section it shall be a defence for the defendant to prove that at the time of the alleged offence he did not know and had no reason to believe that a matter in which, or in relation to which, he had a beneficial interest had arisen or had come before, or was being considered by, the Board or the relevant planning authority or committee, as may be appropriate, or that the beneficial interest to which the alleged offence relates was one in relation to which a requirement of this section applied.

34.—(1) Proceedings for an offence under *section 32 or 33* of this Act shall not be instituted except by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Supplemental provisions relating to *sections 32 and 33*.

40 (2) Where a person is convicted of an offence under *section 32 or 33* of this Act, the following provisions shall have effect:

(a) the person shall be disqualified for being a member of the Board,

45 (b) in case the person is a member of the Board, he shall on such conviction accordingly cease to be a member of the Board,

50 (c) in case the person is a member of a planning authority or a member of any committee of a planning authority, he shall on such conviction cease to be a member of the authority or the committee, as may be appropriate,

(d) in case the person is a member of both a planning authority and any one or more such committees, he shall so cease to be a member of both the authority and every such committee, and

(e) in case the person by virtue of this subsection ceases to be a member of a planning authority or any such committee, he shall be disqualified for being a member of the authority or committee during the period which, but for the cessation of his membership of the authority or committee under this section, would be the remainder of his term. 5

(3) In case a person contravenes or fails to comply with a requirement of *section 32* or *33* of this Act, or acts as a member of the Board, a planning authority or committee of a planning authority while disqualified for membership by virtue of this section, the fact of such contravention or failure or of his so acting, as the case may be, shall not invalidate any act or proceeding of the Board, authority or committee. 10

(4) Where any body which is a company within the meaning of *section 155* of the Companies Act, 1963, is deemed under that section to be a subsidiary of another or to be another such company's holding company, a person who is a member of the first-mentioned such company shall, for the purposes of *sections 32* and *33* of this Act be deemed also to be a member of the other company. 15 20

MINUTES OF SPECIAL HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,
ON WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL 1977

Attendance : Alderman J. Mahoney

Councillors : K. Morris, J. Roche,
J. Furlong, T. Carr.

Apology for inability to attend was received from
Alderman F. Byrne.

In attendance : F.W. Kavanagh, Town Clerk.
J. Kennedy, Borough Accountant.

TAKING OF CHAIR

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded
by Councillor T. Carr, it was agreed that Councillor K. Morris
take the chair.

HOUSING APPLICATION OF WILLIAM BROWNE, 96 TALBOT STREET

The Town Clerk informed the members that Mr. W. Browne's
application had been received on 27th January 1977 and also submitted
details of family circumstances.

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by
Alderman J. Mahoney it was recommended that the Deputy Chief Medical
Officer be requested to determine priority between Mrs. Duggan, 29
Wolfe Tone Villas who is No. 3 on the Housing Priority List for Wolfe
Tone Villas and Mr. W. Browne. The priority as determined to be
recommended to the Manager for rehousing at 70 Wolfe Tone Villas.

MRS. FIRMAN, 11 O'CONNELL AVENUE

It was recommended that Mrs. Firman be considered for
a transfer.

The Meeting then terminated.



MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD
ON MONDAY 2nd MAY, 1977

The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle
presiding.

Aldermen : Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, J. Furlong,
T.F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

An apology for inability to attend was received from
Councillor T. Carr.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, Co. Manager
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Engineer
Mr. John Kennedy, Borough Accountant
Mr. F.W. Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

SCHOOL DISPUTE AT C.B.S. WEXFORD

On the proposal of the Mayor Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle it was unanimously agreed that the Department of Education be requested as a matter of urgency to meet all parties concerned and that communication between the parties in dispute be maintained in view of the serious disruption to classes and children's studies.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING - DEATH OF
MR. JAMES J. MORRIS, FORMER MAYOR OF WEXFORD.


The members present paid tribute to the late Mr. James J. Morris who had been Mayor of Wexford on three occasions - 1953/4 1960/61 - 1972/3 and a member for over 25 years.

His sincere dedication to the work of the Borough Council as a member, his interest in all aspects of community life and his pleasant manner and good humour made him loved and respected.

The members present passed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the deceased.

On the proposal of the Mayor it was agreed that the Meeting be adjourned to Monday 9th May, 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting then terminated.


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MINUTES OF ADJOURNED STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON
MONDAY 9th MAY 1977

The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle
presiding.

Alderman : Peter Roche.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, J. Jenkins,
T.F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

An apology for inability to attend was received from
Councillors J. Furlong and T. Carr.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, Co. Manager
Mr. Sean O'Sullivan, Borough Engineer
Mr. John Kennedy, Borough Accountant
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle,
the members present passed a vote of sympathy with His Lordship the
Bishop of Ferns, Dr. Donal Herlihy, and the clergy of the Diocese
and with the relatives of the late Cardinal Conway, Archbishop of
Armagh and Primate of All Ireland .

The County Manager, on behalf of the staff, wished to be
associated with the vote of sympathy.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by
Her Worship the Mayor, the Council adopted the Minutes of the
Quarterly Meeting of the Borough Council held on 4th April, 1977
and the Special Housing Committee Meeting held on 20th April, 1977.

Councillor K. Morris requested to be recorded as voting
against the resolution passed on the introduction of Direct Labour
into all local authority housing schemes.

TREE PLANTING IN BOROUGH

On the proposal of The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle,
and seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty, the following motion was
adopted :-

"That the Borough Engineer investigate the
possibility of (and report back at the next
Monthly Statutory Meeting) the Council organising
a scheme of tree planting in the locality by classes
of local school children in conjunction with their
teachers".

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MOTIONS INVOLVING EXPENDITURE

On the proposal of The Mayor and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, the Council adopted the following motion :-

"That in the case of motions involving expenditure (apart from expenditure provided for in the Estimates) an estimate of the cost be submitted to the next following meeting of the Borough Council".

FREE ELECTRICITY SCHEME

The following motion proposed by Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor K. Morris, was adopted :-

"That a more efficient system of operating the free electricity allowance be operated by allowing the local office, without central approval, to transfer the allowance in the case of qualified cases who had changed addresses".

The following motion proposed by Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, was adopted :-

"That the Council be informed of who is responsible for repairs and maintenance to Talbot Green and that ways and means of speeding up our repairs system be considered".

The Town Clerk informed the members that on the expiration of the maintenance period the Consulting Architect would certify that the houses had been built in accordance with the Contract Documents. Repairs arising in the maintenance period should be referred to the Corporation for submission to the Consulting Architect, who would in turn communicate with the builder to ensure that the repairs arising out of the construction of the houses were carried out.

The Town Clerk further explained that he had requested a schedule of alleged defects from the Secretary of the Central Tenants Association.

The present system of carrying out house repairs would be investigated.

It was further agreed that housing repairs be discussed before the next Estimates Committee Meeting.

CUL-DE-SAC AT KENNEDY PARK

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Jenkins, the following motion was adopted :-

"That some action be taken to indicate the right-of-way for vehicles coming out of the cul-de-sac at Kennedy Park".

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

WEXFORD TOWN GARDA STATION

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a reply from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Justice, Mr. P. Cooney T.D., to the effect that the precise arrangements made for policing particular areas and the allocation of members as between foot patrols and other forms of patrol were primarily matters for the Garda Authorities and that the Minister had brought the terms of the Corporation's resolution to the notice of the Commissioner. Present commitments were making heavy demands on Garda resources, but the Minister had asked the Commissioner to arrange with the local Garda Officer to have as much attention as practicable given to the Wexford area having regard to other commitments.

As regards Garda overtime, a decision was made in 1975 to restrict the growth of expenditure on overtime (which in 1975 had been running at an annual rate of about £9,000,000) and implementation of the decision largely involved the re-deployment of existing resources.

PRICE INCREASES

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement from the Department of Industry and Commerce to the resolution passed regarding the recent price increases.

TOURISM OFFICER FOR WEXFORD TOWN

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a letter from the Regional Tourism Manager of South East Tourism to the effect that he would place the Corporation's request for the appointment of a temporary Tourism Officer before the Board of Directors of his Organisation.

ANCO TRAINING CENTRE

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Labour regarding the request for a reception of a deputation on the retention of the ANCO Training Centre.

CORRESPONDENCE

TENANT PURCHASE APPLICANTS - NON-APPLICATION OF
NATIONAL DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a reply dated 21st April 1977 from the Department of Local Government on the Corporation policy of not applying the National Differential Rent Scheme where tenants had applied to purchase. The Department had stated that the Rent Schemes must continue to apply until the date of the Transfer Order vesting the house in the tenant. (i.e. on the tenant becoming a tenant purchaser). It was not possible therefore for the Department to agree to the Corporation's request.

The Corporation must review all tenant purchase applications and apply the appropriate Differential Rent Scheme. However the Department would allow the "local scheme" of rent increases to apply, i.e. the local limits of 35p per week in respect of July 1973, July 1974, July 1975 and the £2.00 maximum increase for the July 1976 Review.

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It would now be necessary to review all tenant purchase applications and assess the arrears of rent due. The Department had further indicated that in the case of tenant purchase applications not yet finalised the arrears of rent could be added to the sale price of the house and the purchaser could pay these arrears off over the repayment period at the appropriate interest rate. In other cases (i.e. where applications have been finalised) the arrears of rent must be collected.

The members expressed extreme disappointment that the Corporation were now obliged to reverse previous policy decision and seek to obtain arrears of rent. The processing problems were not the responsibility of the tenants and it was unreasonable to expect tenant purchase applicants to pay arrears of rent. The members would be prepared to accept a reasonable processing period and would in effect consider a twelve month time lag as reasonable (i.e. the rent could be reviewed within that period).

Accordingly the members requested that the Department would review the decision on this basis. In other words the 1976 National Differential Rent Scheme would apply to those applicants who had applied to purchase within a period of twelve months, otherwise it would not apply. In the case of previous reviews (i.e. July 1973, July 1974 and July 1975) the members requested that no review be carried out in these cases as the Corporation had not reviewed the rents because of unavoidable circumstances.

It was agreed to write to the Department on the foregoing basis.

RELIEF OF DOMESTIC RATES

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had been notified by letter dated 5th April 1977 from the Department of Local Government regarding the application of the 25% discount on the Second Moiety of the Domestic Rates. The relief would operate as follows :-

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| 1. | Ordinary Ratings | - | 2nd Moiety would be reduced by 25% |
| 2. | Ordinary Ratings | - | where instalment scheme applies - the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th instalment would be reduced by 50%. |
| 3. | Small Dwellings | - | the 2nd Moiety would be reduced by 25% and the 10% discount for prompt payment would apply to 75% of the Rate Demand. |
| 4. | Tenants of Local Authority Housing Schemes | - | the reduction of 25% of the total Rate Demand for the year would be applied over a period of eight months from the 1st May 1977 to the 31st December 1977. |

In all the foregoing categories it would be necessary to notify each individual rate payer of his total rate liability and the appropriate reduction thereof.

STATE GRANT FOR RATES WAIVER SCHEME

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received letter dated 27th April 1977 from the Department of Local Government stating that the total maximum recoupment which would be applicable to the Corporation would be expenditure in excess of the provision in the 1977 Estimates for the Rates Waiver Scheme, subject to a maximum limit

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of 75% of that provision. The provision in the Estimate was £7,270 and on the foregoing basis the maximum additional expenditure which could be incurred in accordance with the terms of the Scheme would be £5,450.

The recoupement was conditional on the expenditure being a genuine supplement to what would have been the expenditure on the Rates Waiver Scheme in 1977 by the Corporation.

The Minister also set out the following standard conditions which should apply to a Rates Waiver Scheme in order to qualify for a contribution from the exchequer - i.e. applications should be considered from rated occupiers in the following categories :-

- (a) Recipients of Non-Contributory Old Age Pension.
- (b) Recipients of Non-Contributory Widows Pension.
- (c) Recipients of Blind Persons Pension.
- (d) Persons outside of (a), (b) and (c) whose net income entitles them to parity of consideration with the above or who are affected by other special hardship, whether of a temporary or a continuing nature.

As well as belonging to one of the above categories, applicants should :-

- (1) Be normally living alone or with a spouse and/or dependants.
- or
- (2) Be the only or the principal income earner in the dwelling.

The members noted the foregoing report.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Jenkins and seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty, it was agreed that the Department be requested to recoup expenditure equivalent to 75% of the expenditure incurred in 1976 on the Rates Waiver Scheme.

CREATION OF TEMPORARY POST OF CLERICAL OFFICER

The Town Clerk informed the members that arrears of Tenant Purchase applications, the application of the 1977 Tenant Purchase Scheme, the notifications to each individual rate payer of the 25% reduction of Rates of Domestic Property, the assessment of the arrears of rent in the case of Tenant Purchase applicants all involved an inordinate volume of work which the present staff would not be able to deal with and it was recommended therefore that a temporary post of Clerical Officer be created and that the necessary over expenditure be incurred.

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that a temporary post of Clerical Officer be created and that the necessary over expenditure be incurred and that the Department be requested to recoup to the Corporation the

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administrative cost of implementing the 25% reduction of the 2nd Moiety of Domestic Rates.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT TOWNPARKS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received confirmation by letter dated 29th April 1977 from the N.B.A. to the effect that the employment on the Corporation 68 house scheme at Townparks had been increased from seven operatives in February/March 1977 to 19 operatives at present.

HOUSE BUILDING PROGRAMME - HOUSING ACT 1966 - SECTION 55

The members noted with approval the following House Building Programme which had been circulated with the Agenda.

The accumulated needs at the 30th June, 1976, was 218 (which included 56 Old Folk applications), and that the net prospective needs for the 5 year period to 30th June, 1981 was 768.

The proposed building programme for the period to 30th June 1981 was :-

(1)	Under construction	
		(A) 26 House Scheme at Abbey Street
		(B) 66 House Scheme at Townparks
(2)	To commence this year	(A) 6 House Scheme at Abbey Street
(3)	At design stage	(A) 101 House Scheme at Townparks
	" " "	(B) 40 Lease Sites at Townparks
(4)	At layout Stage	(A) 15 Houses on open land at Talbot Street
(5)	Under consideration	
		(A) 10 Houses at Temperance Row
(6)	Land owned by Corporation and on average of 8 houses to acre	(A) 280 35 Acres at Coolcotts
		(B) 280 35 Acres at Newtown
	Total Potential	824

Depending on the availability of capital the Corporation is in a very satisfactory position to meet the present and prospective housing needs of the Borough. The use of the land for housing would be a matter for Wexford County Council as Planning Authority.

REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK

It was agreed that a deputation be received from the Trustees of the Redmond Memorial Park at the Borough Council Meeting on 6th June, 1977, at 7.15 p.m.

PRE-SALE STRUCTURAL REPAIRS TO TENANT PURCHASE HOUSES

The Town Clerk informed the members that the provision in the Estimates for pre-sale structural repairs was £11,000. A Determination Order had been received from the Minister for Local Government to carry out pre-sale structural repairs to a particular house and this would cost approximately £750. Expenditure of this nature on individual houses would limit the number of houses which could be repaired within the estimate provision.

The Town Clerk also informed the members that in some cases pre-sale structural repairs were costing in excess of the minimum sale price of £100.

The foregoing report was noted.

ST. IBARS CINE CLUB WEXFORD

The members agreed that the Wexford Coat of Arms could be used on the Headed Notepaper of the Club.

It was further agreed that an application for a grant of £150 be deferred to the Estimates Committee Meeting.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PUBLIC LIGHTING

The Town Clerk informed the members that the E.S.B. ^{out}carried normal replacement or fittings and bulbs. As a result of recent vandalism the E.S.B. could not now be responsible for these replacements. In the Borough a total of 25 shades, 16 bulbs had been broken. The column and lantern outside No. 97 Liam Mellows Park had been struck by a vehicle and required complete replacement. The total cost was £453.

It was agreed that over expenditure be incurred on the replacements as indicated.

The members condemned the unwanton vandalism and expressed grave concern at the destruction of the amenities provided for the people of the Borough.

WEXFORD TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE-LAWS 1973 -
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana had consented to the proposed amendments of the Wexford Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws 1973 to the extent which would prohibit parking:-

1. Along the seaward side of the Quay from the Car Park opposite The Talbot Hotel to the North Railway Station with the exception of an area immediately adjacent to the Bridge.
2. King Street Upper (North Side) - from South Main Street to opposite Eastern gate pier of entrance to Ropewalk Yard.

Provide for one-way traffic :-

- (1) Along Monck Street from direction of Main Street to Quay.
- (2) Along Church Lane from direction of North Main Street to Car Park.

Provide for two-way traffic along Peter Street.

It was agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris, that the implementation of the prohibition of car parking along the Quays as indicated be left in abeyance pending the proposed improvement to the Quays to be carried out by Wexford County Council.

CONDITIONS IN PORTLAOISE PRISON

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received documentation from the office of the Minister for Justice regarding conditions at Portlaoise Prison and if any member wished to have a copy thereof he would arrange accordingly.

PEACE MOVEMENT - IRELAND NORTH AND SOUTH

The Town Clerk informed the members that at a meeting in the Gresham Hotel Dublin on 8th March, 1977, between representatives of Local Authorities, a proposal was adopted to the effect that each Local Authority be requested to select one member of its staff to act as liaison officer/information officer and that cultural, sporting, educational, commercial, agricultural, industrial and other groups in their respective areas be encouraged to invite groups from Northern Ireland to visit them and socialise with them.

It was noted that should an officer be appointed, the appointment would be by Wexford County Council on a County at large basis.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME - COMPARATIVE COSTS OF ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT AND KENNEDY PARK

The following table which was circulated to the members was noted :-

	<u>St. Aidan's Cres.</u>	<u>Kennedy Park.</u>
	(88 Houses)	(126 Houses)
1. Year of Construction	1948/50	1964/70
2. Method of Construction	Direct Labour	Direct Labour
3. Original all-in-cost per house	£1,234	£2,571
4. Original all-in-cost updated by Central Statistics Office Money Value Tables as at <u>Mid-May 1973</u>	£3,695	£3,970

4A. The present value of £1. in 1950 33.4

B. " " 64.8

CAPITAL ALLOCATION - STAGE 2 ABBEY STREET

The Town Clerk informed the members that he was in communication with the Department of Local Government regarding Capital Allocation for the 6 House Scheme for Stage 2 at Abbey Street and that he would report to the next meeting of the Borough Council.

REPORT ON STANDARD OF RATE COLLECTION 1976

The Town Clerk informed the members that the arrears of rates at 31st December, 1975 was £19,485 and at 31st December 1976 was £35,526. However the arrears had been reduced to £19,892 at 1st March 1977. Legal proceedings were being instituted in 175 cases.

The standard of rate collection was affected by the fact that the former Rate Collector resigned in July 1976 and the post had been filled in a temporary capacity up to 2nd January, 1977. The Bank Strike also adversely affected the standard of collection.

TOWNPARKS - STAGE 2 - DETAILS OF HOUSE TYPE

The Town Clerk informed the members that the house type proposed would consist of cavity walls and concrete roof tiles. Ground floors would be of concrete construction. First floors would be tongued and grooved boarding. Two fireplaces would be provided in each of the 3 and 4 bedroomed houses, one in the living-room and the other in the kitchen/diningroom. The fireplace in the livingroom would be fitted with a back boiler. In the 2 bedroomed houses one fireplace complete with a back boiler would be provided in the livingroom. All houses would be insulated to the standards laid down by the Department of Local Government.

Screen walls generally throughout the scheme would be of concrete block construction, rendered and finished with dry dash. Front boundary walls would be of similar construction to the screen walls. Front garden division fences would be high concrete post and rail. Rere garden boundary fences would be high chainlink on concrete post. Rere garden division fences would be concrete post and three strands of wire. Each house would be provided with a fuel store.

On curtilage car parking had been provided for all of the 3 and 4 bedroomed houses and provision would be made for visitor parking generally in relation to the 11 small family type dwellings.

It was agreed that the N.B.A. be requested to illustrate the proposed layout and house type by means of slides and that a general discussion could follow on the details of the house type.

