

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL, HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY,
5th JANUARY, 1981 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Present:

His Worship, the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney, presiding.

Aldermen: F. Byrne, B. Corish, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors: J. Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, P. Reck, N. Murphy, J. Hayes,
J. O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor K. Morris.

In Attendance:

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager,
Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer,
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY (L.16)

Before commencing the business of the meeting, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the families of the following persons who had died recently:

Mr. John Bernie, Whitemill Road, Wexford, former Member of Wexford Corporation.
Mr. William O'Neill, Mount George, Wexford, former employee of Wexford Corporation.
Mrs. Kehoe, St. Aidan's Crescent, Wexford, Mother-in-Law of Mr. Frank Kavanagh, former Town Clerk.
Mr. Jack Rogan, Slaney Street, Wexford.

Closure at Pierces A.6

The Mayor stated that he wished to congratulate the employees of Pierces and to support/stand taken by them in insisting on the best settlement terms possible from the T.M.G. Group, following the closure of Pierces factory. This was seconded by Councillor J. Hayes and agreed. It was also agreed to write directly to the T.M.G. Group asking them to participate in the Labour Court Hearings on the closure of the factory.

Having discussed the further deterioration in the employment situation in Wexford, the Council decided to again request the Minister for Industry, Commerce and Tourism to receive a deputation from the Council.

MINUTES A.37

On the proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor P. Reck, the Minutes of Statutory Meeting held on 1st December, 1980, and recommendations of Traffic Management meeting held on 4th December, 1980 were unanimously adopted.

Disposal of land on Wexford's Industrial Estate C.168/33

On the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty, the Council unanimously approved the disposal of 10.25 acres of land at Clonard to Mr. Seamus Berry in return for 5.77 acres of land in the same area from Mr. Berry which was regarded as an equitable exchange having regard to the condition of both parcels of land. The disposal was carried out in accordance with the terms of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended.

Over-expenditure

In accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act, 1973, the Council unanimously authorised over-expenditure on the following programme groups on the proposal of Alderman B. Corish seconded by Alderman F. Byrne :

1. Housing & Building - £14,850
4. Development incentives and controls - £1,259.00
5. Environmental protection - £970.00

Auditor's report A.3

In accordance with the provisions of Artical 25 of the Public Bodies Order, 1946, the report of the Local Government Auditor on the accounts of Wexford Corporation for three financial years ending 31st December, 1979, were considered by the Council. On the proposal of Alderman B. Corish, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, the Council unanimously decided to adopt the report as presented.

Ombudsman Act, 1980

The Town Clerk read a summary of the main provisions of the Ombudsman Act, 1980, copies of which had been circulated to the Council. He pointed out that Local Authorities were not included in the Act at present but that the Minister for the Environment had given an undertaking to bring the Local Authorities under the Act within three months of the appointment of the Ombudsman. He also pointed out that certain Semi-State Bodies and Government Agencies were excluded from the Act. Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle accepted that an Ombudsman may be necessary to investigate actions of Government Departments or large Semi-State Bodies. He therefore, did not accept the Minister's decision to exclude large Semi-State Bodies and Government Agencies. She also rejected the decision to bring Local Authorities within the terms of the Act on the grounds that Local Representatives act as Ombudsman for Local Authority dicisions. These representatives are elected locally and live on the spot and this system has worked well. The decisions of Local Authorities are investigated at public meetings and their finances are subjected to public audit.

Councillor J. Roche agreed that the Local Authorities should be excluded from the Act because of the power which local representatives had to debate and alter if necessary, decisions of Local Authorities. He ~~say this Act as~~ a further erosion of the powers of the elected representatives. Councillor P. Reck also rejected the terms of the Act and asked the Municipal Authorities Association of Ireland to take up the matter with the Minister for the Environment. Councillor J. O'Flaherty stated that the present democratic system of Local Government worked well in Ireland and was particularly suited to small countries such as ours. Alderman P. Kelly requested that more powers be given to Local Authorities rather than appointing an Ombudsman to investigate their affairs.

Following further discussion on the matter, it was unanimously decided to urge the Minister for the Environment not to include Local Authorities within the terms of the Act.

MOTIONS

Closing of Roads R.43 & R.44

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Roche seconded by Alderman P. Kelly and resolved:

"That this Borough Council deplores the policy of erecting crossings on junctions which are at dangerous points and interfere with the livelihood of Ratepayers and also deplores the closing of roads in the town without going through the proper legal procedures".

In proposing the motion, Alderman P. Roche referred to the recent closure of John Street by Wexford County Council without going through the proper legal procedure. He felt that the public and business people hit by this closure should have been consulted. He also referred to the provision of a traffic island at Maudlintown and asked that the pedestrian crossing be changed and the road be realigned in this area.

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager stated that the grant from the Department of the Environment for the work at Hill Street/John Street was not notified to the Council until the 1st October, 1980 and work had to commence immediately. Therefore, there was not enough time to go through the normal legal procedure.

The Council decided to raise these matters at the joint meeting with Wexford District Committee.

Gateway at Folly

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Councillor P. Reck and resolved:

"That the gateway at Mill Road /The Folly, be restored by whoever is responsible to avoid serious accident in this area".

The Borough Engineer agreed to have this work carried out.

Block of Flats C.214

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck seconded by Alderman B. Corish and resolved:

"That this Borough Council press the Government for permission to build a block of self sufficient flats or maisonettes".

During the discussion on the motion, Councillor Reck stated that there was a need for good quality flats for newly married couples in Wexford Town to avoid them having to accept very poor standard flats at exorbitant rents. He felt that flats should be provided by Wexford Corporation from Government funds and that they be let to the couples at an economic rent.

Alderman B. Corish, in seconding the motion requested that the Government provide the necessary finance for these flats and that the motion be amended accordingly. This was agreed. Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle also supported the motion but felt that the question of a Differential Rent Scheme would be a problem,

In concluding the discussion on the motion, the Mayor felt that this was a matter which should be discussed at a Special Meeting of the Housing Committee.

Allocation of Corporation Houses C.189/3

Councillor J. Hayes proposed the following motion :

"That this Borough Council have our present housing scheme which is under construction, completed in block system and then allocated, so by alleviating the housing list as the scheme progresses, and gaining extra finance for the Borough".

He added that the present 54 house scheme in Coolcotts could be allocated as each block of houses are finished rather than waiting for the completion date of the entire scheme.

Alderman P. Roche seconded the motion which was unanimously resolved. Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager agreed to take up the matter with the National Building Agency.

Work Experience Scheme L.15

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Hayes, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle and resolved:

"That this Borough Council calls on the F.U.E. and other bodies to avail more of the Youth Opportunity Scheme which is financed by E.E.C. funds, so giving our young people the benefit of work experience."

Councillor J. Hayes stated that this scheme was administered by the National Manpower Service at no cost to the employers concerned. However, this scheme has not been fully availed of by employers in Wexford.

Councillor P. Reck pointed out that a scheme has been availed of in Wexford but he did agree that it should be utilised to better advantage. It was agreed to request the National Manpower Service to carry out an advertising campaign for the scheme.

C.B. Radios A.8

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman B. Corish and resolved:

"That this Council request the Minister for Post & Telecommunications to grant the concessions requested by those operating C.B. radios".

It was agreed to forward the motion to the Minister

Unemployment A.37

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Kelly:

"That an emergency meeting of this Council be considered at the earliest possible opportunity, to openly discuss, Wexford's unemployment crisis, and that invitations to attend be extended to representatives of organisations effected by the crisis, i.e. Wexford Trades Council, Main Street Traders, Chamber of Commerce, local industrialists, Wexford District Committee, Co. Council, etc."

There was no seconder for the motion.