SWIMMING POOL SUB-COMMITTEE

It was agreed that the sub-committee would meet at the Municipal Buildings on Wednesday, 18th May, 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

The members of the sub-committee were :-

Wexford Corporation : Alderman J. Mahoney and Councillor John Roche.
Town Clerk and Borough Accountant,
J. Barry, Caretaker Swimming Pool.

Wexford Co. Council : Councillors T. Howlin and L. Carthy.

Water Safety Assoc. : Mr. Eddie Quinlivan.

Wexford Swimming Club : Mr. J. French.

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RATES WAIVER SCHEME

It was agreed that a Special Meeting of the Borough Council be held at 8.30 p.m. on 17th May, 1977 to consider applications for Rates Waiver.

SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING TO MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SERVICES UNION

It was agreed that the members of the sub-committee would meet the Union on Tuesday, 17th May, 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

The members of the sub-committee were :-

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle,
Alderman Peter Roche, Councillors John Roche,
T.F. Byrne, K. Morris and T. Carr.

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF HOUSES - TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME

On the proposal of Councillor J. Flaherty, seconded by Councillor K. Morris, it was unanimously resolved, that in accordance with the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th April 1977 the following dwellings be disposed of to the tenants thereof as follows :-

<u>COLUMN 1</u>	<u>COLUMN 2</u>	<u>COLUMN 3</u>
30 Bernadette Place	John O'Brien	£1,575
28 Kennedy Park	Alphonsus Moran	£1,879
11 Liam Mellows Park	John Cousins	£2,532
25 " " "	John Godkin	£2,532
26 " " "	Martin Rowe	£2,532
37 " " "	James Mayler	£2,532
46 " " "	Leo Stafford	£2,532
49 " " "	Gerald Howlin	£2,532
53 " " "	Philip Rochford	£2,532
67 " " "	William Bolger	£2,532
69 " " "	Robert Hillis	£2,532
6 Harbour View	William Furlong	£465

QUESTIONS

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

The question of the pedestrian crossing at William Street was being considered by Wexford County Council in conjunction with the Department of Local Government and that a further report would be submitted.

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That the non-application of the Differential Rent Scheme to Tenant Purchase applications had been discussed at the Meeting.

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That a meeting of the Swimming Pool Sub-Committee had been arranged at this meeting.

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That the cost of removing slogans painted on property in the Borough had been £50.

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That the notification of the Department's contribution to the Rates Relief Scheme had been received and that the Meeting of the Borough Council to consider the applications had been agreed.

The Meeting then terminated.

Anne Doyle

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN
COUNCIL CHAMBER MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS WEXFORD ON 17th MAY 1977

The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle
presiding.

Aldermen : F. Byrne, Peter Roche.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, T. Carr,
J. Jenkins, T.F. Byrne,
John O'Flaherty.

In attendance : Mr. John Kennedy, Borough Accountant
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

WAIVER OF RATES 1977

ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

No. in Family	Full Waiver on Income	Waive All But £13 on Income	Waive All But £26 on Income	Waive All But £39 on Income	Refuse Waiver on Income
One	Up to £15	£15.01 - £17	£17.01 - £19	Nil	Over £19
Two	Up to £19	£19.01 - £21.50	£21.51 - £24.00	£24.01 - £26.50	Over £26.50
Three	Up to £22.50	£22.51 - £25.00	£25.01 - £27.50	£27.51 - £30.00	Over £30.00
Four	Up to £26.50	£26.51 - £29.00	£29.01 - £31.50	£31.51 - £34.00	Over £34.00
Five or More	Up to £31.00	£31.01 - £33.50	£33.51 - £36.00	£36.01 - £38.50	Over £38.50

It is considered that the foregoing guidelines are in accordance with the terms of the Department of Local Government Circular Fin 8/77 - 27th April, 1977.

It was agreed that the following recommendation for the granting of relief be submitted to the Manager for approval.

APPLICATIONS FROM PRIVATE HOUSES

NAME AND ADDRESS :	TOTAL RATES 1977	75% OF TOTAL RATES PAYABLE	RECOMMENDED WAIVER	AMOUNT PAYABLE
Mary Ann Grace 2 Distillery Road	£39.88	£29.91	-	£29.91
Thomas & Eliz.Hogan 5 Parnell Street	£54.83	£41.12	-	£41.12
Catherine Bailey 14 Parnell Street	£29.91	£22.43	£22.43	-
Margaret M.Delaney 32 Parnell Street	£29.91	£22.43	£22.43	-
Mary Higginbotham 37 Parnell Street	£54.84	£41.13	£41.13	-
Margaret Healy 8 Roches Terrace	£34.89	£26.17	£26.17	-
Michael Cosgrave 1 Saltee Avenue	£39.88	£29.91	£3.91	£26.00
Catherine Doyle 41 School Street	£109.67	£82.25	-	£82.25
Christine Kavanagh 45 School Street	£69.79	£52.34	£52.34	-
Seamus Redmond 17 Selskar Street	£99.70	£74.78	-	£74.78
John Hackett 1 Slaney Street	£59.82	£44.87	-	£44.87
Mary J. Allen 2 Slaney Street	£59.82	£44.87	£44.87	-
Veronica Byrne 11 Spafield Ave.	£89.73	£67.30	£67.30	-
Margaret M. Lynn 4 St. Brendans Rd.	£84.76	£63.57	£63.57	-
Mr. N. Whitney 3 St. Ibars Tce.	£69.79	£52.34	£52.34	-
Eithne B. Leahy 4 St. Ibars Tce.	£84.76	£63.57	£63.57	-
Patrick Leacy 6 St. Ibars Vls.	£79.76	£59.82	£20.82	£39.00
John Cosgrave 7 St. Ibars Vls.	£89.73	£67.30	£28.30	£39.00

NAME AND ADDRESS :	TOTAL RATES 1977	75% OF TOTAL RATES PAYABLE	RECOMMENDED WAIVER	AMOUNT PAYABLE
Ellen Bolger 15 St. Ibars Vls.	£79.76	£59.82	£20.82	£39.00
Breda Coston St. Johns Road	£114.66	£86.00	£60.00	£26.00
Thomas Devereux St. Johns Road	£69.79	£52.34	£13.34	£39.00
Lily P. Murphy St. Johns Road	£89.73	£67.30	£54.30	£13.00
Eileen Edwards 11 St. Johns Ave	£52.34	£39.26	£39.26	-
Ellen O'Leary 6 St. Magdalens Tce.	£49.85	£37.39	£37.39	-
John Clancy 14 St. Magdalens Tce.	£49.85	£37.39	-	£37.39
Margaret Vaughey 6 St. Peters Sq.	£57.33	£43.00	-	£43.00
Mrs. C. Bent "St. Ann's" Waterloo Road	£74.76	£56.07	£56.07	-
Mary Smyth 6 Thomas St.	£29.91	£22.43	£22.43	-
Ellen Roche 8 Trinity St.	£29.91	£22.43	-	£22.43
James Grattan 5 Whiterock View	£44.87	£33.65	-	£33.65
Kathleen Page 7 Whiterock View	£44.87	£33.65	-	£33.65
Mary Jones 15 Whiterock View	£44.87	£33.65	-	£33.65
Edward Carroll 40 Whiterock View	£49.85	£37.39	-	£37.39
John Reck 42 Whiterock View	£49.85	£37.39	-	£37.39
Elizabeth Murphy 50 Whiterock View	£49.85	£37.39	£37.39	-
Margaret Goggins 51 Whiterock View	£54.84	£41.13	-	£41.13
Josephine O'Neill 22 William St.	£39.88	£29.91	£29.91	-
Kathleen Harpur 26 William St.	£32.41	£24.31	£24.31	-
Ellen Sheridan 43 William St.	£54.84	£41.13	£2.13	£39.00

NAME AND ADDRESS :	TOTAL RATES 1977	75% OF TOTAL RATES PAYABLE	RECOMMENDED WAIVER	AMOUNT PAYABLE
Mary Heron 45 William Street	£39.88	£29.91	£29.91	-
John J. Walsh 47 William Street	£47.36	£35.52	-	£35.52
Sarah Higginbotham 48 William Street	£39.88	£29.91	£29.91	-
Eileen Duggan 60 William Street	£39.88	£29.91	£29.91	-
Gladys Morgan 64 William Street	£39.88	£29.91	£29.91	-
Margaret O'Leary 72 William Street	£39.88	£29.91	£29.91	-
Mary A. Dolan 6 Wygram Place	£39.88	£29.91	£16.91	£13.00
Mary Phillips Wygram Place	£79.76	£59.82	£59.82	-
Nicholas Cullen 102 The Faythe	£64.81	£48.61	£9.61	£39.00
Patrick Bierney 2 Whiterock View	£49.85	£37.39	£37.39	-
Joseph Byrne 27 William Street	£42.75	£32.06	-	£32.06
Alphonsus Mahon 10 Davitt Rd Nth.	£49.85	£37.39	-	£37.39
Bridget Carty 6 Upper Bride St.	£29.91	£22.43	£22.43	-
Ellen Rossiter 7 Dempseys Tce.	£59.82	£44.87	£44.87	-
Anastatia Neville 55 Upr. John St.	£63.81	£47.86	£47.86	-
Mary Johnson 80 Upr. John St.	£54.84	£41.13	£28.13	£13.00
Mary Sheridan 3 Joseph Street	£34.90	£26.18	£26.18	-
Lorna Molloy 98 Kennedy Park	£84.76	£63.57	£50.57	£13.00
Lena Murphy 7 Kevin Barry St.	£19.94	£14.96	£14.96	-
Mary Morris 9 Lr. King St.	£59.82	£44.87	£44.87	-
Wm. King 48 King Street	£29.91	£22.43	-	£22.43

NAME AND ADDRESS :	TOTAL RATES 1977	75% OF TOTAL RATES PAYABLE	RECOMMENDED WAIVER	AMOUNT PAYABLE
Mary Stafford 84 South Main St.	£69.79	£52.34	£52.34	-
Thomas O'Neill 13 Mannix Place	£84.76	£63.57	£37.57	£26.00
Margaret M. Sweetman 3A Mary Street	£32.41	£24.31	£24.31	-
Mary A. Byrne 5 Mary Street	£29.91	£22.43	£22.43	-
Elizabeth Salmon 9 Mary Street	£27.42	£20.57	£20.57	-
Anne Blake Maudlintown	£92.23	£69.17	£69.17	-
Sarah Kelly 17 Michael Street	£37.39	£28.04	-	£28.04
Mary Lynch 20 Michael Street	£37.39	£28.04	£28.04	-
Edward Hopkins 45 McDermott Tce.	£89.73	£67.30	£28.30	£39.00
Mary K. Murphy 2 O'Connell Ave.	£49.85	£37.39	£37.39	-
Margaret Mahon 4 O'Connell Ave.	£49.85	£37.39	£37.39	-
Francis A. Keating 8 O'Connell Ave.	£49.85	£37.39	£9.39	£26.00
Margaret Rossiter 13 O'Connell Ave.	£49.85	£37.39	£37.39	-
Francis Bolger 17 Corish Park	£84.76	£63.57	£50.57	£13.00
John Lacey 6 Barrack Street	£17.48	£13.11	£13.11	-
Mary Cole 2 Upr. Barrack St.	£39.88	£29.91	-	£29.91
Patrick Walsh 8 Upr. Barrack St.	£44.87	£33.65	-	£33.65
Catherine Scahill 8 Batt Street	£32.90	£24.68	£24.68	-
Mary O'Keefe 6 Bride Place	£34.90	£26.18	£26.18	-
Mary Crofton 6 Bride Street	£22.43	£16.83	£3.83	£13.00
Mary Conway 1 Carrigeen Street	£39.88	£29.91	£29.91	-

NAME AND ADDRESS :	TOTAL RATES 1977	75% OF TOTAL RATES PAYABLE	RECOMMENDED WAIVER	AMOUNT PAYABLE
Edward Hall 4 Carrigeen Street	£24.93	£18.70	-	£18.70
Mary O'Connor 12 Carrigeen Street	£39.88	£29.91	£29.91	-
James Bergin 18 Carrigeen Street	£34.90	£26.18	£26.18	-
Peter Ruttledge 8 Casa Rio	£139.58	£104.69	£78.69	£26.00
James Dempsey 5 Clifford Street	£39.88	£29.91	£29.91	-
Patrick Butler 13 Clifford Street	£39.88	£29.91	£29.91	-
Catherine Duggan 11 Columba Villas	£54.84	£41.13	£41.13	-
Patrick J. Roche 62 Davitt Rd. Nth	£84.76	£63.57	-	£63.57
Christine Roche 6 Davitt Rd. Sth.	£49.85	£37.39	£37.39	-
Nicholas Roche 12 Davitt Rd. Sth.	£49.85	£37.39	£37.39	-
William Dodd 14A Davitt Rd. Sth.	£84.76	£63.57	£24.57	£39.00
Annie Dempsey 20 Davitt Rd. Sth.	£84.76	£63.57	£63.57	-
James Hayes 24 Davitt Rd. Sth.	£84.76	£63.57	£63.57	-
Betty Walsh 28 Davitt Rd. Sth.	£84.76	£63.57	£63.57	-
Thomas Brennan 5 Devereux Vls.	£49.85	£37.39	£37.39	-
Mary A. Byrne 16 Devereux Vls.	£49.85	£37.39	£37.39	-
Thomas McEvoy 19 Distillery Rd.	£39.88	£29.91	£16.91	£13.00
Mary Doyle 16 Dolphin Road	£39.88	£29.91	£29.91	-
Catherine Kehoe 10 The Faythe	£39.88	£29.91	£29.91	-
Elizabeth Crosbie 28 The Faythe	£34.90	£26.18	-	£26.18
Bridget Browne 29 The Faythe	£24.93	£18.70	£18.70	-
Annie Kavanagh 32 The Faythe	£39.88	£29.91	£29.91	-

NAME AND ADDRESS :	TOTAL RATES 1977	75% OF TOTAL RATES PAYABLE	RECOMMENDED WAIVER	AMOUNT PAYABLE
Mary & Anna Wade 33 The Faythe	£22.43	£16.82	-	£16.82
Florrie Duggan 43 The Faythe	£14.96	£11.22	£11.22	-
John Furlong 81 The Faythe	£27.42	£20.57	-	£20.57
James Kehoe 83 The Faythe	£22.43	£16.82	-	£16.82
Margaret Murphy 110 The Faythe	£39.88	£29.91	£29.91	-
Charles W. Webster 139 The Faythe	£44.87	£33.65	£33.65	-
Peter Dempsey 144 The Faythe	£69.79	£52.34	£26.34	£26.00
Margaret Lacey 154 The Faythe	£64.81	£48.61	£9.61	£39.00
Anastasia Molloy 167 The Faythe	£39.88	£29.91	£29.91	-
Margaret Gaddren 1 Francis Street	£34.90	£26.18	£26.18	-
Kathleen Donnolly 3 Lr. George St.	£159.52	£119.64	£119.64	-
Michael J. Doyle 5 Upper George St.	£54.84	£41.13	£15.13	£26.00
Bridie Benson 16 Upr. George St.	£159.52	£119.64	-	£119.64
Violet B. Frizelle 18 Upr. George St.	£159.52	£119.64	£93.64	£26.00
Thomas Doyle 10A Green St.	£49.85	£37.40	-	£37.40
Bridget Byrne 31 Gulbar Road	£44.87	£33.65	-	£33.65
John Layne 13 Hantoon Road	£44.87	£33.65	-	£33.65
John Ruttledge 33 Hantoon Road	£44.87	£33.65	-	£33.65
Mary Carroll 9 Harbour View	£44.87	£33.65	£33.65	-
Johanna Reynolds 25 High Street	£69.79	£52.34	£52.34	-
Mary Lacey 50 High Street	£49.87	£37.40	-	£37.40
Elizabeth Webster 56 High Street	£49.87	£37.40	-	£37.40
Annie Furlong 1 Hill Street	£27.42	£20.57	£20.57	-

NAME AND ADDRESS :	TOTAL RATES 1977	75% OF TOTAL RATES PAYABLE	RECOMMENDED WAIVER	AMOUNT PAYABLE
Josephine Rossiter 17 Hill Street	£27.42	£20.57	£20.57	-
Ellen Cullimore 35 Lr. John St.	£22.43	£16.82	£16.82	-
Bridget Murphy 47 Lr. John St.	£27.42	£20.57	£20.57	-
Mary A. Savage 24 Upr. John St.	£19.94	£14.96	-	£14.96
Mary E. Doyle Wellington Place	£69.79	£52.34	£52.34	-
George Crosbie 6 Saltee Ave.	£39.88	£29.91	£3.91	£26.00
Edward Carroll 40 Whiterock View	£49.85	£37.39	-	£37.39
Margaret Meade 3 The Faythe	£44.87	£33.65	£33.65	-
Ellen Furlong 36 John St. Upr.	£34.90	£26.18	-	£26.18
Anna Cullen 66 William St.	£39.88	£29.91	£29.91	-
Margaret Keeling 20 Antelope Road	£44.87	£33.65	£33.65	-
James Doherty 18 Dolphin Road	£39.88	£29.91	£29.91	-
Mary Moran 45 Commercial Quay	£119.64	£89.73	£89.73	-
Ursula Redmond 5 William Street Upr.	£34.90	£26.18	£26.18	-
Josephine Byrne 52 William Street	£39.88	£29.91	£29.91	-
M. Bergin 8 Gibson Street	£54.84	£41.13	£41.13	-
Christine Roche 6 Davitt Road Sth.	£49.86	£37.40	£37.40	-
Ann O'Leary 4 Mary Street	£32.40	£24.30	£24.30	-
Mary E. Furlong 36 Upr. John St.	£34.90	£26.18	-	£26.18
Catherine Kehoe 10 The Faythe	£29.91	£22.43	£9.43	£13.00
Kathleen Brennan 11 Bride Street	£22.43	£16.82	£16.82	-
Margaret Doyle 38 Upr. John St.	£34.90	£26.18	£26.18	-
Hugh Duignan 87 The Faythe	£22.43	£16.82	£16.82	-

NAME AND ADDRESS:	TOTAL RATES 1977	75% OF TOTAL RATES PAYABLE	RECOMMENDED WAIVER	AMOUNT PAYABLE
Edward Marsh, 20 Ram Street	39.88	29.91	29.91	-
Henry J. Roberts 3 Lower King Street	22.43	16.82	3.82	13.00
Nancy Doyle 2 Wellington Place	69.79	52.34	52.34	-
K. Lewis 7 B Lower Bride Street	22.43	16.82	3.82	13.00
E. Cullimore 35 Lower John Street	22.43	16.82	16.82	-
Mrs. T. Doyle 31 John Street	19.94	14.96	1.96	13.00
Josephine Byrne St. Johns Drive	139.58	104.69	-	104.69
James Brennan 4 Bride Place	29.91	22.43	-	22.43
Margaret Rossiter 13 O'Connell Avenue St. Johns Rd.,	49.85	37.39	37.39	-
Josephine Roche 12 Hill Street	39.99	29.91	29.91	-
A. Bent Waterloo Road	74.78	56.08	56.08	-
Bridget Benson 16 Upper George Street	159.52	119.64	-	119.64

APPLICATIONS FROM CORPORATION TENANTS

NAME AND ADDRESS	TOTAL RATES 1977	75% OF TOTAL RATES PAYABLE	RECOMMENDED WAIVER	AMOUNT PAYABLE
Bridget Kearney 59 Wolfe Tone Villas	44.87	33.65	33.65	-
Margaret Kells, 27 Wolfe Tone Villas	44.87	33.65	33.65	-
Michael Launder 57 Whiterock View	54.84	41.13	-	41.13
Thomas Murphy 45 Whiterock View	44.87	33.65	7.65	26.00
Mary O'Brien 41 Whiterock View	44.87	33.65	33.65	-
Mary Doyle 34 Whiterock View	49.85	37.39	37.39	-
George Fenlon 82 Whitemill Road	84.76	63.57	50.57	13.00
Annie Marlowe 14 Tuskar View	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Stella Flusk 5 Trinity Street	29.91	22.43	22.43	-
Peter White 3 Trinity Street	29.91	22.43	22.43	-
Sheila Murphy 12 Thomas Clarke Place	84.76	63.57	22.43	-
Walter Carley 11 Thomas Clarke Place	84.76	63.57	50.57	13.00
Mary J. Price 62 Talbot Green	84.76	63.57	-	63.57
Patrick McCarthy 49 Talbot Green	84.76	63.57	50.57	13.00
Stella Cullimore 34 Talbot Green	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Ita Gallagher 11 St. Aidans Crescent	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Josie Scallan 50 St. Aidans Crescent	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Robert V. Kelly 73 St. Aidans Crescent	84.76	63.57	24.57	39.00
Elizabeth Pitman 10 Saltee Avenue Maudlintown	39.88	29.91	29.91	-
Margaret Moran 6 Roches Terrace	34.90	26.18	-	26.18
Mary Leader 5 Marian Row	49.85	37.39	37.39	-
Elizabeth Conway 20 John's Gate Street	54.84	41.13	41.13	-
Mary Black 19 John's Gate Street	59.82	44.87	44.87	-