Dumping facilities F.29/2

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Kelly, seconded by Alderman P. Roche and resolved:

"That Wexford County Council be requested to provide after hour dumping facilities, in the form of a skip (or skips) at the gates of the Carcur tip".

CORRESPONDENCE

Italian Earthquake A.68 & A.37

The Town Clerk read a letter of appeal from the Council of Europe for funds towards the victims of the recent earthquake in Italy. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman P. Roche, it was decided to let each Member of the Council contribute on an individual basis.

Sports and Recreational Conference A.37

The Town Clerk informed the Council that he had received notification of a Sports and Recreational Conference being organised by the County Cork V.E.C. on 10th to 12th March, 1981. Councillor J. Roche proposed that in view of the importance of the Conference for Local Authorities, that the Town Clerk and two Members of the Council, be nominated to attend. This was seconded by Alderman P. Roche. Alderman P. Roche was then proposed by Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Hayes. Councillor J. Hayes proposed by Councillor P. Reck and seconded by Councillor J. Roche.

In the event of Alderman P. Roche being unable to attend, the Conference, the Council nominated Councillor Noel Murphy to attend in his place.

Expenses for Members of Local Authorities A.37

The Town Clerk read a circular letter No. G5/80 dated 9th December, 1980 from the Department of the Environment setting out revised rates of travelling expenses and subsistence allowances for Members of Local Authorities. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman P. Roche, the Council unanimously decided to adopt the revised rates as set out in Circular. Councillor J. Roche also proposed that the maximum amount authorised by the Minister for the Environment be paid to the Members of Local Authorities at all stages for the life of this Council. This was seconded by Alderman P. Roche and resolved.

Cheap Fuel Scheme F.4

The Town Clerk read a reply dated 18th December, 1980 from the Department of Social Welfare regarding Council's motion calling for a revision of the Cheap Fuel Scheme. It was decided to circulate this reply for the next meeting of the Council.

QUESTIONS

55 Hantoon Road H.F.

Alderman P. Roche was informed by the Borough Engineer that work had commenced at 55 Hantoon Road, Wexford.

Water Supply at Tuskar View G.7 , W.37

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman Roche that the improvement of water supply at Tuskar View would be considered in the Estimates in 1981.

Extension to Quinnsworth

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Roche that the question of planning for the extension at Quinnsworth Store at the Crescent is still under investigation.

Private Housing Scheme C.194/1

In reply to Councillor P. Reck, the Town Clerk stated that the question of a co-operative housing scheme was being pursued with the successful applicants for the Corporations private sites.

Office of Public Works property

The Town Clerk informed Councillor P. Reck, that the would write to the Office of Public Works requesting them to secure their property in King Street.

Joint Meeting with Wexford District Committee A.37

The Town Clerk informed Councillor P. Reck that Wexford County Council were arranging a joint meeting between the Corporation and Wexford District Committee.

Public Convenience Caretaker F3/5

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. Hayes that the Corporation had a full-time caretaker for the public conveniences at Selskar and South Main Street and it was not at present intended to employ a full-time caretaker for the proposed public convenience at Crescent Quay Car Park.

Keyser's Lane (R1/1)

The Borough Engineer stated that arrangements would be made to have Keyser's Lane recobbled.

Flooding at Davitt Road South W.36

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Hayes that plans to alleviate flooding at Davitt Road South would be considered at the Estimates for 1981.

Road Works at Kileens (R1(c))

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that the completion of Roadworks at Kileens (Whitemill Road) will be taken up with Wexford County Council.

Grass Verges R.19

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that work to be done on grass verges from 61 to 72 Liam Mellows Park would be considered at the Estimates for 1981.

Parking at Mount George R13/1

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Kelly that the question of parking at Mount George had been considered by the Traffic Management Committee but that it was not possible to allow parking for residents only in this area as this was a public road.

Date of Special Meeting L.15

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes / seconded by Councillor J. Reck was unanimously decided to hold a special meeting of Wexford Borough Council to discuss Under-Age-Drinking and Drug abuse on Monday, 26th January, 1981 at 7.30 p.m.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.


MAYOR

Dated this 9th day of February 1981

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD ON 20th JANUARY, 1981 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillor J. Roche, Chairman,
Alderman P. Roche,
Superintendent J. Galvin,
Mr. T. Carr, Wexford Trades Council,
Mr. D. Burke, President, Wexford Chamber of Commerce,
Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer,
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

Pedestrianisation of Wexford's Main Street

The Committee received a deputation from the Main Street Traders regarding the proposed pedestrianisation of Wexford's Main Street. The Deputation was formed by:

Mr. J. Jenkins,
Mr. B. Corcoran,
Mr. P. Dundon,
Mr. S. Kelly.

The Chairman welcomed the Deputation and asked the Borough Engineer to give his views on the traders proposal to pedestrianise the area from Monck Street to Cinema Lane.

Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer stated that the area suggested by the traders was too long for a trial period and he again recommended that the area from Bull Ring to Anne Street be adopted as a trial. The Chairman then asked each Member of the Deputation to address the meeting. The Deputation referred to the improvement in traffic flow along the Main Street since the Traffic Warden had taken up duty but all favoured the pedestrianisation from Monck Street to Cinema Lane.

Following further discussion on the matter, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, Chairman, seconded by Alderman P. Roche, to have a trial period for a two month period commencing on 1st March, 1981 and for the first month to pedestrianise the street from the Bull Ring to Ann Street & for the second month to pedestrianise from Monck Street to Cinema Lane. After this trial period, it was decided to hold a further meeting with the traders at the end of March.

TRAFFIC WARDEN

The Town Clerk gave the Committee a report on the Traffic Warden Service which had commenced on the first week in January. The Committee noted with approval, the progress of the scheme so far and complimented the Traffic Warden on his efficiency.

CAR PARK CHARGES

The Borough Engineer informed the Committee that the pay and display equipment should be available by mid February. The Town Clerk stated that the regulations had been advertised and it would now be forwarded to the Department of the Environment for consent. Alderman P. Roche felt that when the car park charges are introduced, that the Traffic Warden would not have time to enforce parking regulations and also enforce the Car Park Charges. It was decided to consider appointing a separate car park attendant at weekends, to overcome this problem.

Closing of King Street

The Committee considered a request from Junior Chamber, Wexford, to close King Street for the duration of the European Conference in 1981. Alderman P. Roche suggested that an agreement would have to be reached with the residents of King Street and the Gardai before this could be done. It was agreed to put this item on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Committee.

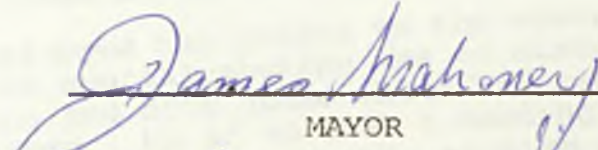
Traffic Lights at the Quay/King Street

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Mr. T. Carr, the Committee unanimously recommended that Wexford County Council be requested to proceed with the erection of traffic lights at the Quay/King Street.

One-way system in the Folly

The Town Clerk again pointed out to the Committee, the urgency of having a one-way system introduced at the Folly to avoid serious accident at the Junction of Mulgannon, and Mill Road. Superintendent J. Galvin stated that such a system would need to cater for the making of one-way streets in Castlehill Street and Michael Street also. It was decided to request the Borough Engineer to prepare sketches of these proposals and submit them to the next meeting of the Committee.

This concluded the Business of the meeting.


MAYOR
Dated this 2nd day of February, 1981.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL, HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON 26th
JANUARY, 1981 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney, presiding.

Aldermen: F. Byrne, B. Corish, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors: J. Roche, Mrs. Avril Dogle, P. Reck, N. Murphy,
J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor
K. Morris.