NAME AND ADDRESS	TOTAL RATES 1977	75% OF TOTAL RATES PAYABLE	RECOMMENDED WAIVER	AMOUNT PAYABLE
Mary Grannell 18 John's Gate Street	54.84	41.13	41.13	-
Catherine Doyle 17 John's Gate Street	59.82	44.87	5.87	39.00
Mary O'Brien 16 John's Gate Street	54.84	41.13	2.13	39.00
John Canning 15 John's Gate Street	59.82	44.87	5.87	39.00
Mrs. Tierney 14 John's Gate Street	54.84	41.13	-	41.13
Christina Moran 13 John's Gate Street	59.82	44.87	31.87	13.00
Joseph Dodd 12 John's Gate Street	54.84	41.13	41.13	-
Patrick Doyle 11 John's Gate Street	59.82	44.87	5.87	39.00
Elizabeth Coghlan 10 John's Gate Street	54.84	41.13	41.13	-
Sarah Hynes 9 John's Gate Street	59.82	44.87	31.87	13.00
Mary Cowman 7 John's Gate Street	59.82	44.87	44.87	-
G. Blake 6 John's Gate Street	54.84	41.13	41.13	-
Patrick Redmond 4 John's Gate Street	54.84	41.13	41.13	-
Thomas F. Byrne 3 John's Gate Street	59.82	44.87	44.87	-
Eva Ross 1 John's Gate Street	59.82	44.87	44.87	-
Martha Carroll 22 Lower John Street Flats	39.88	29.91	29.91	-
Margaret Cunningham 21 Lower John Street Flats	39.88	29.91	29.91	-
Margaret Browne 20 Lower John Street Flats	39.88	29.91	29.91	-
Mary Kate O'Neill 15 Lower John Street Flats	39.88	29.91	29.91	-
Elizabeth Kinsella 9 Lower John Street Flats	44.87	33.65	33.65	-
Mary Sinnott 8 Lower John Street Flats	44.87	33.65	20.65	13.00
Anne Daly 7 Lower John Street Flats	44.87	33.65	20.65	13.00
Annie O'Neill 4 Lower John Street Flats	44.87	33.65	20.65	13.00
Anne Roice 29 Hill Street	27.42	20.57	20.57	-
James O'Brien 29 Gulbar Road Mandlinton	44.87	33.65	33.65	-

NAME AND ADDRESS	TOTAL RATES 1977	75% OF TOTAL RATES PAYABLE	RECOMMENDED WAIVER	AMOUNT PAYABLE
Hannah Meyler 21 Gulbar Road, Maudlintown	44.87	33.65	-	33.65
Mary Ann Murphy 1 Gulbar Road, Maudlintown	44.87	33.65	-	33.65
Josephine Byrne 33 Davitt Road South	84.76	63.57	50.65	13.00
Kathleen Furlong 38 Davitt Road North	84.76	63.57	50.65	13.00
Kathleen McGrath 24 Davitt Road North	49.85	37.39	37.39	-
Bridget Rossiter 22 Davitt Road North	49.85	37.39	37.39	-
Mary O'Neill 126 Corish Park	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Matthew Grannell 119 Corish Park	84.76	63.57	24.57	39.00
Hanna Sheil 87 Corish Park	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Margaret Walsh 41 Corish Park	84.76	63.57	37.57	26.00
John Boyce 20 Corish Park	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Joseph James 5 Corish Park	84.76	63.57	24.57	39.00
Catherine Reville 11 College View	34.90	26.18	26.18	-
Nora O'Brien 10 College View	34.90	26.18	26.18	-
Alice Byrne 7 College View	34.90	26.18	26.18	-
J. Whelan 5 College View	34.90	26.18	26.18	-
Mary Corish 4 College View	34.90	26.18	13.18	13.00
Josephine Swords 3 College View	34.90	26.18	26.18	-
Margaret Ann Ryan 2 College View	34.90	26.18	26.18	-
John Cullen 1 College View	34.90	26.18	13.18	13.00
Robert McGuire 118 Bishopswater	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Bridget Roche 108 Bishopswater	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Kathleen Murphy 102 Bishopswater	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Ellen Mernagh 91 Bishopswater	84.76	63.57	37.57	26.00
Alice Bennett 69 Bishopswater	84.76	63.57	63.57	-

NAME AND ADDRESS	TOTAL RATES 1977	75% OF TOTAL RATES PAYABLE	RECOMMENDED WAIVER	AMOUNT PAYABLE
James Kells 60 Bishopswater	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Mary Murphy 52 Bishopswater	84.76	63.57	24.57	39.00
Mary Ellen Murphy 48 Bishopswater	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Mary K. Nolan 33 Bishopswater	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
James Morris 20 Bernadette Place	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
John Wade 17 Bernadette Place	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Michael O'Neill 10 Bernadette Place	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Walter Cousins 2 Bernadette Place	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
John Byrne 26 Antelope Road	44.87	33.65	-	33.65
William McCabe 32 Antelope Road	44.87	33.65	33.65	-
Michael Reck 3 Corish Park	84.76	63.57	24.57	39.00
Aidan Roche 110 Bishopswater	84.76	63.57	37.57	26.00
Thomas Hayes 10 Mannix Place	84.76	63.57	24.51	39.00
John J. Byrne 44 Talbot Street	84.76	63.57	24.51	39.00
Luke Byrne 89 Bishopswater	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Agnes Cullimore 7 St. Aidans Crescent	84.76	63.57	37.57	26.00

APPLICATIONS FROM TENANT PURCHASERS

NAME AND ADDRESS	TOTAL RATES 1977	75% OF TOTAL RATES PAYABLE	RECOMMENDED WAIVER	AMOUNT PAYABLE
Mary Wilde 13 Columba Villas	54.84	41.13	41.13	-
Sean & Mary Lucking 36 Davitt Road North	84.76	63.57	24.57	39.00
Patrick Furlong 26 Davitt Road South	84.76	63.57	24.57	39.00
Mary Parle 30 Davitt Road South	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Mary Walsh 14 Distillery Road	39.88	29.91	29.91	-
Margaret Crosbie 118 The Faythe	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Mary Anne Doyle 47 Hantoon Road Maudlintown	44.87	33.65	33.65	-
William Carroll 20 Mannix Place	84.76	63.57	37.57	26.00
Patrick Browne 41 McDermott Terrace	89.73	67.30	28.30	39.00
Thomas J. Rossiter, 25 St. Aidans Crescent	84.76	63.57	-	63.57
Patrick Duffin 1 Trinity Street	29.91	22.43	-	22.43
Frances Margaret Dempsey 11 Trinity Street	29.91	22.43	22.43	-
Liam Murphy 53 Whiterock View	54.84	41.13	41.13	-
Johanna Furlong 66 St. Aidans Crescent	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Gertrude Kehoe 74 St. Aidans Crescent	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
Teresa Murphy 25 Fishers Row	84.76	63.57	-	63.57
Stella Larkin 6 Fishers Row	84.76	63.57	63.57	-
P.J. Broaders 4 Corish Park	84.76	63.57	-	63.57
Stella Burke 131 Corish Park	84.76	63.57	-	63.57
Alice Tierney 33 Whiterock View	44.87	33.65	33.65	-
Ed. Carroll 40 Whiterock View	49.85	37.39	-	37.39

It was agreed that further investigation be carried out in the following cases :-

APPLICATIONS FROM PRIVATE HOUSES:

NAME AND ADDRESS:

Sarah Burke, 9 Parnell Street
Kathleen Morris, St. John's Road
Thomas Doyle, St. John's Avenue
Patrick Goggins, 79 Whitemill Road
John J. Smith, 39 Whiterock View
John Tottenham, 9 Saltee Avenue
Annie Meyler, 2 McDonagh Street
Mary Kelly, 54 Bishopswater
Mary Ellen Curran, 38 Abbey Street
James Turner, 2 Commercial Quay
Patrick Murphy, 11 Casa Rio
Thomas Lacey, 3 Charlotte Street
Thomas Harpur, 72 The Faythe
Jenny Fennell, 11 Lower George Street
Elizabeth Doris, 3 Glens Terrace
John F. Sinnott, 1 Grattan Terrace
Michael Culleton, 16 Hill Street
Susan Doyle, 9 St. Johns Avenue
Sadie Fenlon, 14 Castlehill Street
Emily Broderick, 3 Mary Street

APPLICATIONS FROM CORPORATION TENANTS:

Bridget Harpur, 18 John Street Lower (Flats)

APPLICATIONS FROM TENANT PURCHASERS:

Myles Anthony Wilde, 14 Corish Park

The meeting then terminated.

And Doyle

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEE OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC
SERVICES UNION HELD AT MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ON TUESDAY
17th MAY 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle,
presided.

Alderman : Peter Roche

Councillors : T.F. Byrne, K. Morris,
John Roche.

Representatives of Union :

Mr. F. Finlay, Assistant General Secretary,
Local Government and Public Services Union.

Miss A. Walsh, Chairman, Local Branch.

Mr. A. Doyle, Branch Treasurer.

Mr. W. Ringwood, Branch Committee Member.

Staff Present :

Mr. F.W. Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

Mr. J. Kennedy, Borough Accountant.

The Union representatives submitted that the volume of work in the Corporation justified the creation of two additional post of Clerical Officers - one for a General Purposes Department and one for the Accounting Department. Apart from the volume of work relative to staff numbers, the consequential level of responsibility for each individual member of the staff was far in excess of comparative grades in other local authorities.

The Town Clerk submitted the following information :-

The Corporation employed three clerical officers in 1965 and the increase in the number of staff did not reflect the additional following volume of work :-

No. of Planning Applications

<u>1965</u>	<u>1976</u>
91	241

New Schemes Introduced.

Planning Act 1963 - operative date 1st October 1964

Rates Waiver Scheme - introduced 1971

Number of applications for Waiver
for 1977 310

National Differential
Rent Scheme - Operative date July 1973
additional Clerical Officer appointed

Rates Instalment Scheme

Swimming Pool/Caravan Park Complex

Industrial Estate

Tenant Purchase Scheme - at present processing applications
for pre July 1973 scheme and three
post July 1973 schemes.

The following functions were only partially or not being
implemented :-

Minimum Estate Management

Housing Bye-Laws

Derelict Sites

Schemes for Improvement to sub-standard houses

Submission to Department of Urban Road Improvement Schemes

Increase in Technical Staff :-

Additional post of Assistant Borough Engineer created in
1966 and Technician post in 1975 with consequential increase in
administrative work flow.

The members present appreciated the staff problem and
explained their role in representing the public and the difficulty
caused by a lack of effective communication between the members
and the staff.

It was generally agreed that the Meeting had promoted
a clearer understanding of the respective and complimentary roles
of members and staff.

The meeting then terminated.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD
ON TUESDAY, 7th JUNE 1977

The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle,
presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, J. Jenkins,
T.F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

An apology for inability to attend was received from
Alderman Philip Corish and Peter Roche, and Councillors
J. Furlong and T.Carr.

TAKING OF CHAIR

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded
by Councillor J. Flaherty, it was agreed in the absence of the
Mayor that Alderman J. Mahoney take the chair.

The Mayor Mrs. A. Doyle on arrival took the chair
during the reception of the Deputation.

RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM THE TRUSTEES OF
THE REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK

The deputation consisted of :-

M/s H. Coffey, Ray Corish and W. Walsh.

The members of the deputation stated that the
Trustees had no resources with which to develop the Redmond
Memorial Hall and requested the Corporation to take over the
building and site and that the accrued rates due on the building
be remitted.

It was noted that the Light Opera Society had withdrawn
from the offer of the building.

The members of the deputation answered questions from
the members and having thanked the members for receiving them withdrew.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Jenkins and seconded by
Councillor John Roche, it was agreed that the Corporation accept the
offer, subject to clarification of the malicious injury claim and any
indemnity which may have been provided by an Insurance Company.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle,
the members present passed a vote of sympathy with the daughter and
relatives of the late Mr. Eugene Curtin N.T. a former member of the
Borough Council and with the husband and relatives of the late Mrs.
Oliver Foley.

The members referred to the outstanding qualities of the late Mr. Curtin and in particular his dedication as a teacher and his tremendous contribution to the public life and interest of the town.

The County Manager, on behalf of the staff, wished to be associated with the vote of sympathy.

SPECIAL MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

It was agreed that a Special Meeting of the Borough Council to consider outstanding items be held on Monday, 27th June, 1977, at 7.30 p.m.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The Town Clerk informed the members that a meeting for the Election of Mayor must be held not more than 14 days before or after the 28th June, 1977.

It was agreed that the Meeting for the Election of Mayor be held on Monday, 11th July, 1977.

TOWNPARKS HOUSING SCHEME - STAGE 2 PRESENTATION OF SLIDES BY OFFICIALS OF NATIONAL BUILDING AGENCY

The County Manager introduced Mr. P. Donoghue, Administrative Officer and Mr. B. Keely, Architect, and informed the members that the purpose of the presentation was to give them an opportunity of discussing the layout and house types. This was an important aspect of the planning and implementation stage of any housing scheme as the Corporation were building a neighbourhood.

During the presentation and discussion the following features of the scheme were noted :-

- 80 3 bedroomed houses.
- 10 4 bedroomed houses.
- 11 2 bedroomed houses.
- 1 Shop
- 40 Sites for Leasing.
- Provision of Recreational Playing Area.
- Elevational treatment with red brick and red hanging tiles at focal points.
- Screen walls where appropriate to be of concrete block construction.
- Front boundary walls would be of similar construction to the screen walls.
- Front garden division fences would be high concrete post and rail.
- Rere garden boundary fences would be high chainlink on concrete post.
- Rere garden division fences would be concrete post and three strands of wire.
- Seperate W.C. and Bathroom in larger houses.
- On curtilage car parking for all of the three and four bedroomed houses and provision would be made for visitor car parking generally in relation

to the eleven small family type dwellings.

- Fuel store.

The members expressed satisfaction with the layout and house types and recommended, if possible, that the carriageway width be increased to 24 ft. The problem of maintenance of grass margins and in particular incidental open spaces was referred to and it was hoped that there would be a joint effort of the Corporation and the new community in the maintenance of these.

The members also agreed to visit N.B.A. Schemes at the invitation of the Agency.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor John Roche, the Council adopted the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting held on 2nd May, 1977 - the Adjourned Statutory Meeting held on 9th May, 1977 - the Special Meeting held on 17th May, 1977.

REPORTS OF :-

1. Meeting of Sub-Committee of Borough Council with representatives of the Local Government and Public Services Union on 17th May, 1977.
2. Meeting of Swimming Pool Sub-Committee.

The foregoing reports which had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting were noted by the members.

FOOTPATHS ON RECONSTRUCTED ROADS

The following motion in the names of Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor John Roche was adopted :-

"That this Corporation requests that in the event of any reconstruction on the following roads Whitemill to New Line, Bishopswater/Duncannon, Mulgannon, Clonard Church to Clonard Cross, Coolcotts and extension to Newtown, that provision be made for pedestrians".

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN -

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1963 - SECTION 20
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1976 - SECTION 34.

It was agreed that the following motion in the name of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne be considered in conjunction with the item dealing with Review of Development Plan.

"That the possibility of reviewing and revising the Wexford Town Development Plan be seriously considered".

The Manager informed the members that the Development Plan was due for review prior to November, 1977, but that because of shortage of technical staff it would not be possible to carry out the review prior to the statutory date. Having discussed the matter with the Borough Surveyor he proposed that the Wexford County Council Planning Staff carry out the review on the basis of the

following priority :-

1. Plan for Urban Environs.
2. Plan for Coastal Zone.
3. Plan for Towns.
4. Plan for remainder of County.

On the foregoing basis it would be necessary to request the Minister for Local Government to extend the date for the review of the Development Plan to November, 1978.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty, it was agreed that in accordance with Section 20 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1963 as amended by Section 43 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1976 the Minister for Local Government be requested to extend the statutory date for the review of the Development Plan from November, 1977 to November, 1978.

DIRECT LABOUR ON HOUSING SCHEMES

It was agreed that the following motion in the name of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne be considered in conjunction with the report on the introduction of Direct Labour into Local Authority Housing Schemes at the Special Borough Council Meeting on 27th June, 1977.

"That this Council call on the Government and opposition party to give a commitment to amend the legislation whereby Local Authorities are not permitted to employ workers on Direct Labour schemes for more than 40 hours per week".

GARAGES AT BULL RING

The following motion proposed by Councillors K. Morris and Alderman F. Byrne, was considered :-

"That the County Manager have another look at the proposed increase of rent on garages in Market Place".

The Town Clerk informed the members that the rent for the nine spaces had been increased from £12.00 to £50.00 per annum and also that the £12.00 had applied since 1960.

Following discussion it was recommended that the rent be increased from £12.00 to £25.00 per annum for 1977 and that the rent be reviewed for future years.

DIRECTIONAL SIGN TO COOLCOTTS

The following motion proposed by Councillor K. Morris and seconded by Councillor J. Roche, was adopted :-

"That a sign be erected at a suitable point directing people to Coolcotts".

It was also requested that the provision of a directional sign to New Ross be also examined.

POOL TABLES AND POOL HALLS

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That the erection of a Pool Hall or the change of use of an existing building into a Pool Hall would require planning permission. It was not considered that the provision of Pool Tables in existing lounges required planning permission as there would not be a change of the primary use and the Pool Tables would only be regarded as incidental use.

STREET SWEEPING

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That the back avenues of Talbot Green, the pramwalks of Kennedy Park and Bishopswater are swept weekly.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That the Corporation having first agreed the amount of a malicious injury claim opposes every claim to ensure that malice is proved.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk read a request from the Secretary of the St. Patrick's Fife and Drum Band, Wexford, requesting that the Corporation grant a site at the rear of the car park in Bride Street on which to erect a band room.

It was agreed that the application be considered and a further report submitted.

HOUSING APPLICATION - MRS. ELLEN SHORTT, 55 ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT

The Town Clerk explained the circumstances of this case and it was recommended that Mrs. Shortt be considered as an emergency housing applicant.

The Meeting then terminated.

Amie Day

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD
ON MONDAY 27th JUNE 1977

The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle
presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Philip Corish,
Peter Roche.

Councillors : K. Morris, J. Jenkins, J. Roche,
J. Furlong, J. O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from
Alderman F. Byrne and Councillor T. Carr.

In attendance : Mr. M.N. Dillon, County Manager,
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Engineer,
Mr. J. Kennedy, Acting Town Clerk.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Before the official business of the meeting began
it was proposed by Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by
Alderman Peter Roche that a vote of sympathy be passed with
the relatives of the late Garry Doyle, a former employee of
the Corporation.

The County Manager, on behalf of the staff, wished
also to be associated with the vote of sympathy.

The members also wished the Town Clerk, Mr. Frank
Kavanagh, a speedy recovery.

WATER QUALITY REPORT - WEXFORD HARBOUR

The County Manager stated that the quality of the
water in Wexford Harbour was investigated. He further stated
that some localised areas required further study, particularly
the area at Maudlintown.

He suggested that a preliminary investigation be
carried out with a view to providing a sewerage treatment works.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by
Alderman P. Corish, it was agreed that the County Manager go
ahead with the preliminary report.

The Mayor stated that "No Bathing" signs should
be placed at "the safe" at Maudlintown as some bathers in the
area had got ill.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of The Mayor and seconded by
Councillor K. Morris, the Minutes of monthly meeting held on
7th June, 1977, were adopted.