In Attendance:

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager,
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

Guests:

Mr. P. McGill, Chairman, Co. Wexford V.E.C.,
Sr. Elizabeth Murphy, Ferns Diocesan Youth Service,
Mr. D. Nevins, Managing Director, Whites Hotel,
Mr. D. Burke, President, Chamber of Commerce,
Mr. J. Doyle, Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana,
Mrs. Kearns, V.E.C.,
Mr. Eugene O'Donohue, Health Education Bureau,
Mr. J. Doyle, Chairman, Wexford G.A.A.,
Mr. Barny Murphy, President, Wexford Vintners Assoc.,
Mr. Eddie Connellan, Chairman, C.A.R.A.D.A.S.,
Mr. Michael Butler, Vintners Association,
Dr. McKeogh, Chief Psychiatrist, St. Senan's Hospital.

Drink & Drug Abuse in Wexford

The Mayor welcomed the guests to the meeting and stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the problem of under-age drinking and drug abuse which had recently become more prevalent in Wexford. He added that a meeting such as this would hopefully identify the causes of this problem and would put forward constructive proposals to alleviate it. He then invited the guests to address the meeting on this subject.

Mr. P. McGill congratulated the Mayor and Members of the Corporation for convening the meeting to discuss such an important issue. He stated that there were 65,000 confirmed alcoholics in Ireland at present and that responsibility for their welfare and the welfare of the people in general rested with the Department of Health. He complemented the work being done by the Department of Health through the Health Education Bureau in warning young people of the dangers of drink and drug abuse but stated that much more would have to be done. Mr. J. Doyle, Chief Superintendent referred to the complexity of the law dealing with the sale of drink. He pointed out that under present legislation, the onus rested with the licensee in ensuring that drink was not sold to any person under 18 years of age. He asked for an amendment in this law which would place the onus on the person buying the drink. He also referred to the large number of exemptions which are granted each year which extended the drinking hours.

Dr. McKeogh suggested that one of the reasons why there was such a large problem with under-age drinking in Ireland is because the adult population is drinking so much. He stated that the consumption of alcohol had increased two and a half times in the past 15 years. He recommended that drink be taxed more heavily because the price of drink was not keeping pace with rising wages and was in effect, cheaper now in real terms than 15 years ago. He also asked that drinking hours be cut back and an educational campaign be launched in schools.

Barry Murphy speaking on behalf of the Vintners, accepted that there is a problem with under-age drinking but reminded the meeting that the Vintners were the only association who had taken any steps to curb it. He referred to the system of C.A.R.A.D.A.S. introduced by the Vintners which was an identity card system for teenagers. He did not agree with the proposal to increase tax on drink. He put the increase of alcoholic consumption down to the greater number of ladies drinking now than here-tofore. He suggested that a no-name club be established in Wexford similar to that in Kilkenny. He welcomed the Minister's recent statement indicating that the licencing laws would shortly be amended.

Mr. Eugene Donohue referred to the work being done by the Health Education Bureau and paid personal thanks to Alderman Brendan Corish who had established the bureau during his term of Minister for Health. He felt that the problem would have to be tackled at local level. He stated that an Alcohol Education programme was being put into all schools and in connection with this he had travelled around the country meeting teachers and pupils in second level schools.

Mr. Eddie Connellan, speaking as Chairman of C.A.R.A.D.A.S. spoke of the work being done by the combined association of responsible attitudes to drinking in Society. He explained the identity card system in detail and recommended that the scheme be introduced in Wexford as have been done in many other counties in Ireland.

Sr. Murphy mentioned the recent survey carried out by a Wexford student on glue sniffing and read out the alarming statistics which this survey showed up. She offered the help of the Youth Service in an proposals to reduce under-age drinking and drug abuse and asked for more publication of films and periodicals that are available on this subject.

Mr. D. Nevins, spoke of the concern of the Hoteliers about the problem of under-age drinking and pledged his full support to any effort taken to curb this problem. He laid some of the blame with the parents and felt that they would have to be educated in a more responsible attitude towards drink. He stated that White's Hotel had tried the no-name club and non-alcoholic disco but that the response was disappointing. He stated that further taxation on drink would do more damage to the Tourist Industry.

Mr. John Doyle, G.A.A. strongly recommended the role that sport had to play in combating this problem. He listed the facilities being provided by the G.A.A. in Wexford Town at Pairc Charman. He spoke at length of the difficulty which the committee were having in raising sufficient funds to complete the project and asked for the support of the Corporation and of all the people in Wexford for this worthwhile venture. He added that the committee would be prepared to meet the Corporation to discuss this matter further, if this was possible.

Mrs. Kearns spoke of the large amount of pocket-money which young people had today and that this made it easy for them to buy drink. She also mentioned a report which she heard that young people were able to steal crates of drink.

Having heard the views of the guests, the Mayor then asked the Members of the Corporation for their comments.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle agreed that there was a problem but stated that with some teenagers, it was just a passing phase. She also spoke of the tremendous pressure which young people are under now and how many young people see drink as an escape from this pressure. Mrs. Doyle went on to speak about the amount of leisure hours which adults now have and stated that people would have to be educated to use their leisure time for more productive purposes.

Councillor P. Reck raised the question of the amount of pocket-money which young people had but asked that all the blame not be placed on parents. He felt that the influences that young people are subjected to outside the home, in schools and with other companions is often far greater than that exercise by parents.

Alderman F. Byrne also suggested a greater involvement in sport as a solution to this problem and asked that people be made aware of the symptoms of alcoholism. He also added that they could be given a greater opportunity to solve the problem before it goes too far.

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Alderman B. Corish complemented the Organisations represented at the meeting on what was being done to curb this problem.

Councillor J. O'Flaherty also spoke of the good work that is being done by Voluntary Organisations to help those with drink and drug problems.

Alderman P. Kelly asked the parents to be very careful about the example which they give to Children. He praised Alcoholics Anonymous for the work which they are doing.

Councillor J. Roche suggested that one positive step would be to put a motion on the Agenda for the next meeting of Wexford Corporation asking the Department of Justice to amend the licencing laws and to bring in legislation making it compulsory for teenagers to have identity cards when purchasing Alcoholic drinks.

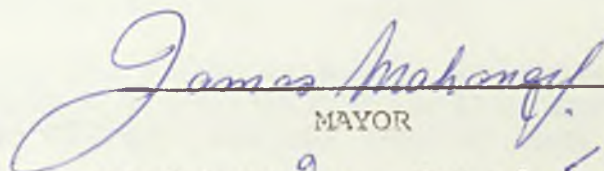
Councillor J. Hayes also asked for the introduction of the Identity Cards system. He felt that teachers should explain the dangers of drink and drug abuse and that films on this subject should be shown in schools. On the question of facilities for young people, he requested that the Parish Hall be made available to Youth Organisation for meeting of recreation. He also supported the suggestion to have a no-name club established in Wexford.

This concluded the comments of the guests and members present at the meeting. The Mayor then thanked all present for their contribution and particularly those special guests who had attended the meeting to represent Voluntary Organisations who are working to find the solution to this problem. He stated that as under-age drinking had been the principal subject covered at the Meeting, that a further meeting would be held to discuss drug abuse.

SPECIAL MEETING
TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor J. Hayes, the Council unanimously decided to hold a special meeting to discuss the forthcoming Tidy Towns Competition on Monday, 9th February, 1981 at 7.30 p.m. It was also decided to invite representatives of local organisations to this meeting.

The Meeting then Ended.


MAYOR

Dated this 2nd day of February, 1981.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF HOUSING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD ON 26th JANUARY, 1981
AT THE CLOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING.

Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J. Mahoney, presiding.

Aldermen: F. Byrne, B. Corish, P. Kelly.