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It was decided that the Health Authority should be asked to investigate possible health hazards in the area of the beach at Maudlintown.

Councillor J. Jenkins enquired if an extension of the existing sewer would remedy the situation in the short term.

The Manager stated that he felt that an extension of the existing sewerage would not be of much benefit.

Councillor J. Furlong enquired if the Manager would consult with the Maudlintown Anti Pollution Committee.

The Manager stated that he knew the members feelings on the issue and he would take the necessary action.

Alderman P. Corish enquired if there were any E.E.C. grants available in this instance. The Co. Manager stated that E.E.C. grants were paid only to the exchequer.

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE MATERNITY LEAVE - CLERK TYPIST

The Acting Town Clerk explained that as a result of recent legislation whereby female officers were allowed to work after marriage, one of the Corporation's Clerk Typists had been granted three months maternity leave. A temporary Clerk Typist had to be employed, meaning excess of £750 over the amount provided in the 1977 Estimates.

The excess of expenditure in the sum of £750 was agreed.

ABBEY STREET IMPROVEMENTS - REMOVAL OF HOUSE NO. 26 GEORGE STREET

The Acting Town Clerk read a letter from the Physical Amenities Committee commenting on the Corporation's proposal to demolish No. 26 George Street.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Corporation's proposal to demolish the house should be adhered to.

FIELD AT ABBEY CINEMA

Councillor J. Jenkins enquired if the Corporation could investigate the possibility of buying the field beside the Abbey Cinema for housing purposes. The County Manager said he would investigate this matter and report back to the Corporation.

OLD FOLKS HOUSES AT TALBOT GREEN

The Acting Town Clerk read a letter signed by 21 residents of Talbot Green objecting to the Corporation's proposal to build Old Folks Houses in front of the existing houses at Talbot Green.

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor K. Morris and agreed that the Corporation proceed with the proposal to erect Old Folks Houses at Talbot Green.

It was further decided that the Corporation invite a deputation from the residents of Talbot Green to discuss the proposal at the next meeting of the Corporation.

Councillor J. Jenkins enquired if the area of the proposed houses could be marked out.

The Borough Engineer stated that this could be done if necessary.

DIRECT LABOUR UNIT

Each member had been supplied with a copy of the County Manager's report on considerations involved in setting up a Direct Labour Unit.

The County Manager outlined the main features of the report, pointing out the cost involved in setting up a Direct Labour Unit.

After considerable discussion on the report it was decided to mark the report read.

It was also decided that the Trades Council be given an opportunity of meeting the Council again to discuss the matter further.

PREMISES AT 53 SOUTH MAIN STREET

The Acting Town Clerk read a letter from Michael Murphy, 53 South Main Street, concerning damage being done to his premises by heavy vehicles attempting to gain access to the Main Street from Cinema Lane. It was decided to refer this matter to the Gardai.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

The Acting Town Clerk read a letter from the Secretary of Association of Municipal Authorities which stated that the Annual Conference of the Association would be held in Dundalk on 20th, 21st and 22nd September. Motion which the Corporation may wish to submit must be received by the Secretary by 19th August.

MAYORAL ELECTION

The Acting Town Clerk read a letter received from the Administrator of Wexford Arts Centre confirming that the main gallery would be available for the Mayoral Election on 11th July 1977.

NO DUMPING SIGNS AT CORISH PARK

The Acting Town Clerk read a letter from residents in Corish Park complaining about the erection of two "No Dumping" signs in the area, and also stating that people from other housing estates were removing soil from the Corish Park Green.

It was decided that the Borough Engineer investigate these matters.

ST. JOHN OF GOD SCHOOL THE FAYTHE

The Acting Town Clerk read a letter from Sister M. Teresa Joseph, Principal, St. John of God School, The Faythe, requesting permission to use Corporation land in The Faythe for Physical Education purposes during the school year.

It was decided to grant permission and also congratulate the School on its recent sports which were a great success.

KNOCK CHURCH - SHELTER

The Acting Town Clerk read a letter from J.T. Balfe Architect, concerning the new Church Shelter at Knock, Co. Mayo, which has 32 pillars surrounding it, each one representing a county. The letter requested permission to use the crest of the Borough to represent County Wexford.

It was decided that permission be granted.

SOUTHERN MOVEMENT FOR PEACE

The Mayor stated that she had received notification from the Southern Movement for Peace concerning a Conference held on June 23rd. The notification did not arrive in time for the Corporation to consider it.

It was decided to write to the Southern Movement for Peace expressing the Corporation's support and also requesting more notice concerning their meetings etc.

N.B.A. SCHEME - TOWNPARK COOLCOTTS STAGE 2

The Acting Town Clerk read a letter from the N.B.A. concerning proposed visit by members of the Corporation to the N.B.A. Housing Schemes at Ballybrack and Ronanstown.

It was decided that the visit should take place the first fortnight in September. The Town Clerk to make the necessary arrangements with the N.B.A.

The following motion in the name of Alderman J. Mahoney was adopted :-

"That this Council have the sewerage at Nos. 109 and 110 Liam Mellows Park rectified".

The following motion in the name of Alderman J. Mahoney was adopted :-

"That this Council have the wire fencing at the rere of Browne's Pub replaced by building a brick wall".

Alderman Mahoney was informed that the wire fence in question was the property of Pierces.

It was decided to write to Pierces and request them to replace the wire fence with a wall.

The following motion in the name of Councillor J. Jenkins was adopted :-

"That Mrs. Cullen and Mrs. Murphy be facilitated to purchase the waste ground behind Francis Street".

It was proposed by Councillor Jenkins and seconded by Alderman P. Roche, that Mrs. Cullen and Mrs. Murphy purchase the land in question.

The following motion in the name of Councillor J. Jenkins was adopted :-

"That Wexford Traders on Main Street, alarmed by the general revaluation of their premises at present underway, wish to make it clear they will not shoulder additional rates burdens".

Councillor J. Jenkins said in moving the motion that he had been informed that a general revaluation of the Main Street was in progress.

The motion was seconded by Councillor K. Morris.

The County Manager stated that there was no question of a general revaluation of the Main Street. He further stated that what in fact was taking place was the normal annual valuation revision, which the Corporation was statutorily obliged to do.

Alderman J. Mahoney enquired :-

When will a portion of the land between Bishopswater and Kennedy Park be removed to make a dangerous corner safe to the public ?

It was decided that the Borough Engineer investigate the matter.

Alderman J. Mahoney enquired :-

When will chutes at Nos. 45 Corish Park and 83 Bishopswater, be repaired ?

The Borough Engineer informed the Corporation that he hoped these chutes would be repaired in about 14 days.

Councillor J. Jenkins enquired :-

What is the position re. extending Wexford Town Boundary ?

The County Manager stated that the legislation concerning extensions to local authority boundaries was being amended and that the Corporation should wait until the legislation has been clarified.

The following motion in the name of the Mayor and seconded by Councillor J. Roche was adopted :-

"That serious and immediate consideration be given to the Development Plan of Wexford Town. As it stands at present, serious irrevocable damage could be done to the old town and particularly to that part with the Old Town Walls".

It was decided that the items in the motion be taken into consideration when the Development Plan is reviewed in 1978.

The following motion in the name of the Mayor and seconded by Councillor J. Roche was adopted :-

"That a concerted effort be made to clear the back-log of repairs in the town, particularly those of a serious nature and also long standing problems".

It was decided that every effort be made to speed up the carrying out of repairs.

Her Worship the Mayor enquired :-

When will the sink in No. 41 Kennedy Park be replaced ?

The Borough Engineer stated that the sink was broken by the tenant and it was not Corporation policy to replace it.

Her Worship the Mayor enquired :-

When will the rubble at the rere of John Street, particularly at the rere of No. 5 be removed, as promised ?

The Borough Engineer stated that it would be removed before the end of the month.

The following motion was then unanimously passed by the Corporation:-

"That this Corporation call on the incoming Government to ensure that Pierces, Distillery Road, does not close down".

The following motion was unanimously passed by the Corporation :-

"That we the members of the Wexford Borough Council, conscious of the honour he brought to our town, formally and sincerely congratulate The Tanaiste on his achievements as Leader of the Labour Party".

The meeting then terminated.

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MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD TOWN HALL, CORNMARKEt, WEXFORD, AT 7.30 p.m. ON

11th JULY 1977

The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle,
presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Philip Corish,
Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin C. Morris, John Roche,
Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr,
James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne,
John O'Flaherty.

In attendance : Mr. M.N. Dillon, County Manager,
Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Solicitor,
Mr. J. Kennedy, Borough Accountant,
Mr. F. Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

REVIEW OF CORPORATION POLICY AND DEVELOPMENTS
OVER PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS

The review as outlined on the attached schedule
was noted with approval by the members.

VOTE OF APPRECIATION TO MR. JOHN G. ESMONDE
FORMER T.D.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Jenkins and
seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, the following motion was
unanimously adopted.

"We the members of the Borough Council on
behalf of the people of Wexford record our
appreciation of the public spirited work done
in County Wexford by the Esmonde family over
150 years".

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business of the Quarterly Meeting was
the election of a Mayor who would hold office until a Quarterly
Meeting to be held not more than 14 days before or after 28th
June, 1978, and until a successor had been elected.

Her Worship the Mayor asked for nominations for the office of Mayor and the following were nominated :-

1. Councillor John Roche - Proposed by Alderman P. Roche
Seconded by Councillor K. Morris.
2. Alderman J. Mahoney - Proposed by Alderman P. Corish
Seconded by Councillor T. Carr.

There being no further nominations a poll was taken and resulted as follows :-

For Councillor John Roche :

Aldermen : Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : K. Morris, J. Roche, J. O'Flaherty.

For Alderman J. Mahoney :

Her Worship the Mayor Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle

Aldermen : J. Mahoney, P. Corish.

Councillors : J. Furlong, T. Carr, J. Jenkins.

Councillor T.F. Byrne abstained from voting.

Alderman J. Mahoney having received the greater number of votes the outgoing Mayor formally declared Alderman J. Mahoney to be elected. His Worship the Mayor was then vested with the Robes and Chain of Office and took the Chair.

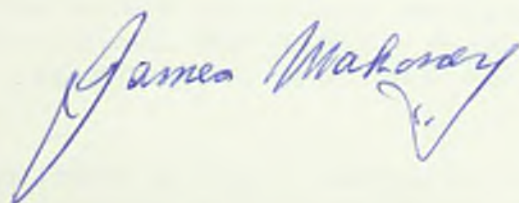
The Mayor thanked all those who had voted for him to this office, congratulated the outgoing Mayor on the excellent manner in which she had carried out her duties during her term of office and stated that he would do everything possible to better the Borough of Wexford.

All the other members then congratulated the Mayor on his election.

SPECIAL MEETING 25th JULY 1977

It was agreed that a Special Meeting of the Borough Council be held at 7.30 p.m. on 25th July, 1977.

The Meeting then terminated.



REVIEW OF CORPORATION POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT OVER
PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS.

On leaving the distinguished office of Mayor of Wexford I consider it opportune to review Corporation policies and programmes and to submit my observations on an on-going overall strategy for the Corporation's contribution to the Economic and Social Development of the Town.

I have always regarded housing as a major social programme of Local Government. Homes for families and the maintenance of the family unit is of prime importance in a christian community. During the year an assessment was made of housing needs for the 5 year period to June, 1981 and a building programme to meet those needs formulated. There is at present under construction 68 dwellings at Townparks and 32 at Abbey Street (9 of which are for Old Folk). A layout has been prepared and considered for a further 101 houses at Townparks and also under consideration is a 15 house Old Folk scheme at Talbot Green. To ensure that land is available for individuals who wish to build their own houses a layout for 40 sites for leasing has been prepared and it is hoped that a housing co-operative group can be formed. Land is also available to meet the remaining needs as assessed. The foregoing is indicative of the constructive and positive approach which has been adopted to ensure a social environment conducive to the health and well being of all our inhabitants.

A major area of concern has been the high level of unemployment. Vital to the maintenance of an environment to ensure Industrial, Commercial and Tourism activity is the development of Rosslare Harbour. The role which the development of the Harbour can have in these three major areas is of unprecedented importance both to Wexford Town and indeed to the entire South Eastern Region. I therefore call on the Government to give an immediate commitment and approval for the development of the Harbour.

I have noted with regret the job losses in industry. The Corporation is acutely conscious of its role to ensure that the infrastructural needs of Industry are adequately provided for and has further land available for Industrial Development. Every encouragement, assistance and co-operation is given to the I.D.A. The Corporation is also a member of the County Development Team and endeavours to play a constructive role in the initiation of studies to ensure the exploitation of the natural wealth of the town and county. For example present studies are in progress to exploit the full potential of the River Slaney. The identification and purchase of such a site along the Slaney with a large quantity of water is regarded as a major input into the potential factory/job creation process. The Corporation has a clear concept of its role in joining with the other statutory authorities, particularly the Wexford County Council and the I.D.A. in ensuring that infrastructural needs are provided and that natural resources are exploited.

I have requested that a short and long term programme for road improvements in the Borough be prepared and co-ordinated with the efforts of Wexford County Council. It is considered that the improvements to the main arteries - viz along the Quays; John St/

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Faythe and the construction of an outer ring road, in conjunction with an overall traffic management plan will provide a road structure essential for the free movement of traffic and commercial activity of the town. It is considered that the foregoing briefly outlined overall road strategy will maintain the character of the town and that conflicting policies can be avoided. I would again call on the Government for a commitment for adequate Road Fund Grants to ensure the implementation of the Road Programmes of both authorities.

The capacity and quality of Water Supply and Sewerage schemes are constantly monitored. It is hoped to commence in the near future an extension to the Water Treatment Works at Newtown which will ensure the maintenance of an adequate supply of treated water for both Industrial and Commercial purposes. It is proposed to instigate a study of the desirability of a sewage treatment works to ensure that the effluents from the town and environs do not in anyway affect the quality and amenity value of Wexford Harbour.

To ensure that future physical development is carried out in an orderly and co-ordinated manner the Development Plan will be reviewed within the next 12 months. I have arranged with the County Manager that the Development Plan for the Urban Environs will be discussed with the Members of the Borough Council within the next few months. I consider the Urban and associated environs to be an integral unit and I have arranged for the initiation of preliminary studies on a proposed Borough Boundary Extension. The co-ordinated review of both plans for the town and environs will ensure that land use zoning for future Housing, Education, Churches, Commercial, Cultural and Amenity activities are complimentary and create a pleasant environment in which to live, a very important pre-requisite in the promotion of Industry and Tourism.

In all the foregoing planning I wish to re-assure the public that the character and charm of the town will be maintained and indeed will form a pleasant contrast with new developments.

In the Corporation's endeavours to further project a progressive image the amenities of the area are being improved on a phased basis. At present a third stage development of the Swimming Pool/Caravan Park complex is in progress. The Swimming Pool is a costly but essential amenity and not only provides for actual swimming, and swimming instructions but also helps in the promotion of swimming and a water safety consciousness particularly among the younger people. The Corporation has recently entered into an agreement with Wexford County Council for the joint operation of the tiphead at Carcur. As a result proper controlled tipping is now being carried out and the ultimate plan is to convert the area into a recreational/amenity area, thus providing not only a valuable amenity but also enhancing the approach road to the town. In early 1976 the Corporation purchased 20 acres of land at The Faythe for open space/recreational facilities. This has proved an invaluable amenity in the area and the Faythe School recently held their annual sports day on these lands. During 1976 also the Corporation purchased play equipment for the Redmond Memorial Park. It is hoped to carry out further improvements this year in conjunction with its policy of phased improvements. In early June I initiated with the County Manager a Tidy Towns Campaign. The basic idea was to promote through the school children a litter consciousness and all the schools in the town were visited by the staff of the Corporation. It is hoped that the scheme will achieve its main objective and indeed be extended next year to include actual amenity works. Another aspect of the Corporation's amenity work is the maintenance of open spaces in Housing Estates. I hope that a joint effort will emerge between the Corporation and the various

Residents Associations to ensure a high standard of open space maintenance.

The foregoing outlines briefly the overall major policy objectives of the Corporation. It will be appreciated that considerable improvements within the available resources have been achieved. Nevertheless there is no room for complacency and the Corporation will re-double its efforts to ensure that the role of Wexford Town in the Economic, Social and Cultural life of the South East Region is improved and enhanced. In order to do this I am convinced that the single most important matter is the Development of Rosslare Harbour and I reiterate my call on the Government to give an immediate commitment for the provision of a second jetty. I am further convinced that the provision of the latter is the impetus to further development by such companies as British Rail, Brittany Ferries and other Continental Lines. Rosslare is the gateway to Europe, the development of which is the corner stone for the further Economic and Social Development of Wexford Town and the entire South East Regions.

I would like to thank the County Manager, Town Clerk and staff of the Corporation for their full co-operation and kind consideration during my term of office and compliment them on their dedication and loyalty to the vital institution of Local Government and local democracy, which institution I sincerely hope will not be effected by the transfer of rates on domestic property to central funds.

Finally I would like to thank you my colleagues for your co-operation during the year. We had many good debates and I hope the fruit of our labour will be evident over the years.

SIGNED : _____
Avril Doyle
Mayor of Wexford.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
WEXFORD ON MONDAY 25th JULY, 1977 AT 7.30 p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Alderman J. Mahoney presiding.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, Mrs. A. Doyle
J. Furlong, J. Jenkins, J. O'Flaherty.

An apology for inability to attend was received from
Councillor T. Carr.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager,
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Surveyor,
Mr. John Kennedy, Borough Accountant,
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM TRADES COUNCIL

The members of the deputation consisted of :-

M/s P. Reck, J. Byrne and J. Larkin. The members of the deputation expressed grave concern at the high rate of unemployment in Wexford and at possible future job losses and requested the Corporation to form a committee of all statutory bodies and interested associations in the Borough to assess the job potential and possible job losses with a view to taking effective remedial action in adequate time and before a crisis arises in any particular industry.

The members of the deputation answered questions from the members and having thanked the members for receiving them withdrew.

Councillor J. Flaherty explained that the Vocational Education Committee had taken initial steps to form such a committee as requested by the Trades Council and also referred to the educational and training facilities available at the school.

The County Manager referred to the role of the local authority in the provision of infrastructural services and the role of existing development agencies in promotion industrial development.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation co-operate in full with the proposed committee being formed by the V.E.C. and to encourage all bodies and business organisations to promote the economic and social life of the town.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor J. Jenkins and seconded by Councillor J. Roche, the Council adopted the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Borough Council held on 27th June, 1977, and the Quarterly Meeting of the Borough Council held on 11th July, 1977.

TAKING OF CHAIR

The Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney, explained that he had to attend a function. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty, it was agreed that Councillor K. Morris take the chair.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

It was agreed that the Corporation congratulate :-

1. Dr. L.P. Murphy on her appointment as Director of Community Care and C.M.O.
2. Deputy Sean Browne on his appointment as Leas Ceann Comhairle.
3. The Wexford Hurling Team on their retention of the Leinster Title.

R.T.E. - PROPOSED SECOND CHANNEL

On the proposal of Councillor J. Jenkins and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, the following motion was adopted :-

"Wexford Corporation ask the Minister of Posts & Telegraphs and the Director of R.T.E. for assurances that the setting up of another R.T.E. T.V. Channel will not in any way interfere with the present reception of B.B.C. and I.T.V. programmes".

It was also agreed that the foregoing motion be forwarded to the Association of Municipal Authorities for consideration.

VOTING AT LOCAL ELECTIONS

The following motion, proposed by Councillor J. Jenkins and seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty, was considered :-

"Believing in the phrase

"No taxation without representation"

Wexford Corporation ask the Taoiseach to introduce legislation that this applies to all ratepayers in Wexford and other towns".

The motion, on being put to the Meeting, was passed by 8 votes for and 1 against.

It was agreed that the foregoing motion be submitted to

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the Association of Municipal Authorities for consideration.

REMOVAL OF RATES ON DOMESTIC DWELLINGS -
LOCAL DEMOCRACY

The following motion, proposed by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle and seconded by Alderman P. Roche, was adopted :-

"The proposed relief of rates on domestic dwellings is welcomed. To ensure that local democratic power and control over local affairs is not in any way diminished, the Corporation calls on the Government to give an immediate commitment that the existing powers, functions and duties of local authorities will not be affected".