Councillors: J. Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, P. Reck, N. Murphy,
J. Hayes.

Apologies were received from Councillor K. Morris, Councillor J.
O'Flaherty and Alderman P. Roche for inability to attend.

In Attendance:

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager,

Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

61 Ashfield Drive

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Corporation house at No. 61 Ashfield Drive had become vacant that day and it was the Manager's intention to allocate this house to Miss Mary Corcoran, 9 Commercial Quay, Wexford who is the next person on the list. The Manager's decision was noted and approved by the Council on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck.

4 Emmett Place

The Town Clerk told the Members that the tenant of No. 4 Emmett Place had died that week-end and that this house was now vacant. He informed the Council that following the Housing of Mrs. Corcoran, the only person remaining on the Emergency list were as follows:

1. Mr. Martin Clancy, Bishopswater, Wexford.
2. Mr. Thomas Harpur, 65 St. Aidan's Crescent, Wexford.
3. Mrs. McCarthy, 79 Talbot Green, Wexford.

He appointed out that the house in Emmett Place was the older type consisting of two bedrooms and outdoor toilet, and that Mr. Clancy and Mr. Harpur had already refused similar type of accommodation at Wolfe Tone Villas.

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager informed the Council of his proposal to appoint the third person on the list, Mrs. McCarthy to this house in view of the urgent recommendations which he was receiving from the C.M.O. about this case and because the accommodation would suit her family circumstances.

Alderman B. Corish asked that the Ryan family of John Street be considered for this house on the grounds that Mrs. Ryan, a relative of the deceased tenant had lived in the house for several years prior to her marriage. He asked the Manager to consider the fact that the tenant had applied to purchase the house and the sale had gone through. The former tenant would have left the house to Mrs. Ryan. This proposal was supported by Councillor Noel Murphy.

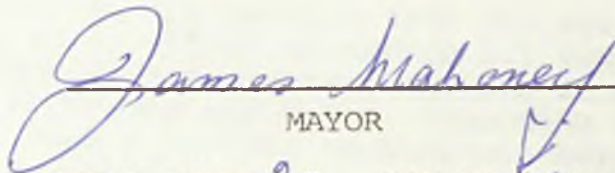
The Manager explained to Alderman Corish that he would not be in a position to comply with his request and stated that he attended to appoint Mrs. McCarthy as tenant. This was noted by the Council.

Other Cases

Alderman F. Byrne asked the Manager to investigate the case of Mr. O'Connor, Carcur, who had been evicted from his house in John Street.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle also raised the case of Mrs. Daly, Old Pound House who had been evicted by the owner.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.


MAYOR

DATED THIS 20. DAY OF December, 1981 .

OF SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, ON TUESDAY, 27th JANUARY, 1981,
half past seven o'clock.

Present: Councillor J. Roche,
Councillor P. Reck.
Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer,
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk,
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant,
Mr. J. Barry, Manager, Recreation Centre,
Councillor L. Carty, Wexford County Council,
Mr. J. Ffrench,
Fr. Collins.

At the outset, Councillor J. Roche welcomed Mr. Griffin as Borough Accountant to the first meeting of the Swimming Pool Committee. Councillor L. Carty congratulated him on his promotion to Borough Accountant. Councillor P. Reck and other members present, also welcomed Mr. Griffin to the meeting. In accordance with normal practice, the Borough Accountant then took the Chair.

Solar Panels

The Borough Engineer informed the meeting that the solar panels would be installed this year in an effort to reduce oil consumption at the pool. Mr. Barry added that he had a recent meeting in Dublin with representatives of An Foras Forbartha and U.C.D. regarding the question of Solar Panels and that a further meeting was being arranged with the Borough Engineer in Wexford. Councillor J. Roche fully supported the proposal to proceed with the panels pointing out that the annual grant from the Wexford County Council towards the cost of running the pool is subject to every effort being made by the Corporation to reduce the loss on the pool and the panel would greatly contribute towards this. The Borough Engineer pointed out that the Corporation had purchased the cover for the pool, which had helped to reduce heat loss. Councillor P. Reck proposed that a detailed submission on the running of the pool and a break-down on categories of persons using the pool be sent to Wexford County Council in support of the Corporation's application for a grant. This was seconded by Councillor John Roche and agreed.

INCREASED CHARGES

The Town Clerk stated that the charges for use of the pool had not been increased since August, 1978 and that in view of the increased cost of running the pool, charges would have to go up this year. He recommended increases as follows:

Adults increased from 50p. to 60p.
Children from 20p. to 25p.
Groups be increased by £1.00

The Committee decided to recommend the increased charges on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck.

FACILITIES FOR DISABLED PERSONS

Councillor J. Roche asked the Committee to consider providing facilities for disabled persons at the pool in 1981. Following further discussion, it was decided to put a sum in this years Estimates and to ask the Borough Engineer to spend this amount on providing such facilities.

Usage of Pool

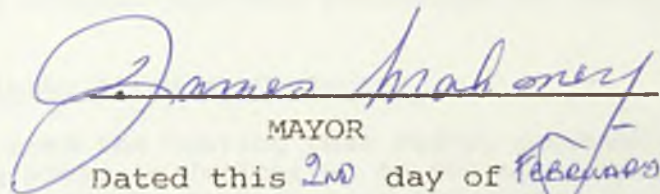
Mr. Barry stated that the pool was now being used with full capacity and in 1980, 81,000 people used the pool and 25,000 childrens tickets were sold. He estimated that perhaps as high as $\frac{3}{4}$ of those that were using the pool came from the rural areas. He also said that the system of buying block of tickets at a cheaper rate had been introduced at the beginning of the year.

Saunas

Mr. Barry noted an increase in usage of the Saunas from the beginning of the year but asked that further advertising be given to this facility and suggested that advertising in the local cinema be considered. Councillor John Roche stated that Wexford local radio should be contacted to advertise the facilities at the pool. This was agreed and it was also agreed to contact Wexford Junior Chamber who are running a weight-reducing contest, who might be interested in using the saunas at the pool.

Conclusion

The Chairman then thanked the Members for attending the meeting and for the contribution they had made and formally closed the meeting.


MAYOR

Dated this 2nd day of February, 1981.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF HOUSING COMMITTEE HELD ON 2nd FEBRUARY,
1981 AT THE CLOSE OF THE STATUTORY MEETING.

Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney, presiding.

Aldermen: B. Corish, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors: J. Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, P. Reck, N. Murphy, K. Morris,
J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty.

In attendance:

Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk,

Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer,

Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

Apologies were received from Alderman F. Byrne and Mr. P. Whelan,
Assistant County Manager for inability to attend.

N.B.A. land at Mulgannon

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Wexford Golf Club setting out their proposals to extend the Golf Course. These proposals include the purchase of approx. 10 acres of land at present owned by the National Building Agency. The letter explained that the National Building Agency would not be in a position to sell the land directly to Wexford Golf Club but could sell the land directly to Wexford Corporation. The Golf Club formally requested the Corporation to purchase this land from the National Building Agency and to subsequently transfer it to the Wexford Golf Club on a no profit - no loss basis. The Council unanimously decided to assist the Golf Club in the manner outlined on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty.

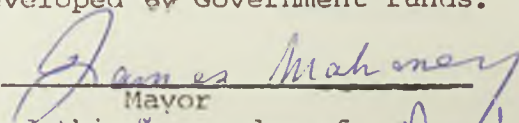
Letting Priority Scheme

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Letting Priority Scheme as amended by the Council had been sanctioned by the Minister for the Environment.

Private Sites at Coolcotts

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that before proceeding with the sale of Private Sites in Coolcotts, to the approved applicants, the Corporation had requested the Institute of Industrial Research and Standards to carry out a detailed soil survey of each site. He added that this detailed analysis had been received within the last few days and studied by the Borough Engineer. The Borough Engineer reported that having regard to the findings of the I.I.R.S. foundations for houses on these sites could not be developed at reasonable expense because of the poor sub-soil conditions. He stated that the Corporation would reluctantly have to abandon the scheme. In reply to Councillor J. Hayes, the Borough Engineer stated that normal trials had been carried out on the land previously but had not shown up the present situation, but certain site difficulties were experienced by the Contractor developing the 54 houses which prompted him to request a full inspection of the sites.

The Town Clerk stated that ^{as} the sites were too costly for an individual to develop the only option open to the Corporation was to abandon the scheme and to ask the N.B.A. to construct Local Authority Houses on the site which would be developed by Government funds. This was noted by the Council.
The meeting then ended.


Mayor
Dated this 2nd day of March, 1981

MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL, HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON 9th
FEBRUARY, 1981.

Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney, presiding,

Aldermen: F. Byrne, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors: J. Roche, P. Reck, N. Murphy, K. Morris, J. Hayes,
J. O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor Mrs.
Avril Doyle and Alderman B. Corish.

In attendance: Mr. M. N. Dillon, Wexford County Manager,
Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer,
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

Guests: Mrs. Sheilds, Corish Park Residents Association,
Mr. McGuire, Wexford Trades Council,
Mr. P. Pasdzior, Association of Wexford Industries

Apologies were also received from President, Wexford Chamber of Commerce,
Mr. N. White, Secretary, Joint Tenants and Residents Associations,
Mr. S. McLoughlin, Wexford County Council.

Keep Wexford Beautiful Campaign, 1981

At the outset, the Mayor, welcomed the guests to the meeting and stated that the purpose of this special meeting was to consider proposals from local voluntary organisations with Wexford Corporation to improve the overall appearance of Wexford town for the forthcoming Keep Wexford Beautiful Campaign this year. He then asked the Members of the Council to give their views on how this could be achieved. Councillor P. Reck asked that the Corporation acquire and tidy up derelict sites in town, to cut grass in open spaces and to allocate some money for flowers and shrubs. He then formally proposed that a tidy town's committee be established in Wexford and he invited the County Manager to act as Chairman of this Committee.

Alderman P. Roche, seconded the proposal to have the committee established and for Mr. Dillon to act as Chairman. He referred to the tremendous effort the Manager had made towards making Wexford Beautiful in the past. He also encouraged the representatives of the organisations present at the meeting to participate in this committee.

Alderman P. Kelly also supported the proposals to establish a committee and suggested that every resident in Wexford be made aware of the litter problem by way of a letter of appeal.

Councillor J. Hayes agreed that members of Wexford Corporation should show initiative in getting the committee established but that they should not get too involved.

Alderman F. Byrne and Councillor N. Murphy also support the idea of a committee.

Councillor J. Roche pointed out that any committee established would have to have the support of the people and residents of the town would have to work hard to make the committee a success. He mentioned the committee established some years ago at Corish Park which after some initial achievements, had failed because of lack of support and the Corporation had eventually to take over the maintenance of green areas in this area.

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and Councillors K. Morris and J. O'Flaherty also supported Councillor Reck's proposal and asked that the Garden Competition also be established in housing estates in Wexford.

At the request of the Mayor, the three guests were then asked to submit their views.

Mr. McGuire speaking on behalf of the Trades Council pledged his support to any move established by the Borough Council to improve the overall appearance of Wexford Town.

Mrs. Shields spoke of the difficulty of getting an active committee established in town but agreed to help also.

Mr. Pasdzior appreciated what the Borough Council were trying to achieve and suggested that the representatives of the Church be invited to participate because of the major role they play in the community.

The County Manager, Mr. Dillon having joined with the Mayor in welcoming the guests spoke of the fine characteristics of Wexford town but conceded that it was untidy. He referred to the improvement shown in the town during 1980 which was reflected in the Tidy Town's Competition report and the fact that the Corporation's Urban Renewal Schemes were helping. He stressed the need for community involvement in the effort to keep Wexford tidy. He thanked the Council for their invitation to him to act as Chairman of the Committee but felt it better that the Committee would choose its own chairman. He saw a need for a committee in Wexford town adding that it could be used to marshal community resources towards improving the area generally.

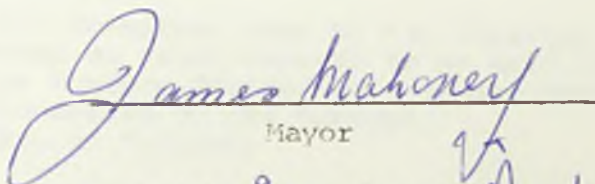
Formation of Committee

The Council decided that the proposed Tidy Town's Committee would be formed as follows:

The Mayor as an ex-officio member,
Councillor P. Reck on the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes
seconded by Alderman P. Roche,
F. Byrne on the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by
Councillor J. Roche,
Councillor W. Murphy on the proposal of Alderman P. Roche
seconded by Alderman F. Byrne,
Alderman P. Kelly on the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes
seconded by Councillor J. Roche
Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle on the proposal of Councillor J.
O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor J. Roche.

Mrs. Shields, Mr. McGuire and Mr. Pasdzior were also invited to act on the committee and it was also decided to invite other organisations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber, The Lions Club, Rotary Club, Wexford Main Street Traders Association, the Scouts and the Ferns Diocesan Youth service. The Council agreed that the purpose of this committee would be to promote greater community effort to achieve a tidier and more beautiful Wexford.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.


Mayor

Dated this 2nd, day of March, 1981.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1981 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney, presiding.

Aldermen: G. Byrne, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors: J. Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, P. Reck, W. Murphy, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Alderman B. Corish.

Present: Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager,
Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer,
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk,
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

Unemployment in Wexford

At the outset, the Mayor decided to consider letter dated 4th February, 1981 from the Department of Industry, Commerce and Tourism regarding a deputation to the Minister to discuss unemployment in Wexford. The letter stated that he was unable to receive a deputation from the Council but that the Minister of State, Mr. Denis Gallagher would be available to receive a deputation.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was decided to nominate a deputation to meet the Minister of State and that the deputation would be formed by the Mayor and four members of the Council together with the Manager and the Town Clerk.

The four Members of the Council nominated were as follows:

Alderman G. Byrne on the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Councillor J. Roche
Councillor J. Hayes on the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor J. Roche,
Councillor W. Murphy, on the proposal of the Mayor seconded by Councillor J. Hayes,
Councillor J. Roche, proposed by Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Mahoney, Mayor.

It was also decided to invite the four Wexford T.D.s, the County Development Officer is also to be invited.

Housing Seminar

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that he had received notification on a one day seminar on Urban Renewal to be held in Dublin on 6th March, 1981. The Members decided to nominate three representatives and officers nominated by the Manager. The three Members nominated were as follows:

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes.

Alderman P. Roche on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne,

Councillor P. Reck on the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Alderman G. Byrne.

In the event of any of those members nominated being unable to attend, the Council decided to nominate Alderman P. Kelly in his place.
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On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney seconded by Councillor K. Morris.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES 1981

The Committee then went on to consider the Estimates of Expenses for financial year ended, 31st December, 1981. At the request of the Mayor, the Manager gave details of the overall financial position including total estimated expenditure and receipts and rate in the pound required.

It was then decided to examine the Estimates as set out in each programme group.

HOUSING & BUILDING

The Members considered the report prepared by the Borough Engineer on the Corporation's Housing Maintenance Programme. The improved position of housing maintenance was mentioned by the Members of the Council and progress made in this area noted with approval.

Councillor J. Roche asked that the Corporation encourage a greater awareness among tenants of their responsibilities to keep the house in a clean and tidy state.