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT OF BOROUGH SURVEYOR

The following motion proposed by Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche was moved :-

"That this Council request the County Manager to make the Council aware of the terms of employment of the Borough Engineer/Surveyor".

The Manager explained to the members that the Borough Surveyor was responsible for repairs but not for accepting repairs and that repairs should be addressed to the Town Clerk.

DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME - TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche :-

"That this Council call on the incoming Government to bring about a series of changes in the Differential Rent Scheme and Tenant Purchase Scheme for Local Authority dwellings".

The following suggested amendments by Councillor John Roche were adopted for submission to the Association of Municipal Authorities.

DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME :

1. That the system of assessing the principal earners income for rent purposes be abolished and that the tenant be treated as the principal earner.
2. That the present £2 personal allowance be increased to £3 and that a further allowance of £3 be allowed for the spouse of the tenant.
3. That the present child allowance of 83p per week be increased to £1.25.
4. That where a persons gross income is £30 per week or less that only 75% of the amount be assessed for rent purposes.

5. That where houses are deemed to be sub-standard such as having no bathrooms etc., that 25% of the full differential rent be charged.

TENANT PURCHASE :

1. That the 3% tenancy discount be increased to 5% up to the period of 10 years.

LETTING OF HOUSES AT ABBEY STREET

The following motion proposed by Alderman P. Roche and seconded by Councillor John Roche was considered :-

"That this Council adopt a firm policy on the letting of houses at Abbey Street".

It was agreed that this matter be further considered prior to allocation of houses.

PAYMENT OF RECONSTRUCTION LOANS

The following motion proposed by Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor John Roche was adopted :-

"That every possible action be taken to speed up the granting and payment of reconstruction loans to applicants for same".

The Town Clerk explained that invariably the delay was caused by the requirement that applicants must obtain planning permission in the first instance and submit satisfactory legal title to property.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS ADJACENT TO THE BOROUGH

The Town Clerk informed the members that the County Engineer had confirmed that it was intended to include footpaths in reconstruction proposals for roads adjacent to the Borough.

FREE ELECTRICITY SCHEME

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement from the Department of Social Welfare regarding the operation of the Free Electricity Scheme.

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The Town Clerk informed the members that acknowledgements had been received from the Department of Industry and Commerce and the Department of The Taoiseach to the recent resolution regarding the threatened closure of this Company.

CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT BOROUGH ENGINEER

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Local Appointments Commission had informed him that it was not in a position to give a recommendation for the filling of the post and that it was proposed to re-advertise in the near future.

REVISION OF SALE TERMS FOR CERTAIN
LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a circular from the Department of Local Government on the proposed concessions to certain tenants who had purchased their houses in the period 1967/1973.

The concession referred to cases where the price paid under a scheme made in the 1967/73 period is higher than the price under the 1973 sales scheme, the last quarter of the repayment period is to be waived provided that the reduction in price is not greater than the amount by which pre July 1973 price exceeded July 1973 price.

The foregoing concession does not apply to tenants who had purchased outright under the pre July 1973 Scheme or where house has been re-sold prior to the 17th May, 1977.

The concession continues to apply for as long as the house is under annuity irrespective of post 17th May 1977 re-sale.

The concession does not apply where the amount outstanding is redeemed in full in conjunction with a re-sale after 17th May 1977.

A special pre-payments of amount outstanding will not disqualify a person from obtaining the concession apart from special pre-payments annuity will be unchanged but repayment period will be three-quarter of the original period.

Pre-payments to operate only to reduce the annuity but not to reduce pre-payment period.

REVIEW OF RENTS - 1976 - EFFECTIVE FROM
3rd APRIL, 1977

The Town Clerk informed the members that the maximum increase of £2 per week under the 1976 Scheme would cause a decrease in rental income of £5,600 approx. with a consequential reduction in the amount available for housing maintenance.

The members noted the report.

TENANT PURCHASE APPLICANTS - NON APPLICATION
OF NATIONAL DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME

The Town Clerk informed the members that by letter dated 20th May, 1977, the Department of Local Government had reiterated that the rents of prospective tenant purchasers must be reviewed from July 1973 and that all such purchasers are tenants up to the date of sale specified in the Transfer Order and are therefore

obliged to pay rent in accordance with the terms of the National Differential Rent Scheme in common with all other tenants in the Corporation's Estate. There was no provision in the National Differential Rent Scheme for the freezing of rents of tenants who had applied to purchase.

A substantial departure from the terms of the rent scheme had already been sanctioned in the cases of Wexford Corporation and it was not proposed to sanction any further departures from the scheme. In the circumstances the Corporation's proposal that no review of rents be carried out in certain cases could not be approved.

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, it was unanimously agreed that the new Minister for Local Government be requested to again review the decision of the Department.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF A GARDEN FENCE IN
FRONT OF HOUSES NO. 24 - 35 IN TALBOT GREEN

The Town Clerk informed the members that the residents of Talbot Green in houses numbered 24 - 35 had requested permission to erect garden fencing at their own expense and that subject to the submission of details of satisfactory fencing it was recommended that permission be granted.

The members agreed to allow the erection of garden fencing and complimented the residents on their initiative.

PROPOSED LEASING OF DEVELOPED SITES AT TOWNPARKS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received ten applications for the 40 sites available and that it was recommended to the members that all applications be approved subject to ensuring that the Corporation was satisfied that no speculation was involved and on the principle that these applicants would increase the housing stock in the urban environs and possibly make accommodation available for others in need of housing.

The members noted with approval the foregoing proposal.

WEXFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE -
REQUEST FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION

It was agreed that a deputation be received at the Statutory Monthly Meeting on 5th September, 1977, to consider street trading in the Borough and the present revision of valuations.

DEDICATION OF LAND AT KILLEENS, WEXFORD, TO WEXFORD CO. COUNCIL

The Town Clerk informed the members that it was proposed to dedicate 5 sq. perches of land at Killeens for road widening to Wexford County Council at a nominal charge of £1.

The members agreed with the foregoing proposal.

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND AT TOWNPARKS/COOLCOTTS

The Town Clerk informed the members that it was proposed, subject to the approval of the Borough Council, to dispose of .04 acre to Mr. M. Carey, 22 Beechlawn and .015 acre to Mr. V. Houlihan, 23 Beechlawn to enable them to extend their gardens.

The members agreed with the foregoing proposal.

OFFER OF THREE MATURE TREES

The Town Clerk informed the members that Wexford Garden Flora Ltd., had offered three mature trees to the Corporation for planting in the Borough.

It was agreed that the members (if any) would notify the Town Clerk of suggested locations and that the Company be thanked for their kind gesture.

REVISION OF VALUATIONS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a reply dated 21st July, 1977 from the Commissioner of Valuation regarding the present re-valuation of property in Wexford. The Commissioner confirmed that the Revising Officer was an experienced officer and that he was experiencing certain difficulty in carrying out his revisions and that the revisions listed for 1977 was greater than in previous years.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR QUARTER
TO 30/9/1977

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, it was agreed that overdraft accommodation for the quarter to 30th September, 1977, in the sum of £130,000 be authorised subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

EQUAL PAY - REMOVAL OF MARRIAGE DIFFERENTIAL
ON SALARY OF CLERICAL OFFICERS

The Town Clerk informed the members of the revised salary scale for Clerical Officer as approved by the Minister for Local Government, reference Circular E.L. 15/77, consequent on the removal of 50% of the remaining marriage/sex differential with effect from 1st January, 1977. The cost to the Corporation would be approximately £150 per annum.

On the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty, it was agreed that the revised salary scales, where applicable, be applied to the staff of Wexford Corporation.

WEXFORD TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE-LAWS 1973 -
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The Manager explained to the members that he was concerned at the non-erection by the Corporation of the appropriate road traffic signs to give effect to the proposed amendments to the Bye-Laws as

previously discussed and with particular reference to parking along the Quay area.

It was agreed that the Manager would discuss the matter further with the Garda Siochana and that a definite decision be taken at the September Meeting of the Borough Council.

It was also agreed that the Wexford County Council be requested to consider the provision of traffic lights at the junction of Wexford Bridge and Commercial Quay.

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF HOUSES - TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche, seconded by Alderman Philip Corish, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in Notice dated 13th July 1977 the following dwellings be disposed of to the tenants thereof as follows :-

<u>COLUMN 1 :</u>	<u>COLUMN 2 :</u>	<u>COLUMN 3 :</u>
		£
66 Liam Mellows Park	Brendan Scallan	2,532
83 " " "	Sean Duggan	2,532
97 " " "	John Carthy	3,434
107 " " "	Edward Black	3,434
4 Trinity Street	Edward O'Connor	100
33 Corish Park	William Maher	2,061
13 Tuskar View	Raymond Walsh	1,557
26 Tuskar View	Mrs. Anne O'Leary	1,718

QUESTIONS :

In reply to question Councillor J. Jenkins was informed :-

That the number of premises listed in December 1974 for 1975 was 28 and that 10 of these were on the Main Street and 2 on the Quay.

The number of premises listed in December 1975 for 1976 was 46 - 2 on the Main Street and 3 on the Quay.

The number of premises listed for re-valuation in 1976 for 1977 was 367 - 116 on the Main Street and 47 on the Quay.

In reply to question Councillor J. Roche was informed :-

That the Borough Surveyor had met the representatives of the Fife and Drum Band on the Car Park in Bride Street and that the question of the provision of a site for the Band was being considered.

In reply to question Councillor J. Roche was informed :-

That the business position of the Ferrybank Caravan Park was as follows :-

1976 :

Expenditure	£1,400	Receipts	£6,600
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1977 :

Expenditure	£760	Receipts	£2,700
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In reply to question Alderman Philip Corish was informed :-

That the seats at College View were painted last year and that it is not proposed to paint these seats this year.

In reply to question Alderman Philip Corish was informed :-

That special paint had been ordered for the painting of the roundabout at Davitt Road North.

In reply to question Alderman Philip Corish was informed :-

That the surfacing of portion of John Street was scheduled for Wexford County Council to begin in September, 1977.

In reply to question Alderman P. Roche was informed :-

That the salary of the Borough Surveyor was an incrementational scale with a minimum of £6,200 and a maximum of £7,033.

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That 10 temporary workers had been taken on this year and no permanent workers.

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That 20 houses will be available in December 1977 for letting at Townparks.

In reply to question Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle was informed :-

That the opening and closing hours for the public conveniences were :-

8.15 a.m. to 9.15 p.m.

PROPOSED NEW ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS

The Manager informed the members of a possible new scheme of Environmental Grants whereby a grant of 100% for labour costs and 50% for other expenses would be recouped by the Department.

The foregoing scheme would enable the Corporation to form a gardening section and at the suggestion of the Manager the members agreed that if such a scheme is formulated by the Department excess expenditure could be incurred on the provision of a heavy duty lawnmower.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

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MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY
12th SEPTEMBER 1977 at 7.15 p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Alderman James Mahoney presiding.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, J. Jenkins,
T.F. Byrne and John O'Flaherty.

An apology for inability to attend was received from
Councillors J. Furlong and T. Carr.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager,
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM WEXFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The members of the deputation consisted of :-

M/s M. Roche, D. Ormond, T. O'Rourke, P. Dundon
and Mrs. E. Lowney.

The members of the deputation expressed grave concern at the uncontrolled trading in The Bull Ring with particular reference to traffic hazards, use of existing car parking spaces, unfair trading and litter. It was further stated that they would welcome supervised control trading within the Market Place proper and considered that a thriving well controlled Market Place would enhance the character of the area.

The deputation also referred to the current revision of valuations and in particular to the increase in the numbers re-valued compared to 1975 and 1976. One of the primary concerns of the deputation was to ensure that the derating of domestic property will not cause an additional rate burden on the business/commercial sector of the community.

The members of the deputation answered questions from the members and having thanked them for receiving them, withdrew.

The County Manager referred to the report of the Restrictive Practices Commission on Roadside and Street Trading and in particular to the observations of the Commission that street trading does not operate against the common good and that out-door trading was fair trading provided that it was subject to reasonable and especially effective control and makes a more realistic contribution to public funds. The Manager also referred to the recommendation of the Commission that urban local authorities should be empowered to require that all Street Traders hold in addition to an out-door Traders Licence a Street Traders Licence, such a licence to be issued at the discretion of the local authority.

It was agreed that the legal powers of the Corporation to control street trading in The Bull Ring and in the Borough generally be defined and that the Minister for the Environment be requested to indicate what action has been taken or he proposes to take on implementing the recommendations in the report of the Restrictive Practices Commission.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor John Flaherty and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Borough Council held on 25th July, 1977, were adopted.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of The Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, a vote of sympathy was passed with the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese and the relatives of the late Dr. Thomas Sherwood, President of St. Peter's College and the late Dean Codd.

J. JACKMAN ENGINEERING CO. LTD.

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that a vote of congratulations be sent to the Management and Workers of this firm in their progress to date in developing engineering and technical skills and on their competitiveness in securing orders for the Kinsale Gas development.

RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM TALBOT GREEN

The members of the deputation consisted of :-

Mrs. Nolan and Mrs. Kehoe, M/s McManus and Doyle.

The members of the deputation expressed concern at the proposal of the Corporation to build old folk houses on the open space adjacent to Talbot Street and at the consequential loss of the open space and the potential amenity and play area for children. It was considered that the tenants should each be given a defined front garden with boundary fencing, the latter could be financed on a joint basis.

The members of the deputation answered questions from the members and having thanked them for receiving them, withdrew.

It was generally agreed that the wishes of the residents not to build the houses on the open space be conceded and that alternative locations within Talbot Green housing scheme be considered and that the officials meet the members of the deputation to discuss their request for front gardens and the future development of the open space.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES MEETING IN DUNDALK

On the proposal of The Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, it was agreed that Councillor K. Morris would represent the Corporation instead of the Mayor at the forthcoming Conference and in the event of Councillor Morris being unable to attend the Mayor would attend.

WEXFORD POST OFFICE

The following motion proposed by Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, was adopted.

"That this Council request the authorities at Wexford Post Office to introduce a better and more comfortable system of paying out pensions, etc".

It was agreed, on the proposal of Alderman Philip Corish that the motion would refer to a more comfortable and private system of paying out pensions etc.

BRIDE STREET/MARY'S LANE GRAVEYARD

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, the following motion was adopted :-

"That this Council take immediate steps to stop the abuse of the graveyard at Bride Street/Mary's Lane by young people".

It was also agreed that the attention of the Garda authorities be drawn to the matter.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by The Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney, the following motion was adopted :-

"That a plan be drawn up by the officials of the Borough Council in conjunction with the Garda authorities for the provision of traffic lights in areas of Wexford town that warrant same".

On the proposal of Alderman Fergus Byrne it was agreed that the motion would also refer to pedestrian crossings.

REPRESENTATION ON SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor John Roche, the following motion was adopted :-

"That this Council being representative of a large body of tax and rate payers again request the Minister for Health to give the Council representation on the South Eastern Health Board".

TELEPHONE SERVICE

On the proposal of Councillor J. Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, the following motion was adopted :-

"Wexford Corporation recognise the great harm being done to industry, commerce and tourism by the poor telephone service and ask that the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs give Wexford top priority to have the service drastically improved".

TOWNPARKS STAGE I HOUSING SCHEME

The following motion proposed by Councillor John O'Flaherty and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, was adopted :-

"That the Corporation ensure that the houses to be handed over to them at Coolcotts before Christmas 1977 are fully and satisfactorily serviced by gas and electricity and that public lighting be operational on the Estate".

CORPORATION LANDS AT JOHN STREET

On the proposal of Alderman Philip Corish and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, the following motion was adopted :-

"That the Corporation lands at John Street be used for a temporary car park and/or children's playing area pending a final decision on its ultimate use".

NEW HOUSE GRANTS

The following motion proposed by Alderman Philip Corish and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, was adopted :-

"That this Corporation request the Minister for the Environment to restore the housing grant for all builders/purchasers and not just for first time builders/purchasers as at present".

PUBLIC TOILETS

The following motion proposed by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle and seconded by The Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney was adopted :-

"That the public toilets remain open until midnight during Summer season".

PROTABLE BAND STAND

The following motion proposed by Councillor John O'Flaherty and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, was adopted :-

"That the Borough Surveyor be requested to submit an estimate of cost to the Council for the provision of a portable band stand".

It was also agreed that the Borough Surveyor would consult with the committee members of the three different bands in the town to further consider the matter.

INVALIDITY BENEFITS

The following motion proposed by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, was adopted :-

"That this Council call on the Minister for Health and Social Welfare to remove the anomaly where a man on invalidity benefit on reaching 66 has a drop in income on receipt of his pension, if his wife is older than him and already in receipt of a pension in her own right".

RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN FOR SWIMMING POOL

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was agreed that a supplementary loan of £20,000 be raised to finance the balance of the capital cost of the provision of the Swimming Pool.

EQUAL PAY - REMOVAL OF MARRIAGE/SEX DIFFERENTIAL ON SALARY OF CLERICAL OFFICERS

The Town Clerk informed the members of the revised salary scale for clerical officer as approved by the Minister for the Environment, reference Circular E.L. 23/77 consequent on the removal of the remaining marriage/sex differential with effect from 1st July, 1977. The cost to the Corporation would be approximately £200 per annum.

On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle and seconded by Alderman Fergus Byrne it was agreed that the revised salary scales, where applicable, be applied to the staff of Wexford Corporation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO EXTEND THE LOCAL FRANCHISE

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement from the Department of the Taoiseach to the motion passed requesting the introduction of legislation to extend the local franchise.

POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement from the Department of the Taoiseach to the motion passed requesting that the powers, functions and duties of local authorities would not be diminished consequent on the transfer of rates on domestic property to central funds.

POST OF ASSISTANT BOROUGH ENGINEER

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Local Appointments Commission had informed him that it was unable to recommend a candidate for appointment to the above-mentioned post and that it was proposed to re-advertise the post.

JUNCTION AT UPPER WILLIAM STREET/THE FAYTHE

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Wexford County Council were in consultation with the technical staff of the Department of the Environment concerning the improvement of the junction and that the question of the re-location of the pedestrian crossing could then be considered.

R.T.E. - PROVISION OF SECOND CHANNEL

It was agreed that letter dated 12th August 1977 from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be circulated to the members.

CORRESPONDENCE

ARREARS OF TENANT PURCHASE APPLICATIONS

The Town Clerk informed the members that 98 applications of the pre 1976 house purchase schemes remained to be finalised. The following is a summary of the position to date.

- 24 now ready to commence
- 13 ready to commence except replies to queries as to joint purchase etc., awaited
- 45 repairs to be completed to houses certified as structurally unsound. Carpentry repairs were completed in a large number of these, also masonry and plastering. It was not expected that the remaining repairs would unduly delay the commencement of the repayments
- 16 doubtful - ability to meet outgoings being queried

110 applications were received under the 1976 Sale Scheme which was notified to the Corporation by the Department of the Environment in November 1976. The closing date for this Scheme expired on 30th June 1977. These applications were not being processed as it was desirable to deal with all arrears of applications on hand.

WEXFORD COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL -
LAUNDRY FACILITIES AT LOWER JOHN STREET FLATS

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Community Services Council had requested the use of the laundry facilities at Lower John Street and suggested that a separate meter be installed thereby resulting in no cost to the Corporation.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Jenkins and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was agreed in principle and subject to appropriate Form of Agreement, to allow the Community Services Council the use of the laundry facilities.

It was noted that the tenants of the flats would be informed

in the first instance to ensure that there would be no objections from the tenants.

HOUSE PURCHASE AND CONSTRUCTION LOANS UNDER SECTION 39
OF THE HOUSING ACT 1966

The Town Clerk informed the members that the maximum loan limit had been increased from £4,500 to £7,000 and the income limit from £2,350 to £3,500 per annum. The year for assessing income would be the income tax year preceding the date of the loan application.

SEMINAR FOR ELECTED MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES
ON THE PLANNING ACT 1976

The Town Clerk informed the members of the proposed Seminar in Kilkenny. The members decided not to attend.