Alderman P. Roche suggested that tenants be circulated with a list of items for which they are responsible. He also referred to the condition of houses in Wolfe Tone Villas and stated that general repairs in this area should be carried out but it would be up to the Government to provide finance for the building of bathrooms and extensions. Councillor J. Hayes suggested that the sum of £90,000 be allocated in 1981 in carrying out essential repairs to sub-standard houses in Wolfe Tone Villas, Croke Avenue, Maudlintown and other areas.

The Manager replied that because of the Council's obligation to maintain all houses within their housing stock, it would not be possible to comply with Councillor Hayes's suggestion.

Councillor J. Roche and Councillor M. Murphy said that sub-standard houses should be brought up to standard by way of loan or grant from the Department of the Environment.

The Manager stated that some indication had been received that the Minister of the Environment intended to make an announcement shortly about assistance to Local Authorities to improve older houses but that no further details had been received at present.

Heating Charges

The Town Clerk explained that the Heating of John Street and Johns Gate Street flats had risen from approx. £10,000 in 1979 to £19,600 in 1980. Because of this, he had submitted revised charging arrangements to the Wexford Gas Company for their consideration and it had been also necessary to make provision for an increase in the tenants contribution from £2.60 to £3.50 per week. This was noted by the Members and it was decided to await the outcome of the negotiations with the Gas Company before finalising their decision on this provision.

Road Transportation and Safety

The Members considered the Borough Engineers report on the Road Works Programme for 1981. The improvements mentioned in the report were noted.

The Borough Engineer specifically mentioned the reduction in provision for extra lights and he felt that this would be adequate in view of the number of lights ordered in 1979 and 1980.

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Water Supply and Sewerage

The discussion on this programme group mainly centred around the increased cost of maintaining the Public Water supply and the estimated income from water charges. The Manager undertook to circulate a report on the proposed revision of water charges for the next meeting.

DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONTROLS

The Contribution to the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation of £2,000 for 1981 was noted.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Members noted the estimated provision for domestic refuse, street cleaning and maintenance of the tip head.

RECREATION AND AMENITY

The Members discussed the cost of maintenance of the Swimming Pool and the Caravan Park, and the income from fees for both of these amenities. The Town Clerk stated that having discussed the matter with the Swimming Pool Committee, it was decided to increase the charges for swimming and Caravan Park for 1981. This was approved by the Council.

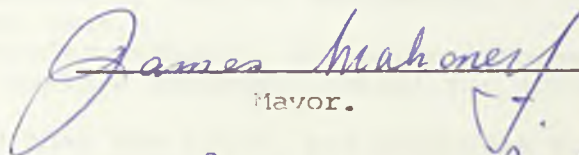
On the question of Redmond Park, it was decided to request Junior Chamber, Wexford to consider erecting the fountain in the pond in Redmond Park.

The Committee then considered the contributions to Voluntary Organisations. Proposed grant to Pairc Charmain Complex and the Wexford Festival Opera were discussed in detail. On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was decided to increase the contribution to both organisations by 15% over the 1980 grant, and to amend the Manager's Estimates accordingly.

Next Meeting

It was decided to hold a further meeting of the Finance Committee on Wednesday, 4th February, 1981 at 8.00 p.m. and to hold the Statutory Estimates Meeting on Monday, 16th March, 1981 at 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting then ended.


Mayor.

Dated this 2nd day of March 1981.

N.B. By agreement of the Members, it was decided to alter the date of the next meeting of the Finance Committee to Thursday, 5th March, 1981.

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MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL, HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON 24th
FEBRUARY, 1981.

Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J. Mahoney, presiding.

Aldermen: G. Byrne, P. Roche, P. Kelly,

Councillors: J. Roche, P. Reck, M. Murphy, K. Morris, J. Hayes,
J. O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Alderman B.
Corish and Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle.

In attendance: Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

Apologies were received from Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager
and Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer.

Guests:

Sr. Theresa, Presentation Convent, Wexford.

Sr. Theresa Joseph, St. John of God School, The Faythe,

Sr. O'Connor, Loretto Convent, Wexford.

Fr. Quirke, St. Peter's College,

Br. J. Lynch, Wexford C.B.S.,

Mrs. Greated, St. Iberius School,

Mr. D. Thompson, Kennedy Park, School,

Mr. B. Stafford, County Wexford V.E.C.

Mr. T. McDermott, Town of Wexford V.E.C.

School Proposals

At the Outset, the Mayor welcomed the Members and Guests to the meeting and stated that the purpose of the Special Meeting was to consider future school building proposals in Wexford and the zoning of Corporation lands for this purpose. He then invited the guests to submit their views on these matters.

Representatives of the Primary Schools all stated no pupil had yet to be refused entry because of lack of accommodation but that the situation could change next year.

On the question of the Secondary Schools, Br. Lynch informed the meeting of the C.B.S. proposal to build a secondary school for 400 students on their own site.

Mr. T. McDermott indicated that the V.E.C. had proposals to build an extension to cater for 800 day students at the Melrose site.

Fr. Quirke pointed out that St. Peter's College has been booked up to 1986 and that there were no plans to extend the College.

Sr. Theresa, speaking on behalf of the Presentation stated that there were no plans for extending the new secondary school.

Sr. O'Connor could see a further extension of the Loreto Secondary School being undertaken.

Mrs. Greated informed the meeting of the plans to extend St. Iberius School and following some discussion on this proposal, it was decided to request the Minister for Education to make finance available to enable this work to proceed.

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At the request of the Mayor, the Town Clerk explained the zoning proposals for schools in the Coolcotts area stating that a 6½ acre site had been zoned for the Primary School and the 7 acre site for a secondary school in this area. The Primary School site had been sold to the Clonard Parish but no proposals had yet been received for developing the secondary school site.

Mr. McDermott suggested that although no firm proposals were available yet to utilise this site for a secondary school, that the School Authorities be given an opportunity to consider this matter further and to report back to the Corporation by the end of the Summer.

Continuing the discussion on this site, The Members decided to alter the proposed site for the secondary school to enable a 50 house scheme to proceed and also to give the school authorities sufficient time to be able to submit their proposals.

Following this discussion the Members then raised other matters relating to schools in Wexford as follows:

Alderman P. Kelly asked that the school authorities consider standardising lunch hours.

Councillor P. Reck asked that the provision of a bus shelter for school children awaiting school transport be considered.

Councillor J. Hayes asked that a Junior Warden Scheme be introduced at the Christian Brothers School.

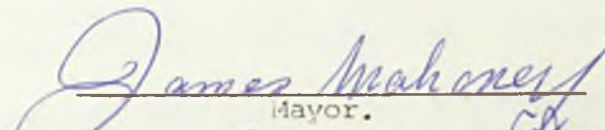
Fr. Ouirke asked that the question of third level education facilities in Wexford town be pursued by the Corporation.

The Mayor then summed up the discussion on the proposals submitted by the representatives of the school authorities and thanked them for attending. He asked that they keep in touch with the Corporation over the next few months and if the need for a further meeting arose, that this could be arranged. The other Members present also thanked the School authorities for their information and co-operation. The representatives suitably replied.

Meeting with representatives
of Lifesavers

Alderman Roche referred to the proposed meeting with representatives of Lifesavers on Thursday, 26th February, 1931 and stated that he will be unable to attend. He proposed that Councillor P. Reck attend in his place. This was seconded by Councillor J. Roche and agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.


Mayor.
Dated this 20. day of March, 1931.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL, HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON
MONDAY, 2nd MARCH, 1981 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Present:

Aldermen: B. Corish, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors: J. Roche, P. Reck, M. Murphy, K. Morris, J. Hayes,
J. O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from His Worship
the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney and Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle.