PROPOSED SEMINAR IN DUBLIN ON COST OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Town Clerk informed the members of the proposed Seminar. The members decided not to send a representative.

PROPOSED VISIT TO N.B.A. HOUSING SITES

The Town Clerk informed the members that the N.B.A. had requested that the proposed visit would be postponed from 15th September 1977 to 29th September 1977.

It was agreed that any member who wished to attend would inform the Town Clerk as soon as possible.

LIMERICK JUNCTION/ROSSLARE RAILWAY LINE

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received from the Director, S.E.R.D.O. history of the case for the retention of these services.

It was agreed that a copy of the case be submitted to the members.

TALBOT STREET HOUSING SCHEME

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Department of the Environment, by letter dated 10th August, 1977, had indicated that no capital funds would be available for any of the following proposals :-

1. Proposed improvements to the rere annexes.
2. Proposed erection of concrete block wall adjacent to St. Aidan's Shopping Centre.
3. Proposed erection of front garden boundary fences.

It was agreed that the Department be again requested to re-consider the provision of capital monies for the proposed improvements to the annexes on the basis that this was a new scheme and not an existing scheme.

NEW PRIORITY LIST OF HOUSING APPLICANTS

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That the Director of Community Care and M.O.H. would have the recommendations available for submission to the Corporation in approximately four weeks time.

The Manager informed the members that he would then consider the recommendations and submit his recommendations to the members who would then be in a position to make representations/observations on the new list.

The Manager further stated that in considering the final list he would take the representations of the members into account.

DERELICT HOUSES AT BRIDE STREET

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That the appropriate Statutory Notice under the Derelict Sites Act 1961 had been served on the agent for the owners who had requested more time to finalise title deeds of the property. When these had been finalised it was proposed by the agent to sell the property for development.

REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That the equipment in the Redmond Memorial Park was :-

1. Slide. 2. Roundabout. 3. Sea Saw.

and that a caretaker was employed during the Summer months and that the Town Sergeant opened and closed the Park.

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That the grass on the following open spaces was cut -

John's Road	-	Three times.	-	Belvedere Road	-	Once
Wygram	-	Once	-	Corish Park	-	Twice
Maudlintown	-	Nil	-	Bishopswater	-	Once

NEW HOUSE PURCHASE LOAN SCHEME

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That the particulars had already been given at the meeting.

REPAIRS TO 100 BISHOPSWATER

In reply to question Alderman Philip Corish was informed :-

That there were no plans to carry out repairs. The dwelling was inspected and it was considered that repairs were not necessary.

REPAIRS TO 19 WOLFE TONE VILLAS

In reply to question Alderman Philip Corish was informed :-

That repairs were not considered necessary and that dampness was due to condensation.

HOUSING REPAIR LIST

In reply to question Alderman Philip Corish was informed :-

That there was no Housing Repair Priority List as such. Emergency repairs such as plumbing, roof leaking were carried out immediately and the remaining repairs were placed on a list in order of receipt.

TRADING IN THE BULL RING

In reply to question Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle was informed :-

That this matter had already been considered at the meeting.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS

In reply to question Councillor John Flaherty was informed :-

That the provision in the 1976 Estimates for Malicious Injury Decrees was £3,194 and in the 1977 Estimates £3,000. The claims received to the end of June were £1,278. It was not possible to ascertain the claims pending until actual decrees were awarded.

IMPROVEMENT TO JOHN STREET

In reply to question Councillor John Flaherty was informed :-

That the Wexford County Council had provided £10,000 in its Road Works Scheme for proposed improvements and that these would be carried out in the current year.

HOUSING APPLICANT - MR. & MRS. CLANCY, 93 WHITEMILL RD. WEXFORD

It was agreed that the housing applications of :-

1. Mr. & Mrs. Clancy, 93 Whitemill Road
2. Mrs. T. Hayes, 1 Temperance Row
3. Mr. J. Hore, 15 Monck Street

be placed in order of priority and that the vacant house at Croke Avenue would be allocated to the family in greatest need.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD,
ON MONDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney presiding.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, T. Carr, T.F. Byrne
John L'Flaherty.

An apology for inability to attend was received from
Councillors Mrs. A. Doyle, J. Furlong, J. Jenkins and
also from the County Manager, Mr. Michael N. Dillon.

In attendance : Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Surveyor
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

A vote of sympathy was passed with Deputy Sean Browne,
Leas Ceann Comhairle and the relatives of the late William Browne.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

A vote of congratulations was passed to Fr. J.B. Curtis
Administrator on his recent appointment as Parish Priest of
Piercestown.

A vote of congratulations was also passed to Mr. R. Lyng
and Mr. S. Buggy on their winning the Senior Handball Coca Cola
Competition.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded
by Councillor K. Morris, the Minutes of the Statutory Monthly
Meeting held on 12th September, 1977, were adopted.

SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH BOARD - DENTAL TREATMENT

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded
by Councillor K. Morris, the following motion was adopted :-

"That this Council call on the South East
Health Board to speed up the waiting period
of people seeking dental treatment".

RAIL SERVICES - DUBLIN/WEXFORD WATERFORD AREAS

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr the following motion was adopted :-

"That this Council again voice its opposition to any moves that may be made by C.I.E. (The National Transport Company) to downgrade or cut out any services now existing in the Dublin/Wexford/Waterford areas which serve the public and make public transport in the South East area a must for industry and tourism".

ROADWAY/FOOTPATH FROM ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT
TO BISHOPSWATER

On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche the following motion was adopted :-

"That this Corporation examine the possibility of putting a proper roadway or footpath through from St. Aidan's Crescent to Bishopswater".

WATER SUPPLY - MARY ST. AND MAUDLINTOWN AREAS

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche the following motion was adopted :-

"That this Council ensure that a proper water supply is available in all parts of Wexford town as some areas such as Mary Street and Maudlintown are experiencing problems".

INCOME TAX ON PENSIONS

The following motion was proposed by Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor K. Morris :-

"That this Council call on the Government to introduce legislation to ensure that no person is taxed on a pension".

The motion referred to Old Age Pensions and Pensions from previous employments.

It was agreed that pensions from previous employments would be defined as pensions from industrial pension schemes and the motion was adopted as follows :-

"That this Council call on the Government to introduce legislation to ensure that no person is taxed on a pension from an industrial pension scheme".

GROUND AT RERE OF MANNIX PLACE

The following motion proposed by Councillor J. Flaherty and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne was adopted :-

"That the Corporation demise the waste ground at Mannix Place to St. John's Volunteers Gaelic Football Club at a nominal sum for the erection of a club house".

The members were informed that there would be no objection from the residents to the proposed club house.

DIRECTIONAL SIGN AT WINDMILL HILLS
FOR COOLCOTTS

The following motion proposed by Councillor John Flaherty and seconded by Councillor K. Morris was adopted :-

"That a direction sign be erected at Windmill Hills for Coolcotts".

REMOVAL OF GRASS AND WEEDS

The following motion proposed by The Mayor, Alderman James Mahoney and seconded by Councillor K. Morris was adopted :-

"That this Council have all grass and weeds removed from all pathways and shores inside the Borough".

It was also agreed that the possibility of retaining the temporary men for this type of work and whose employment was being terminated be examined.

MECHANICAL SWEEPER

The following motion proposed by The Mayor, Alderman James Mahoney and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche was adopted :-

"That the mechanical sweeper be used more effectively in having the road gulleys cleaned out inside the Borough".

BORD NA MONA - TURF SUPPLIES

The following motion proposed by Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche was adopted :-

"That Bord na Mona be requested to report on the difficulties being experienced by local contractors in the obtaining of supplies of turf from the Ballydermot Bog in Co. Offaly".

It was also agreed that Bord na Mona be asked to indicate the percentage of turf supplied to Dublin and the percentage supplied to the rest of the country.

It was further agreed that the committee on Restrictive Practices be requested to investigate if there is an equitable system of distribution between the small and bigger contractors.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT
PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ANCO. TRAINING CENTRE

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a reply from the Department of Labour that the Minister for Labour had suggested that a deputation from the Corporation would seek direct discussions with ANCO on the question of the retention of the ANCO Training Centre as at present ANCO were carrying out a study of the location of training centres.

It was agreed that as an initial step ANCO be requested to receive a deputation.

TRADING IN BULL RING, WEXFORD

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had been informed by the Department of the Environment that the report of the Restrictive Practices Commission on Roadside and Street Trading was at present the subject of correspondence between the Department and the Department of Industry and Commerce.

The members were also informed that previous Senior Counsel Opinion on Trading in the Bull Ring ; Bye Laws which had been adopted under the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878 ; Bye Laws which had been adopted under the Street Trading Act 1926 had been located and that from a preliminary examination it appeared that the Bull Ring was an authorised Market Place and that the licensing provisions of the Street Trading Act 1926 would not apply. It was noted that a further report would be submitted.

NEW HOUSING GRANTS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement from the Minister for the Environment regarding the resolution concerning the restoration of Housing Grants to all builders/purchasers and not just first time builders/purchasers.

REPRESENTATION OF THE CORPORATION ON
THE SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement from the Minister for Health to the resolution concerning representation of the Corporation on the South Eastern Health Board.

TELEPHONE SERVICE IN THE BOROUGH

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs regarding the resolution on the telephone service in the Borough.

INVALIDITY BENEFITS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement from the Minister for Social Welfare requesting the removal of the anomaly where a man on invalidity benefit on reaching 66 has a drop in income on receipt of his pension, if his wife is older than him and already in receipt of a pension in her own right.

CORRESPONDENCE

TENANT PURCHASE NON APPLICATION OF DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME

The Town Clerk informed the members that by letter dated 19th September 1977 the Department of the Environment would not agree to a departure from the Differential Rent Scheme to allow the non application of the Differential Rent Scheme where applicants had applied to purchase. The onus was now on the Corporation to collect arrears of rent in all cases where the rent had not been increased on annual review following application to purchase.

It will now be necessary to examine each individual case and apply arrears of rent. A total of 325 tenants were involved as follows ;

1. Applications already processed and purchase commenced.

(a) Under pre July 1973 Scheme	-	27
(b) Under July 1973 Scheme	-	224
(c) Under 1975 Scheme	-	14
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2. Applications where purchase not yet commenced - 60

To assess the arrears accurately it would be necessary to obtain income certs at the various annual review dates and also where it could be established that there had been a change in income.

It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne that the Minister for the Environment be requested to receive a deputation on this matter.

It was also recommended that any action on the matter be deferred in the meantime.

It was noted that Councillor J. Roche is Chairman of the Combined Tenants Associations would be discussing the matter with the tenants in the near future.

POST OF ASSISTANT BOROUGH ENGINEER

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had been notified by the Local Appointments Commission to the effect that it was not possible to recommend a qualified candidate for the post of Assistant Borough Engineer and that it was proposed to re-advertise the post.

The members were also informed that the Local Appointments Commission had been requested to submit a full report on attempts made to fill this post.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION - PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

It was agreed that the Mayor Alderman J. Mahoney and Councillor K. Morris would represent the Corporation at the presentation of national awards in Multyfarnham, Co. Westmeath on Sunday, 9th October 1977.

COURSE FOR CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Institute of Public Administration would hold a course on the 18th - 20th October 1977 for Chairmen of Local Authorities who had recently been elected for the first time.

Having regard to the cost of the course it was decided not to send a representative.

OPEN SPACE - TALBOT STREET, GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a letter from the Consulting Architect to the effect that the open space at Talbot Street had been seeded as required by the Contract, that it had been graded, weed bearing soil and debris removed, fresh top soil spread and treated with fertilizer. High quality grass seed had also been spread.

The members did not agree that the open space had been properly developed and seeded and on the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was agreed that the Consulting Architect be informed of the entire dissatisfaction of the Corporation regarding the development of the open space and that a further report be requested.

CAMPAIGN FOR THE CONSERVATION OF FISHING COMMUNITIES

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a letter from the Secretary of the campaign requesting the support of local authorities in the campaign for the exclusive 50 mile fishing limit.

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that the Secretary of the campaign committee be informed of the recent resolution of the Corporation calling on the Minister for Fisheries for an exclusive 50 mile fishing limit.

PROPOSED VISIT TO N.B.A. HOUSING SCHEMES

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would consider the possibility of organising a visit on a week-end.

REPORT ON THE ALLOCATION OF DEVELOPED SITES FOR LEASING AT TOWNPARKS

The Town Clerk informed the members that two meetings had been held with the applicants for the leasing of developed housing sites. At the first meeting on 21st July 1977 9 applicants attended and 26 attended the meeting on 26th September, 1977. At the latter meeting two representatives from the National Association of Building Co-operatives attended and gave an illustrated lecture on the formation of a Housing Co-operative Group.

The present position was that 39 applications for leased sites had been received and these may be analysed as follows :-

1. Applicant owner/occupier of existing house	-	8
2. Applicant single with no indication of marriage prospects	-	6
3. Applicant married and tenant of present non local authority dwelling	-	6
4. Applicant married and sub tenant at present address (only 1 being sub tenant of local authority dwelling)	-	7
5. Applicant engaged to be married within a reasonable period and living with parents (further evidence required in some cases)	-	9
6. Applicant engaged to be married within a reasonable period and living in rented flat (further evidence required in some cases)	-	3
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TOTAL	-	39
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Originally it was intended to have 40 sites accommodating 40 two storey semi-detached units. Following discussions with the applicants as to their preference two alternative layouts were prepared as follows :-

Drawing No. 28 showing 35 Units, i.e.

- 16 Two Storey semi-detached houses
- 19 Single storey detached houses

35 TOTAL.

Drawing No. 29 - 28 Units all single storey detached houses.

In view of the fact that there are now more applicants than sites available it is recommended that all applications from single persons be refused unless evidence of intending marriage is submitted. It was also recommended that only one applicant in the owner/occupier class be recommended for approval at this stage and that if sites were available two further applicants in this category would be considered.

It would now be the intention to hold a further meeting with the applicants to decide on :-

1. The final layout for the sites.
2. If the applicants intend forming a Housing Co-operative Group and if so the arranging of further meetings with the National Housing Co-operative Group representatives.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1977 - REPORT OF ADJUDICATOR ON WEXFORD TOWN

The Town Clerk informed the members that the adjudicator referred in particular to :-

- Lack of community effort
- Litter control weak and more litter bins were required especially on minor roads
- Derelict buildings were a major problem in town
- Industrial Estate - weeding and grass cutting both in factory grounds and on footpaths and roads
- Incidental open spaces being neglected
- Public open spaces overgrown.

The Adjudicator's Report was noted and it was agreed that the County Council be informed of the Adjudicator's remarks regarding approach roads to the town.

COMMODORE JOHN BARRY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor K. Morris, it was agreed that the Ceremony take place as heretofore on 30th October, 1977.

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor K. Morris, it was agreed that the Minister for the Environment Mr. S. Barrett, T.D., be invited to officiate at the Ceremony and that Deputy Brendan Corish be invited to lay the Wreath at the Maritime Memorial.

PURCHASE OF HEAVY DUTY LAWN MOWER

On the recommendation of the Town Clerk the members agreed that the provision of £1,000 in the current years estimates for derelict sites be utilised to purchase a heavy duty lawnmower.

DIRECT LABOUR HOUSING UNIT

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That the observations of the Wexford Trades Council on the report were awaited and that he would confirm if in fact the Trades Council had been requested for observations.

GRASS MARGIN AT RERE OF HOUSES AT MAUDLINTOWN GREEN

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That the grass margins had been cut approximately two weeks previous.

CONDITIONS OF SOME ROADWAYS IN
CORISH PARK, WHITEROCK VIEW AND MAUDLINTOWN AREAS

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That the Surveyor was aware of the condition of these roads and that it was proposed to commence road works in approximately 2 - 3 weeks.

ROAD REPAIRS IN AREAS -
GREEN STREET/WHITEMILL AND PARTS OF MAUDLINTOWN

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That it was hoped to commence road works within the next 2 - 3 weeks.

TOWNPARKS STAGE 2 - 101 HOUSE SCHEME

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That the N.B.A. had applied to Wexford County Council for planning permission and that contract documents would be available to enable this scheme to commence during 1978 provided that the Housing Capital Allocation was sufficient.

BOUNDARY WALL AT RERE OF HOUSES AT ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT
AND OLD DISTILLERY KNOCK WALL

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That the Borough Surveyor would examine the condition of the wall.

WATER PRESSURE TO CORPORATION HOUSES AT
FISHERS ROW.

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-
That the water pressure to these houses would be examined.

FORMER ORNAMENTAL WATER FOUNTAIN AT
VALLOTTON MONUMENT AT WYGRAM PLACE

In reply to question Councillor John Flaherty was informed :-
That a horse trough and ornamental statues of boys were
in the Corporation Stores.

It was agreed that the whereabouts of the original water
fountain be further examined.

RIGHT OF WAY FROM CORISH PARK THROUGH
CLONARD CHURCH

In reply to question Alderman James Mahoney was informed :-
That the right of way would be surfaced in the near future.

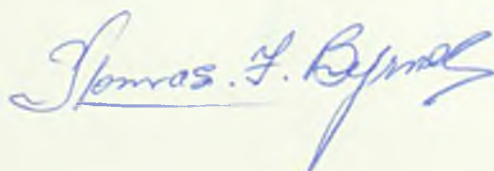
HOUSING APPLICANTS

The Town Clerk informed the members that the C.M.O. had
recommended to the Manager the following order of priority
for the vacant house in Croke Avenue.

1. Mrs. T. Hayes, 1 Temperance Row.
2. Mr. & Mrs. Clancy, 93 Whitemill Road.
3. Mr. J. Hore, 15 Monck Street.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor John Roche
and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche that the members
would recommend to the Manager that Mr. & Mrs. Clancy
be offered the vacant house at Croke Avenue in view of
all the circumstances of the case and the extent of
overcrowding at 93 Whitemill Road.

The meeting then terminated.



MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD
IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON
MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

The members presiding were :-

Chairman - Councillor T.F. Byrne

Aldermen : Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne

Councillors : John Roche, Mrs. A. Doyle, J. Furlong,
T. Carr, J. Jenkins and John O'Flaherty.

An apology for inability to attend was received from
His Worship the Mayor Alderman J. Mahoney and Councillor
K. Morris.

In attendance : Mr. M.N. Dillon, County Manager
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Surveyor
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

TAKING OF CHAIR

On the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by
Councillor T. Carr, it was agreed that Councillor T.F. Byrne take
the chair.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

A vote of sympathy was passed with His Worship the Mayor
Alderman J. Mahoney on the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mernagh.

BEST WISHES TO COUNCILLOR K. MORRIS

The best wishes of the members were expressed to
Councillor K. Morris for a speedy recovery to health.

DEPUTATION FROM TALBOT STREET RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by
Councillor T. Carr, it was agreed that a deputation be received from
among the residents of Talbot Green who had assembled outside the
Municipal Buildings.

The deputation consisted of :-

M/s White, Murphy, Roche, Dempsey and Murphy.

The members of the deputation referred to the unsatisfactory
condition of houses in Talbot Green and their endeavours in the past to
have remedial action taken on alleged defects, which were generally
identified as :-

- Water penetration in front door and front and rear
panels of houses.
- Windows - Water penetration.

- Condensation in annexes and consequent affect on electric and gas meters. Roof of annexes leaking.
- Chimneys - smoking and a design feature incorporating timber frames on inside.
- External walls - cracks appearing.
- Electric fittings - allegedly defective.
- Internal walls - unable to hang pictures.

The members of the deputation thanked the members for receiving them and withdrew.

The members of the Borough Council expressed grave concern at the alleged defects in a new scheme and generally substantiated the defects referred to by the members of the deputation.

The Manager informed the members that subsequent to the expiry of the maintenance period the Corporation had been in communication with the Consulting Architect since the 11th February, 1977 on alleged defects and had made written submissions to the Department of the Environment on the 15th June, 1977 and 13th September 1977. The submissions requested additional capital allocation for the provision of insulation of annexes, doors between annexes and kitchen, condensation panels and weep holes on windows, plasterboard insulation at rere of timber panels where applicable.

The Department of the Environment had replied on 10th August 1977 and 14th October 1977 to the effect that it was not possible to provide additional capital allocation for extra work on completed housing schemes due to the necessity to conserve all available capital for the provision of new local authority houses.

He had also discussed the scheme with the Consulting Architect on 26th October 1977 and requested him to submit a full report on the remedial works necessary to affectively deal with the alleged defects, if any. He would submit a full report to the members as soon as possible.

The Consulting Architect did confirm that the alleged timber and electrical defects were not substantiated.

Following further discussion the following motion, on the proposal of Councillor T. Carr and seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty was unanimously adopted.

"That this Council call on the Minister for the Environment to instruct his Department to carry out an impartial enquiry into the condition of the houses at Talbot Green as a matter of extreme urgency in view of the very inclement weather and the terrible conditions people are living under.

It was further agreed that the 4 T.D.'s be informed of the motion with a request to urge the Minister to carry out the enquiry by his Department immediately.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty, the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Borough Council held on 3rd October 1977 and of the Special Meeting held on 13th October 1977, were adopted.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF VERY REV. FR. JAMES B. CURTIS
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ACT 1930 - SECTION 12

Letter dated 24th October 1977 from the Secretary of the Wexford Branch of the Teachers Union of Ireland had been circulated with the Agenda.

The following nominations were proposed :-

Proposed by Councillor John Roche	:	Mr. B. Mackey (T.U.I. Representative)
Seconded by Councillor J. Furlong	:	
Proposed by Councillor J. Flaherty	:	Administrator of Parish of Wexford.
Seconded by Councillor T. Carr	:	
Proposed by Councillor Mrs. A. Doyle	:	Canon Edward F. Grant
Seconded by Alderman Peter Roche	:	

The result of the voting resulted in :-

Two votes for Mr. B. Mackey

Five votes for The Administrator of Wexford Parish

Two votes for Canon Edward F. Grant.

The Chairman formally declared the Administrator of Wexford Parish to be the co-opted member to the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

DISTILLERY ROAD - CASA RIO/BISHOPSWATER

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, the following motion was adopted :-

"That this Council request urgent County Council action on re-surfacing the road at Distillery Road - Casa Rio/Bishopswater areas as at present it is a hazard to motorists and pedestrians alike".

BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor John Flaherty, the following motion was considered :-

"That this Council in order to create a better liaison between public elected representatives and officials request that a general purposes meeting be held at least every two months and also that the Borough Engineer report to these meetings on the various works that have been carried out by his department or are about to be carried out over the two month period".

The Manager referred to representations he had received from the Union regarding unsocial working hours for Town Clerks and suggested that if possible the meeting be held during office hours.

The Town Clerk referred to the volume of work in the Corporation relative to the staff numbers and that the level of staffing had remained unsatisfactory for quite some time.

It was agreed that the proposed General Purposes Meeting be deferred for further consideration during January 1978 to enable the staffing problem to be discussed further during Estimates.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS

The following motion proposed by Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche was adopted :-

"That this Council call for a more stringent application of the Parking and Traffic Bye-Laws at the junction of Trinity Street and the Quays".

It was agreed that the motion should also refer to the junction at the top of Hill Street.

PROPOSED MEETING TO CONSIDER UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE BOROUGH

The following motion proposed by Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche was adopted :-

"That the Mayor convene a meeting of the Corporation, T.D.'s, I.D.A. and other interested bodies to discuss and review the present local situation regarding unemployment". The question of Rosslare Harbour Development and the Nuclear Energy Station to be included in this discussion".

The Manager referred to the desirability of inviting representatives from the I.F.A. Chamber of Commerce, Industrialists and Trades Council as these organisations could contribute to a more informed debate and might help to create employment outlets.

The members agreed with the Managers' suggestions.

It was also agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. Jenkins and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne that the 4 T.D.'s be requested to seek urgent action on the future development of Rosslare Harbour.

PRISON CONDITIONS

The following motion proposed by Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche was adopted.

"That the Corporation call for a full independent public enquiry into prison conditions in this Country".

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETING

SUPPLY OF TURF FROM BALLYDERMOT BOG

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a reply dated 18th October 1977 from Bord na Mona to the effect that that Organisation was not aware that any difficulties existed in the supply of turf. In order to rationalise loading arrangements for bagged machine turf (poly turf) a booking system was in operation under which loads could be booked through the works in advance for a specified date. The system had always been in operation and had been working quite satisfactorily. Other than the advanced booking arrangements there were no restrictions on supplies and no allocation scheme was in force. Where necessary, special efforts were made to meet the requirements of the Cheap Fuel Schemes.

A further letter dated 27th October 1977 was received from the Examiner of Restrictive Practices to the effect that no order had been made under the Restrictive Practices Legislation governing the supply and distribution of turf and therefore there was no statutory power to compel any supplier to make his goods available. The Act did however empower the Examiner to investigate any aspect of the supply and distribution of goods or the provision of a service. The Examiner would consider investigating complaints if there was evidence of discrimination against certain contractors in the allocation of turf from Ballydermot Bog. Accordingly it would be appreciated if the Corporation would furnish the following information :-

1. Have supplies of turf been refused to Contractors.
2. If so please state the names and addresses of the Contractors concerned and the reasons given for refusal.
3. Have the Contractors any objections to the use of their names in any investigation that might be considered necessary.

On receipt of the foregoing information the matter would be considered further.

The Council agreed that if any member had any specific evidence of discrimination it should be submitted to the Town Clerk for submission to the Examiner of Restrictive Practices.

POST OFFICE - PAYMENT OF OLD AGE PENSIONS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a reply from the Post Office Wexford to the effect that the normal hours for transacting post office business commences at 9 a.m. each day. On Fridays however the Counter is opened at 8.30 a.m. purely for the payment of post office engineering branch wages in order that the way will be clear for the payment of Old Age Pensions from 9 a.m. onwards. Pensioners who arrive before 9 a.m. were paid their pensions although strictly speaking

payment was not due to commence until 9 a.m. The system of paying out pensions at Wexford Head Office is the same as obtains in Departmentally staffed offices throughout the country.

RAIL SERVICES - DUBLIN/WEXFORD/WATERFORD AREAS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement dated 7th October 1977 from the General Manager C.I.E. on the previous resolution passed regarding the existing services in the Dublin/Wexford/Waterford areas.

INCOME TAX ON PENSIONS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a reply dated 12th October 1977 from the Private Secretary to the Taoiseach to the previous motion passed calling on the Government to introduce legislation to ensure that no person is taxed on a pension from an industrial pension scheme.

CORRESPONDENCE

TALBOT GREEN HOUSING SCHEME

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a reply dated 14th October 1977 from the Department of the Environment on the Corporation's request for additional capital allocation to provide for insulation of rere annexes ; provision of door between annexes and kitchen ; provision of condensation channels and weep holes in windows and insulation of timber panels where necessary; to the effect as already indicated in the Department's letter of 10th August 1977 that extra works on completed housing schemes could not be financed from the local authority Housing Capital Allocation due to the necessity to conserve all available capital for the provision of new local authority houses.

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche it was agreed that the Minister be requested to consider this matter also if and when he receives a deputation on the previous policy of the Corporation not to review rents in the case of Tenant Purchase applicants.

REVISED CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 1977

The Town Clerk informed the members that the original Housing Capital Allocation was £580,000 and that he had been notified by letter dated 10th October 1977 of a revised allocation of £785,000. The revised allocation was not sufficient as the estimated expenditure on existing housing schemes for 1977 was :-

Abbey Street Stage I	-	£263,000
Abbey Street Stage II	-	£40,000
Townparks Stage I	-	£710,000
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		£1013,000
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On the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche it was unanimously agreed that the Minister for the Environment be requested to increase the Capital Allocation for 1977 to £1013,000.

The Manager referred to the existing Housing Programme ;

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| Townparks Stage I | - | 68 house scheme in progress |
| Abbey St. Stage I & II | - | 23 - 4 bedroomed houses
9 - old folk bungalows |
| Townparks Stage II | - | Contract Documents being prepared for 101 house scheme and it is hoped that sufficient Capital Allocation will be forthcoming for this scheme as part of the 1978 Housing Programme. |
- Developed Sites for Leasing - 35 at Townparks.
- 1979 Housing Programme - Wexford Co. Council preparing action area plan for the Urban environs. This plan will be brought before the members in the near future and when housing land has been identified and agreed preparation of the 1979 Housing Programme will commence.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the foregoing programme (other than the 1979 programme) would require an estimated capital expenditure for 1977 and 1978 schemes of £2,826,000 which was a tremendous housing programme for the Corporation.

HOUSING SCHEME - TOWNPARKS - STAGE 2 - 1978 HOUSING PROGRAMME

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received confirmation by letter dated 17th October 1977 from the National Building Agency to the effect that contract documents will be ready for the 1978 Housing Programme of 101 houses and that it will inform the Department of the Environment that it will be in a position to undertake this project in 1978 (subject to the planning approval) and would advise the Department accordingly about capital requirements.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT - TOWNPARKS STAGE I

The Town Clerk informed the members that the National Building Agency Ltd., had by letter dated 7th October 1977 submitted the following information on this scheme.

1. - Development
Strip top soil and lay road sub base - 100% complete.
2. - Super Structures/Sub Structures
 - (a) Foundations complete to 68 No. houses.
 - (b) Rising walls complete to 68 No. houses.
 - (c) Blockwork to joist level complete to 62 No. houses.
 - (d) First lower joisted complete to 62 No. houses.

3. - Employment

Skilled	-	43
Unskilled	-	47

4. - Certified expenditure to 30/9/77 - £421,000

5. - Programme

The standard of workmanship is satisfactory and work is generally to revised programme.

The members noted with approval the foregoing report.

DEVELOPED SITES FOR LEASING AT TOWNPARKS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he was meeting the potential applicants at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 8th November 1977 to consider the following matters.

1. Decision on No. of detached and semi-detached houses required.
2. Indication from individual applicants if interested in forming a housing co-operative group (facility for applicants to meet as a group in Municipal Buildings, if necessary).
3. Applicants to give definite indication if in a position to commence individual or in group building operation in early January 1978.
4. Applicants to indicate if pursuing other means of obtaining a house (e.g. purchasing existing house etc.)

PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF OLD DISPENSARY RESIDENCE AT JOHN'S GATE ST. & PROVISION OF FLAT ACCOMMODATION.

ABBEY STREET STAGE 3

The Town ^{Clerk} tabled Drawing No. 532 from Wilfrid Cantwell Architect showing two alternative developments.

1. - 3 No. 2 bedroomed flats with garden facilities for only 2 No. flats.
2. - 2 No. flats providing the following accommodation :-
 - (a) - 3 bedroomed flat on the ground floor with its own small garden/yard.
 - (b) - 2 bedroomed flat on first floor with its own small garden/yard.

The unit cost would be approximately £11,000.

The Architect recommended that the Corporation give consideration to the second proposal.

The Town Clerk referred to the difficulty of allocating a 3 bedroomed flat on the top floor and the high unit cost in the case of a proposed 3 No. flat development and recommended that the Corporation consider the provision of 2 No. flats as indicated.

On the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor Mrs. A. Doyle, the members agreed in principle to the provision of the 2 No. flats.

It was noted that it would be necessary to demolish the existing house owing to its present structural condition and that each flat would have^a separate entrance and garden.

WEXFORD HOUSING

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a letter on 4th November 1977 from Mr. P. Kelly, Secretary, Cumann P O Pearaill, Provisional Sinn Fein that a meeting had been arranged for Wednesday 9th November 1977 in the County Hotel Wexford to discuss the housing problem in Wexford and that any member of Wexford Corporation wishing to attend could do so.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME - REQUEST FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had been informed by letter dated 27th October 1977 from the Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment that a further letter would issue on the Corporation's request to the Minister to receive a deputation on the Corporation's previous policy of not reviewing rents annually where tenants had made application to purchase.

The foregoing reply was noted.

RETENTION OF ANCO TRAINING CENTRE

The Town Clerk informed the members that by letter dated 14th October 1977 the Secretary of ANCO had stated that the Director - Direct Training, ANCO Head Office would receive a deputation of the members on either Wednesday 16th November 1977 or Thursday 17th November 1977 at 2 p.m.

The following members of the deputation were agreed -

The Mayor Alderman J. Mahoney	;	Alderman F. Byrne	;
Councillor T.F. Byrne	;	The Manager or the	
County Development Officer	;	The Town Clerk.	

INCREASE IN SALARY OF MAYOR

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was agreed that the salary of the Mayor be increased by £176.

APPLICATION FOR SITE FROM ST. PATRICK'S FIFE & DRUM BAND

The Town Clerk informed the members that they had agreed in principle to allocate portion of the site of the car park at Bride Street to the band on which to erect a band room.

He had further discussions with the Secretary of the Band and the band had now made application for a leasehold interest in the premises at No. 13 Bride Street immediately adjacent to the car park.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was agreed that the Corporation grant a leasehold interest of No. 13 Bride Street to the St. Patrick's Fife & Drum Band at a nominal rent.

BURIAL GROUND AT JOHN STREET

The Town Clerk informed the members that the cost of replacing the wall which had collapsed was approximately £1,100 and requested approval to the transfer of this amount in the Estimates from the Water sub head to Burial Ground sub head.

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, the members agreed to the foregoing proposal.

It was further agreed that the application of Mr. Murphy, Garage Proprietor, to demolish existing pier at entrance to his garage be further considered and if at all possible the application be favourably considered.

NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION

The Town Clerk informed the members that the National Road Safety Association proposed to commence a cycle training course for pupils attending the Christian Brothers Primary School Wexford in January 1978. The course was intended for children in the 9 - 14 years age group. The training of the children would take place in the school yard after school hours, and the instruction would be given by a teacher from the school who would be trained by the Association as an instructor. Each session would take approximately 1½ hours and there would be one session per week for 7 weeks after which the children would be tested and if successful receive a badge and certificate.

The Association requested the Corporation to recoup £80 (that is half the total cost of the scheme).

On the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor J. Jenkins it was agreed that the Corporation would contribute £80.

WEXFORD YOUTH GROUP

The Town Clerk informed the members that by letter dated 8th October 1977 the Chairman of the Wexford Youth Group had requested financial support from the Corporation as the Group were now moving into new premises which had been made available to them by the Wexford Harbour Commissioners.

It was agreed that this application be considered at the next Estimates Committee Meeting.

REVISION OF REMUNERATION - EMPLOYER-TRADE UNION NATIONAL AGREEMENT 1977

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that the second phase of the 1977 Agreement be applied to the staff of the Corporation.

STRUCTURAL GUARANTEE SCHEME

The Town Clerk informed the members that by letter dated 3rd November 1977 he had received outline proposals from the Department of the Environment of the proposed new structural guarantee scheme which provided for the registration of house builders who were competent, financially and technically to undertake house building to standards acceptable to the Department and also to the Company to be set up by the Construction Industry Federation to operate the scheme. Any person buying a house from a registered builder would receive a six year structural guarantee from the Company. (Save where the plans etc., are provided by the purchaser).

The guarantee would in the first instance be the responsibility of the builder, but in the event of the builder failing for any reason to honour the guarantee the Company would take the necessary steps to rectify the structural defects.

It was noted that further information regarding the scheme would be issued in due course.

CENTRAL HEATING - OLD FOLK FLATS AT LOWER JOHN STREET & JOHN'S GATE STREET.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Wexford Gas Consumers Company Ltd., had informed him that the budgeted running cost of this scheme for one year from 1st July 1977 to 30th June 1978 was £8,000, and for the previous year was £9,600. The reduction in cost was due inter alia to the Government subsidy and special gas tariff.

NATIONAL CO-OPERATION

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had forwarded with the Agenda a document from the National Co-operation Movement with the request that the resolution as specified be adopted by all local authorities throughout the country.

It was agreed that the proposed resolution be noted.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR QUARTER TO 31st MARCH 1978

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, overdraft accommodation of £220,000 for quarter to 31st March 1978 was approved.

RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOANS FOR ABBEY STREET & TOWNPARKS HOUSING SCHEMES

On the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that the following supplementary loans be raised.

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| 1. Abbey Street Stage I & II | - | £154,000 |
| 2. Townparks Stage I | - | £324,000. |

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1955 - SECTION 59 - PROPOSED
AGREEMENT WITH WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL TO CARRY
OUT ABBEY STREET ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The Manager informed the members that Wexford County Council had agreed to enter into an agreement to carry out the proposed improvement of Abbey Street under the employment creation allocation of £20,000 to the Corporation. He referred to his disappointment that the Corporation was not in a position not only to carry out this scheme but also had difficulty in having the following two minor schemes completed.

- (a) Caravan Park extension and development.
- (b) Burial Ground extension.

The proposed agreement would not be a precedent for further schemes.

On the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that an agreement be entered into with Wexford County Council under Section 59 of the Local Government Act 1955 for the carrying out of the proposed Road Improvement Scheme for Abbey Street.

It was further agreed that Wexford County Council be thanked for their co-operation.

CREATION OF ONE ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR SUPERVISORY GRADE

The Manager informed the members of the desirability of creating a grade of Assistant Town Foreman as the existing volume of work was far too onerous for one man.

It was agreed, on the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Furlong, that a grade of Assistant Town Foreman be created.

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND TO OWNERS OF
NOS. 22 and 23 BEECHLAWN ESTATE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1946 - SECTION 83 AS AMENDED
BY SECTION 88 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1966

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, that the land be disposed of to Mr. M. Carey, 22 Beechlawn Estate and to Mr. Vincent Houlihan, 23 Beechlawn Estate in accordance with the terms of the Notices dated 27th October 1977.

TRADING IN BULL RING

The Town Clerk had submitted a report dated 7th November 1977 which he had prepared on the apparent legal position regarding trading in the Bull Ring. The report further recommended that the Corporation consider taking legal action under the Street Trading Act 1926 on the basis that the Bull Ring was only a lawfully constituted Market Place for specified goods. The offenders would be prosecuted for dealing in goods other than agricultural produce, fish and paper.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Jenkins and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that a prosecution as recommended be taken under the appropriate legislation and that if necessary Senior Counsel be employed.

PROPOSED OLD FOLK SCHEME - TEMPERANCE ROW

The Manager informed the members that he proposed to extend the terms of appointment of the Consulting Architect for Abbey Street Stage I & II to provide for the preparation of drawings and contract documents for a proposed old folk housing scheme at Temperance Row which would form part of an integrated action area plan for the Temperance Row/Selskar area. The action area plan would be formulated in detail by the planning department of Wexford County Council in the review of the Borough Development Plan. He would keep the members fully informed with the progress of the scheme.

The members noted with approval the Manager's proposal.

TOWN CELTIC A.F.C.

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had by letter dated 25th October 1977 received an application from the Town Celtic A.F.C. for a playing pitch either permanent or temporary.

The remaining housing lands of the Corporation were not considered suitable either because of bad drainage, gradient of land, high tension overhead cables and the desirability of digging trial holes to determine suitable foundation conditions for housing.

It was agreed that the proprietors of Bettyville Race Course and the Wexford Coursing Committee be requested to re-consider their decision to terminate the present licence of the Club in view of the tremendous good which the Club was doing in providing an active recreation for the young boys of the town.

PROPOSED CAR PARK ON THE WASTE GROUND
OPPOSITE KENNEDY PARK

In reply to question of Alderman Peter Roche it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor would further examine the feasibility of providing car park spaces on the waste ground opposite Kennedy Park, having regard to the danger to parked cars at the Kennedy Park side approach to St. Aidan's Crescent.

CONDITION OF PORTION OF THE ROAD BETWEEN
MAUDLINTOWN (ST. MAGDALEN'S TCE) & WEXFORD CREAMERY

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-
That the County Council would be written to regarding the condition of portion of the road between Maudlintown and Wexford Creamery.

The Manager informed the members that this portion of the road was part of the National Primary Road, the improvement of which would be discussed with the Department of the Environment for the 1978 Roads Programme.

TRAFFIC SIGNS IN TOWN

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That the traffic signs were provided at the request of the garda authorities and at the specified locations.

It was agreed that Alderman Peter Roche would submit specified locations of traffic signs in the Borough which might not be completely visible to motorists and possible signs which might not be correctly placed.