In attendance:

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager.
Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer.
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk,
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of Councillor James Mahoney, Mayor the Council
unanimously nominated Alderman P. Roche to take the chair on the
proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Councillor J.
Roche the minutes of the following meetings were unanimously adopted:

- (a) Statutory Meeting held on 2nd February, 1981.
- (b) Special Meeting held on 9th February, 1981.
- (c) Finance Committee Meeting held on 23rd February,
1981.
- (d) Special Meeting held on 24th February, 1981.

DISPOSAL OF LAND TO THE SOUTH
EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J.
O'Flaherty the Council unanimously authorised the disposal of 2.5
acres of land at Carriglawm to the South Eastern Health Board for
the sum of £23,000 in accordance with Statutory Notice circulated
under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended by
Section 88 of the Housing Act 1955.

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DISPOSAL OF CORPORATION HOUSES

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Council unanimously authorised the disposal of the following houses under the Council Tenant Purchase Scheme in accordance with Statutory Notice circulated:

<u>Column I</u>	<u>Column II</u>	<u>Column III</u>
38 Davitt Road North	Kathleen Furlong	£3,877
22 Davitt Road South	Adam Thomas	£3,586
9 Devereux Villas	Catherine Cullen	£1,382
11 Devereux Villas	John Furlong	£1,382
10 Dolphin Road	Mrs. Bridget Clancy	£1,336
13 Emmett Place	Miss Dora Whelan	£ 500
10 Hantoon Road	Mrs. Mary Daly	£1,336
25 Kennedy Park	Patrick Harpur	£4,528
27, Kennedy Park	Michael Rossiter	£4,528
44, Kennedy Park	Mrs. Ellen Byrne,	£4,558
74, Kennedy Park	Patrick Black	£6,296
82, Kennedy Park	John Farrell	£5,207
124 Kennedy Park	Derek Bergin	£6,576

URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

Deputation to Minister.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Denis Gallagher, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Industry Commerce & Tourism has agreed to meet a deputation from the Corporation to discuss unemployment in Wexford, on Wednesday 18th March, 1981 at 3.00 p.m.

Capital Allocation.

The Council noted that a Capital Allocation of £715,000 had been notified by the Department of the Environment in respect of loans for the purchase and reconstruction of houses advanced under Section 39 and Section 40 of the Housing Act 1980.

Talbot Green Housing Scheme

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 31st January, 1981 from the Private Secretary of the Minister for the Environment regarding the Corporation's request to the Minister to receive a deputation to discuss finance for the improvement of older Local Authority houses in Wexford. It was stated that the Minister had arranged for an Inspector from his Department to visit Talbot Green and to report back to him. It was also stated that a further circular in relation to improvement works to Local Authority rented dwellings will be issued within the next three weeks and the Minister would not agree to receive a deputation pending the issue of that circular.

This was noted by the Council.

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Motion on Certain Dwellings.

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

"That this Council call on the Government to allow Local Authorities to charge rates on all dwellings that are used for commercial purposes".

Councillor Roche indicated that he was referring to houses which were being used by their owners for flats and on which no rates were now paid. He suggested that a register of flats be introduced to identify these owners and that they be asked to pay rates. He accepted that Wexford Corporation are not losing revenue on such buildings at present because the Department of the Environment are re-imbursing them in full for the rates on such dwellings but he pointed out that this would relieve the burden on tax payers.

I was agreed to forward the motion to the Department.

Telephone Kiosk at Townparks.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty and resolved:-

"That this ^{Borough} Council have a telephone installed in the Townparks area and if necessary to provide finance for this purpose".

Councillor Roche referred to the social service which a telephone in this area would provide and suggested that one new telephone should be erected in areas throughout the town on an annual basis.

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager stated that the Corporation would examine the possibility of guaranteeing the rent of the telephone and report back to the estimates meeting.

Changing the name of Streets.

The Town Clerk circulated a report on the renaming of certain streets in Wexford. The report showed that in 1932 the Borough Council had agreed to change the names of 19 streets in Wexford Town. But because the Council did not go through the statutory procedure at the time the official name of the street had never been legally changed. By plebiscite in 1932 the names of four of the streets were officially changed but the remaining 15 streets still carried the illegal names at present and there was a need to regularise the position at this stage.

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Alderman F. Byrne the Council unanimously decided to change of names of the following streets and for this purpose to comply with the requirements Section 76 of the Local Government Act 1946 and the Local Government (Changing of Place Names) Regulations 1953:-

Charlotte Street	to	Colbert Street
George Street	to	Oliver Plunket Street
King Street	to	Partridge Street
William Street	to	James Connolly Street
Wellington Place	to	O'Rahilly Place

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Monk Street	to	McDonagh Street
Barrack Street	to	Macken Street
Talbot Street	to	Pierce Street
Henrietta Street	to	O'Hanrahan Street
Hill Street	to	Sean McDermott Street
Juke Street	to	Thomas Clarke Street
Waterloo Road	to	McCurtin Road
Ann Street	to	Thomas Ashe Street
Common Quay Street	to	O'Hanlon Walsh Street
High Street	to	McSweeney Street

Opening Hours - Wexford Library.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Alderman P. Kelly and resolved:-

"In view of the many people who are inconvenienced due to one evening opening of County Library, that this Borough Council call on Wexford County Council to have this valuable amenity open on a much wider basis to facilitate general public".

Councillor Hayes referred to the desirability extending the public hours of the Library.

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager agreed with the motion but pointed out that availability of finance and staff would be a problem and for this reason it would be unlikely that the terms of the motion would be implemented during 1931.

Inspection of Flats.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor P. Reck and resolved:-

"Once again I call on this Borough Council, in view of the many flats and premises, that to my mind, would be a fire hazard in our Borough also in view of the fact that nothing has been done by the Fire Department since I moved this motion many months ago for a general survey to be carried out in our town on this vitally important issue, I now call on them without delay to carry out same".

Councillor Hayes stressed at length the immediate need to have all flats inspected by the Fire Department of Wexford County Council. He added that the recent fire tragedy in Dublin had made this matter all the more important.

In seconding the motion Councillor Reck accepted that flats could not be closed overnight but that occupants of flats /over....

Fire are fire hazards could be given greater priority should they apply to Wexford Corporation for rehousing.

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager stated that the operation of the costs of the fire service were increasing by approximately 20% a year while the County Council were restricted to a 1% increase in the rates. Because of this money available to spend on fire prevention has been reduced. He added that the £10 charge on chimney fires was an effort to reduce the operational costs of the fire service but that there was still 200 chimney fires in Wexford Town in 1980. He also indicated that the County Council were responding to the need to carry out inspections of premises and a list of 300 premises had been drawn up by the County Council and inspections had commenced on the 19th February and would be completed in approximately six weeks.

Development of Wexford Harbour.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck:

"That this Borough Council revert back to its original decision to be the organising force behind the Development of Wexford Harbour".

Councillor Reck complained of a lack of interest by the Harbour Board Members in this matter. He stated that the proposed special meeting with the interested bodies to discuss the development of the Harbour had never been held. He therefore asked the Corporation to establish a committee to work towards the Development of Wexford Harbour.

Alderman P. Roche seconded the motion and asked that a meeting be called at an early date of all interested parties.

Councillor K. Morris objected to this suggestion on the grounds that the Harbour was a matter for the Wexford Harbour Board and that it could only be developed with the good will of the Board.

Alderman P. Kelly suggested that the Corporation should arrange a meeting for April this year.

Following further discussion the Chairman put the motion to the meeting. The result of the vote was as follows:-

In favour of the motion; Councillors - P. Reck,
J. Hayes, J. Murphy, Alderman B. Corish,
Alderman P. Roche. - 5 votes.

Against the motion; Councillors - K. Morris,
Alderman F. Byrne, Alderman P. Kelly. - 3 votes.

Councillor J. O'Flaherty abstained. The motion was then declared carried and the Town Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting of all local Statutory and Voluntary Bodies which would be involved in the development of the Harbour.

Mayor of Wexford.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor J. Hayes and resolved:-

"That the Mayor be ex-officio at all deputations, meetings etc. concerning the Borough of Wexford".
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Councillor Reck stated that the Mayor because of his position in the community and representing such an old tradition be nominated by local organisations in town as a member of deputations and meetings which would be likely to take place.

Social Welfare Payments

The following motion was proposed by Alderman B. Corish seconded by Councillor P. Reck and resolved:-

"That this Borough Council request the Minister for Social Welfare to ensure that all Social Welfare and Social Assistance Payments be made as quickly as possible in view of the hardships endured by those who must wait for long periods for money due to them".

Following lengthy discussion on this motion it was decided to request the Minister for Social Welfare to implement the motion and if possible to have local social welfare matters dealt with on a local basis.

National Fuel Scheme.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor W. Murphy seconded by Councillor P. Reck and resolved:-

"That the authority for implementation of Free Fuel Voucher be given back to this Borough Council".

It was agreed to send this motion to the Minister and the Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

Kinsale Gas.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Kelly seconded by Councillor J. Hayes and resolved:-

"That we the Members of Wexford Corporation appeal to the Minister for the Environment to consider the possibility of routing the Kinsale gas pipeline to Wexford and so save existing Wexford industries that require energy, from closure and also benefit the existing, long established, Wexford Gas Company".

Alderman Kelly spoke at length of the benefit which Kinsale Gas would be to local industries and asked that the Minister be requested as a matter of urgency to implement this motion.

Councillor J. Hayes stated that the Corporation had discussed this at length with the Association of Wexford Industries and had also asked the Local E.D.'s to support this proposal.

Councillor J. O'Flaherty referred to the fact that Bord Failte are considering piping the gas into New Ross and Wexford should look for a link into Wexford Town.

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Alderman B. Corish stated that all T.D.'S in the region are working to have the pipe line rerouted to the South East Region.

H-Block.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Kelly and seconded by Councillor K. Morris:-

"That this Council call on the British Government, to implement the five basic demands of the H-Block, and Armagh Prisoners".

Following further discussion on the motion the Chairman decided to put the motion to the meeting. The result of the vote was as follows:-

In favour of the motion; Alderman P. Kelly, Councillor K. Morris, Alderman F. Byrne, Councillor J. O'Flaherty. - 4 votes.

Against the motion; Councillor J. Hayes, Councillor P. Reck. - 2 votes.

Abstained; Alderman P. Roche, Alderman B. Corish, Councillor N. Murphy.

The motion was then declared carried.

Correspondence

National Graves Association

The Town Clerk read an invitation from the National Graves Association to the Mayor, Members of Wexford Corporation to the Easter Commemoration Ceremony. On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded Alderman P. Roche it was decided to attend the mass in the morning and each member could decide whether to attend the parade in the afternoon.

St. Patrick's Day Parade.

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Alderman P. Roche the members unanimously accepted the invitation of the organising committee to attend the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the special Mass in Rowe Street Church at 12 O'Clock.

Sub-Post Office.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 4th February, 1981 from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs rejecting the Council's request for a Sub-Post Office in the Coolcotts Area, Wexford. On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor K. Morris the Council unanimously decided to refer this matter back to the Department for further consideration.

Town Crest.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor K. Morris the Council unanimously decided to approve an application from the Sixth Wexford (Tuskur) Sea Scouts for use of the Wexford Coat of Arms on their flag.

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Citizen Band Radio.

Letter dated 5th February, 1981 from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs regarding Citizen Band Radio was read. The letter stated that the Department is at present conducting tests on different types of Citizen Band Radio equipment and it is hoped to have this technical examination completed in the very near future. This was noted by the Council.

Ombudsman Act 1980.

The Minister for the Environment acknowledged comments of the Council regarding the introduction of the Ombudsman Act 1980 by letter dated 6th February, 1981.

X-Ray Department.

The Council noted a reply from the South Eastern Health Board regarding facilities at the X-Ray Department of Wexford County Hospital.

Local Labour.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 9th February, 1981 from Noonan Construction Company Ltd regarding the employment of Local Labour on the 54 house scheme at Coolcotts. Noonans indicated that of the 54 persons employed on the site 53 are from Wexford County and 22 are from Wexford Town.

Councillor J. Hayes stated that he did not accept Noonan's figures.

Youth Employment Scheme.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 14th February, 1981 from the National Man Power Service stating that there are 22 firms participating in the Work Experience Programme in Wexford Town and 105 in Wexford County. This was noted.

Wexford South Railway Station.

The Council noted a reply from Mr. J. O'Connor, Area Manager, dated 18th February, 1981 rejecting the Council's request for a partial reopening of the South Wexford Railway Station.

I.P.B. Insurances Ltd.

The Council were asked to nominate a representative to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Alderman B. Corish the Council nominated Alderman P. Roche to attend.

Questions:

Site at Maudlintown.

In reply to Councillor J. Roche the Town Clerk stated that Wexford Corporation would be in a position to complete the sale of the vacant /over.....

plot to the residents of Maudlintown as soon as ^{the} fee simple interest in the plot had been acquired.

Site at Mannix Place.

Councillor Roche was informed by the Town Clerk that the vacant Site at Mannix Place had been allocated to the Volunteers Football Club and the Wexford Pigeon Club. At present the Corporation had not got the fee simple interest of the site and as soon as this was acquired the sale would proceed. Both clubs had been notified and accepted the position.

Derelict Sites.

In reply to Councillor P. Reck the Town Clerk stated that Wexford Corporation were pursuing the purchase of a derelict site at the rear of the Post Office but that the derelict site at Bishops Water and the one beside the Clinic were not suitable for building.

Compulsory Purchase.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor Reck that the Corporation could proceed by Compulsory Purchase against the owners of any derelict site but that it was the policy of the Corporation to give the owner every opportunity to clean it up.

Public Lighting.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor Reck that he would approach the E.S.B. regarding wastage in Public Lighting.

Fencing at Harbour View.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor Murphy that the fence at Harbour View would have to be re-erected as it was damaged by vandals, and that this work would be completed over the next few months.

Regarding the pedestrian walk-over the Borough Engineer stated that he was in negotiations with C.I.E. on this matter.

Town Water Supply.

The Town Clerk informed Alderman B. Corish that preliminary inquiries had indicated that there was no connection with recent illnesses in Wexford Town and the condition of the water supply which was excellent. However, he agreed to put this question formally to the County Medical Officer.

Extension of Borough.

In reply to Councillor J. Hayes the Town Clerk stated that the map of the proposed added area was at present with Wexford County Council for valuation and as soon as this was done a meeting could be held to discuss the proposed extension of the Borough.

Acquisition of Land.

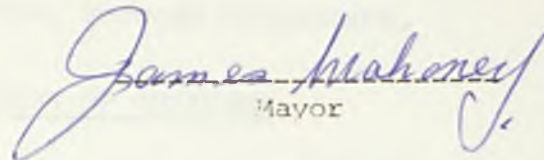
The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. Hayes that the Corporation
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had sites available at John Street, Rowe Street Church, Bernadette Place, Selskar, near Mellow Park, and Bride Street which could be utilised for old folk dwellings and that negotiations were going on for the purchase of the additional properties.

Through Road at Crescent.

In reply to Councillor J. Hayes the Town Clerk stated that C.I.E. would be asked to confirm when the new access across Crescent Quay would be opened to traffic.

This concluded the business of the meeting.