LIAM MELLOWS PARK HOUSING SCHEME

In reply to question Councillor J. Furlong was informed :-

That there was no retention money remaining on this scheme.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY
5th DECEMBER, 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Alderman J. Mahoney presiding.

Aldermen : Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, J. Furlong, T. Carr,
J. Jenkins, T.F. Byrne and John O'Flaherty.

An apology for inability to attend was received from
Alderman Philip Corish and Councillor K. Morris and
Councillor Mrs. A. Doyle.

In attendance : Mr. M.N. Dillon, County Manager
Mr. J. Kennedy, Borough Accountant
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor J. Jenkins and seconded by
Councillor J. Roche, the Minutes of the Statutory monthly meeting
held on 7th November, 1977, were adopted.

WEXFORD TOWN WATER SUPPLY - INFORMATIVE NOTICES

The following motion proposed by Alderman Peter Roche and
seconded by Councillor John Roche was considered :-

"Seeing that this Council adopted a policy some years ago
and purchased loudspeaker equipment for use in informing
people of water cut offs - why was no previous warning or
explanation given to residents of Faythe, William Street,
Maudlintown, Fisher's Row areas in respect of water cuts
on mornings of 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th November, 1977
which deprived old people, young children and working men
and women of a proper breakfast on severely cold mornings
and that in future advance warning or informative notices
be given to the public".

It was agreed that the matter be further examined having
regard in particular to notifying the public of an emergency
telephone number and the desirability of formulating an overall
emergency plan.

DIRECTIONAL SIGN TO ROSSLARE HARBOUR

The following motion proposed by Alderman Peter Roche and
seconded by Councillor John Roche was adopted :-

"That the sign be re-erected at junction of Roche's Road,
Bride Place, Bride Street indicating route to Rosslare
Harbour".

WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE -
IMPROVEMENT OF STREAM AT BISHOPSWATER AND PIERCE'S FACTORY

The following motion proposed by Councillor J. Roche and seconded by The Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney was adopted :-

"That this Council request that the scheme to alleviate flooding at Bishopswater be implemented immediately".

"POINTS SCHEME" FOR THE ALLOCATION OF HOUSES

The following motion proposed by Councillor John Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche was adopted :-

"That this Council consider at the earliest opportunity the present points system of drawing up housing list to see if changes are necessary".

ST. AIDAN'S SHOPPING CENTRE - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The following motion proposed by Councillor T. Carr and seconded by Councillor J. Roche was adopted :-

"Because of the very heavy flow of traffic in and out of St. Aidan's Shopping Centre and because of the increase in traffic into what is now a very populated area it is essential that a pedestrian crossing be placed opposite St. Aidan's Shopping Centre to protect pedestrians".

HOUSING SCHEMES - WOLFE TONE VILLAS -
MAUDLINTOWN - CROKE AVENUE

The following motion proposed by Councillor T. Carr and seconded by Councillor J. Furlong was adopted :-

"That this Council call on the Minister for the Environment to fix a special low rent on the Wolfe Tone Villas, Maudlintown and Croke Avenue houses on the basis that they are substandard".

WOLFE TONE VILLAS HOUSES

The following motion proposed by Councillor T. Carr and seconded by Councillor John Roche was adopted :-

"That this Council seriously consider allocating money to repair the roofing of Wolfe Tone Villas houses as a matter of urgency".

It was also agreed that the Minister for the Environment be requested for a capital allocation for this work.

SOCIAL WELFARE SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES ACT 1976

The following motion proposed by Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne was adopted :-

"That the South Eastern Health Board be requested to submit details of the operation of the Social Welfare Supplementary Allowances Scheme with particular reference to the allowance, if any, given towards the cost of heating and if it is the intention of the Board to introduce a

scheme under the provisions of the Act to deal solely with heating requirements of necessitous families".

It was also agreed that the Officer of the Health Board dealing with this scheme be requested to attend the next meeting of the Borough Council to explain the operation of the scheme.

NEW HOUSE SCHEME AT TOWNPARKS

The following motion proposed by Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Councillor T. Carr was adopted :-

"That this Council seek an assurance that the houses in Townparks will be ready for occupation before Christmas".

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETING

ROAD NEAR WEXFORD CREAMERY - NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD NO. 25.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the County Engineer had stated that grants would be sought from the Department for the improvement of this road and that major works must await the allocation of such grants. Efforts will be made to keep it in reasonable repairs until the major improvements are completed.

DISTILLERY ROAD

The Town Clerk informed the members that the County Engineer had stated that it was intended to include an improvement scheme in the 1978 Road Works Scheme for the surfacing of this road.

ROADS IN THE BOROUGH AND ENVIRONS

The Town Clerk informed the members that the County Engineer had outlined the road works in progress this year and of his intention to include further improvement works in future road works programmes.

Works in Progress for current year.

Whitemill Road	-	£30,000
John Street - School St.	-	£10,400
Reconstruction of section of William St., Redmond Pl. and Hill Street	-	£6,000.

Subject to the County Council's approval it is the intention to include the following improvement works in future road works programmes.

1. John Street
2. Clonard Road
3. Duncannon Line
4. Widening of Quays and traffic lights at Bridge.

TALBOT GREEN HOUSING SCHEME

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received letters from the four T.D.'s informing that the question of the enquiry into the Talbot Street Housing Scheme would be taken up with the Minister for the Environment.

ROSSLARE HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

The Town Clerk informed the members that the four T.D.'s had indicated that they would press the Minister for an early decision on Rosslare Harbour.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr it was agreed that the Corporation support the request of the Rosslare Harbour Development Committee for a meeting with the Minister for the Environment.

PRISON CONDITIONS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgment from the Office of the Minister for Justice relating to the resolution passed requesting an enquiry into Prison conditions.

CORRESPONDENCE

TALBOT GREEN HOUSING SCHEME

The Town Clerk read letter dated 1st December 1977 from the Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment. The letter indicated that the rectification of defects arising out of the contract for the building of the houses was a matter for settlement between the Corporation and the Contractor and that it was noted that repair works were being carried out. It did not appear therefore that it was necessary for the Minister to hold an enquiry.

The Town Clerk also read the Consulting Architect's report dated 17th November 1977 which outlined the design features of the houses and comments on the alleged defects.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche that having regard to the nature of the defects the Minister for the Environment be again requested to hold an enquiry without delay and that the members disappointment at the Minister's response be conveyed to him.

TELEPHONE SERVICE IN WEXFORD

It was agreed that letter dated 10th November 1977 be sent to the members.

DEPUTATIONS

1. Wexford Festival Opera.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that a deputation be received from the Funds Raising Committee.

2. Wexford Festival Singers.

On the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was agreed that a deputation be received from this Committee in support of the request for a contribution.

3. St. Ibar's Cine Club, Wexford.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr that the Town Clerk arrange a suitable date and venue for the proposed showing of the film "Riders to the Sea".

FIXING OF DATES FOR ESTIMATE MEETINGS

It was agreed that the Statutory Estimates Meeting be held on Wednesday 21st December 1977 and that a preliminary Estimates Meeting be held on Monday 19th December 1977.

PIERCE'S FACTORY WEXFORD

It was agreed that a meeting be convened of the four T.D.'s and of representative bodies to discuss the proposed redundancies in Pierce's Factory Wexford and in particular the proposed closure of the moulding shop and edge tool shop involving 59 employees and the possibility of other further redundancies.

It was the intention that the meeting would consider how the redundancies could be avoided with the aid of appropriate State Grants and also the possibility of the establishment of a new foundry in Wexford.

It was agreed that the meeting be held in the Municipal Buildings Wexford on Monday 12th December 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR QUARTER TO 31/12/1977.

It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor John Roche that overdraft of £220,000 for quarter ending 31st December 1977 be approved.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 1976

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche the Abstract of Accounts for 1976 was noted with approval.

ANCO TRAINING CENTRE

The report of the deputation on the submission to the Director-Direct Training AnCo - on the retention of the AnCo Training Centre in Wexford was noted with approval.

On the proposal of Councillor T.Carr and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne it was agreed that the Corporation again request the Minister for the Environment to receive a deputation on the retention of the AnCo Training Centre.

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF HOUSES - TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche, seconded by Councillor John Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd November 1977 the following dwellings be disposed of to the tenants thereof as follows :-

<u>COLUMN 1 :</u>	<u>COLUMN 2 :</u>	<u>COLUMN 3 :</u>
29 Bernadette Place	John Duggan	£1,575
47 Bishopswater	James Dwyer	£1,591
8 Green Street	John O'Neill	£623
64 Liam Mellows Park	Noel Murphy	£2,532
72 Liam Mellows Park	Nicholas Kehoe	£2,532
132 Liam Mellows Park	Patrick Malone	£2,532
21 Tuskar View	Mrs. Josephine Dalton	£1,557

WEXFORD FESTIVAL LIGHTING

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That the Wexford Festival Lighting Account was in the joint names of the Mayor and Town Clerk and would accordingly be liable in the event of debit balances.

The contribution of Wexford Corporation consisted of £300 in the Public Lighting Account and a further contribution of £200 to the Wexford Festival Opera. The other contributory bodies were -

Chamber of Commerce	-	£50	-	Junior Chamber	-	£35
E.S.B.	-	£50	-	Wexford Fringe Events Committee	-	£60
Wexford Festival Opera	-	£200	-	St. Peters College	-	£40

HOUSING WAITING LIST

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That 126 applicants were 3 years or more on the housing list.

FREE FUEL SCHEME

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That there were no income limits as such to determine eligibility under the Free Fuel Scheme but that the financial guidelines used for the Rates Waiver Scheme were also used for this scheme. In addition hardship cases were also considered individually.

HOUSING LIST

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That it was expected that the members would receive the new Housing Priority List within the next two weeks.

ST. AIDAN'S SHOPPING CENTRE

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That in one individual case action was taken to prevent dumping at the rear of St. Aidan's Shopping Centre. In the event of a Public Health nuisance the owners of the Shopping Centre would be requested to remove all dumped material.

TENANT PURCHASE APPLICATIONS

In reply to question Councillor J. Furlong was informed :-

That 98 applications were outstanding of the pre 1976 Sale Scheme.

The meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD
ON MONDAY, 12th DECEMBER, 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney presiding.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, T. Carr, T.F. Byrne,
J. O'Flaherty, J. Jenkins, Mrs. A. Doyle,
J. Furlong.

In attendance : Mr. B. Corish T.D., Mr. L. Allen T.D.,
Mr. T. McAuliffe, Regional Officer I.D.A.,
Mr. B. Ringwood, Co. Development Officer,
Deputation from Wexford Trades Council.

Apologies were received from Mr. S. Browne T.D.,
Mr. M. Darcy T.D., and Mr. F. Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

PROPOSED REDUNDANCIES AT PIERCES FACTORY, WEXFORD

Mr. P. Reck, Chairman, Wexford Trades Council on behalf of the deputation requested the support of the Council and the Dail Deputies to prevent the proposed 59 redundancies in the moulding shop and edge tool section of Pierces factory and for the retention of the entire workforce in the takeover of the plant by the T.M.G. Group.

Members of the deputation stressed the vital necessity to retain the foundry and edge tool section including members who had up to 35 years of service in the factory and who were now to become redundant with little or no prospect of obtaining alternative employment.

Members of the deputation also referred to the long history of Pierces as the major industrial employer in the town extending over 146 years, to the need for retention of the existing worker skills, to the buoyancy in demand for edge tool products and to the fact that the retention of the foundry and edge tool section was essential for the future operation of the plant as a viable and total unit.

Members of the Council and the deputation also referred to the lack of consultation and communication to date between the T.M.G. Group and the Unions and workers concerning the takeover proposals.

A full discussion took place concerning the proposed takeover and redundancies involved in the course of which it emerged that some confusion existed as to whether the takeover had been finalised and that a meeting between representatives of T.M.G. and the Unions was to take place on the following day.

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Reference was also made to the need for assistance by way of State grants to modernise the plant and to maintain the full workforce.

In reply to questions Mr. T. McAuliffe indicated that I.D.A. could not answer questions which were appropriate to the T.M.G. Group or the official Receiver and explained the function of the I.D.A. in the provision of grant assistance for modernisation and improvement of the plant. He added that the I.D.A. had indicated to the T.M.G. Group that grant assistance would be made available for modernisation of the plant and for training purposes.

A letter dated 8th December 1977 from Mr. S. Browne T.D. was read indicating the efforts he was making to prevent redundancies in the proposed takeover.

The Council and Dail Deputies pledged their full support for the prevention of redundancies and for the retention of the full workforce and foundry and edge tool section in the plant.

On the proposal of Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty, it was agreed to hold a further meeting on Thursday, 15th December 1977 at 8 p.m. to give the Unions involved an opportunity to report back on the discussions due to take place with representatives of the T.M.G. Group and to consider what further steps should be taken in the matter at that stage.

It was also agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mrs. A. Doyle, seconded by the Mayor to invite a representative of the T.M.G. Group to attend the next meeting.

The Meeting then concluded.

James Mahoney

MINUTES OF ESTIMATES COMMITTEE MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD
ON MONDAY, 19th DECEMBER, 1977.

The members present were :-

In the Chair Councillor J. Jenkins.

Alderman : Peter Roche.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, Mrs. A. Doyle,
John O'Flaherty.

An apology for inability to attend was received from
Alderman F. Byrne and Councillor T. Carr.

In attendance : Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Surveyor
Mr. J. Kennedy, Borough Accountant
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

TAKING OF CHAIR

On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. A. Doyle and
seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was agreed that Councillor
J. Jenkins take the Chair.

DEPUTATION FROM WEXFORD FESTIVAL SINGERS

The deputation consisted of M/s F.X. Butler and S. Sinnott.

The members of the deputation explained that they had been
in existence as a voluntary organisation for the past three years.
It was hoped that the Association could be formed on a permanent
basis and for this it would be necessary to have premises, permanent
tuition and piano. The society was providing an amenity for the town
and helped to promote the art of choral singing and cultural advancement.
The membership consisted of 84 and the membership fee was £2.00 per annum.

It was noted that the Association had requested assistance from
the National Arts Council and from An Foras Eireann.

The members of the deputation answered questions and having thanked
the members for receiving them withdrew.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Alderman
Peter Roche, it was agreed that £200 be provided in the Estimates for
consideration as a contribution to the Wexford Festival Singers.

WEXFORD FESTIVAL OPERA - FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The deputation consisted of Mr. S. Scallan and Mrs. B. Wallace.

The members of the deputation explained that the Wexford Festival helped to promote tourism and in particular made Wexford Town known throughout the world. On this basis alone apart from the cultural advantages it was a most important asset to Wexford in the promotion of all aspects of economic life. Other organisations gave tremendous support to the Festival (Bord Failte, Arts Council and A. Guinness & Co.) and financial support from the local authority is indicative of local interest and assist also in seeking funds from other organisations.

The members of the deputation having answered questions from the members and thanked the members for receiving them withdrew.

It was agreed that the contribution which the Wexford Corporation is already making to the Wexford Festival and in particular Festival Lighting be submitted in writing to the Wexford Festival Council.

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris and seconded by Councillor Mrs. A. Doyle, it was agreed that £500 be provided for consideration in the Estimates.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES - 1978

The Estimates in Statutory Form, the Explanatory Tables and the County Manager's report had been circulated with the Agenda for the Meeting.

The Town Clerk having read the report of the County Manager, the members considered various aspects and policy issues.

The members considered that the level of the increase in the following items were excessive having regard to the overall 11% limitation.

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
County Council Demand	£100,219	£85,732	17%
Fire Service	£19,142	£17,000	12%
Dump at Carcur	£7,539	£5,940	27%

As the overall limitation confined the Corporation to maintaining existing standards, without any improvement, the members expressed dissatisfaction that the very limited scope for slight improvement should be devoted to County Council services.

It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor Mrs. A. Doyle, that the County Council be requested to review the foregoing charges.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. Jenkins and seconded by Councillor J. Roche, that a provision of £200 be included in the Estimates for consideration as a contribution to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor Mrs. A. Doyle, that a provision of £140 be included for consideration as a contribution towards the provision of a mobile band stand.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

MINUTES OF STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON
21st DECEMBER, 1977.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Alderman J. Mahoney presiding.

Alderman : Peter Roche

Councillors : John Roche, J. Jenkins, T.F. Byrne,
John O'Flaherty.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Surveyor
Mr. J. Kennedy, Borough Accountant
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES - 1978

The members continued consideration of the Estimates.
The following contributions to other bodies were agreed.

1. St. Ibars Cine Club	£150
2. Three Bands (£60 each)	£180
3. C.B.S. Band	£30
4. Wexford Arts Centre	£150
5. Wexford Light Opera Society	£200
6. Wexford Festival	£500
7. Wexford Festival Singers	£200
8. Wexford Youth Group	£100
9. Ferns Diocesan Youth Service	£50
10. Wexford Swimming Club	£100
11. Royal National Lifeboat Institution	£200
12. Contribution to Band Stand	£140

TOTAL £ 2,000

The Manager outlined for the members the projected desirable programme of development works and referred in particular to the constraints of the 11% increase on a local authority as a development corporation and in particular to the limitation on the initiation of new schemes. The standard of the Housing and Road Programmes could not for example be improved and all that could be achieved was the maintenance of existing standards.

The Housing Construction Programme at Townparks and Abbey Street was proceeding satisfactorily and the plans for Townparks Stage II were prepared. A Consulting Architect was engaged for the initiation of an urban renewal scheme in the Temperance Row/Selskar Street area.

The Development Plan would be reviewed during 1978 and it would be necessary to carry out a major review and programme for Road Improvement Works. Car parking facilities along the Quay and the desirable development of the Crescent area would be examined.

The water supply was reasonably satisfactory and would be improved with the present extension of the Newtown Treatment Works.

An Foras Forbartha would be requested to carry out an amenity scheme survey (and possibly a small housing scheme) of the Corporation lands at Maudlintown. The filling of the dump at Carcur was proceeding and this will provide a valuable amenity area.

The Swimming Pool/Caravan Park complex would be promoted and immediate management responsibility identified. The extension of the Caravan Park was proceeding and it is hoped that the area would be enhanced with the erection of the pump donated by A.B.S. at the entrance area. Signposting would also be provided.

A major overhaul of the three public conveniences would be carried out.

The question of the Borough Boundary extension was under consideration but it was hoped that new legislation would facilitate an extension and in particular deal with the vexed question of the financial contribution payable to the adjoining local authority. For this reason he was proceeding with caution.

The satisfactory completion of the Industrial Estate was under examination and it was hoped that this would be completed during 1978.

The members welcomed the Manager's constructive and positive approach and expressed the wish that the foregoing programme would be achieved.

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that the Corporation protest to the Minister for the Environment at the limitation of the 11% increase having regard in particular to the limiting effect it had on the initiation of new schemes and the consequential restrictive role of the Corporation as a development corporation - a role which his predecessors had urged local authorities to become. Such limitation should not apply in future years.

CREATION OF POST OF - 1 CLERICAL OFFICER - 1 TECHNICIAN.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty it was agreed that an additional post of one Clerical Officer and one Technician be created.

DETERMINATION OF RATE IN THE £ FOR 1978

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty it was agreed that the draft Estimate of Expenses prepared by the County Manager for the year 1978 be and is hereby amended by the following changes in the financial contributions to outside bodies. The final contributions are as outlined at the commencement of the Minutes.

The proposed contribution of £200 to the Wexford Arts Centre to be reduced by £50.

The proposed contribution of £350 to the Wexford Festival to be increased by £150.

A contribution of £200 to be paid to the Wexford Festival Singers.

A contribution of £200 to be paid to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

A contribution of £50 to be paid to the Ferns Diocesan Youth Service.

A contribution of £140 to be provided towards the provision of a bandstand.

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty it was resolved that the Wexford Corporation hereby adopt for the financial year ending 31st December, 1978 the Estimate of Expenses set out in Tables A and B3 of the prescribed form of Estimate of Expenses prepared in accordance with the Public Bodies (Amendment) Order 1975.

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty it was resolved that the Wexford Corporation hereby determine in accordance with the said Estimate the Rate set out in Column 10 of Table B3 to be the Rates in the £ to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in Column 1 of Table B3.

The Estimate of Expenses adopted by the Council provided for a general rate of £11.06.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney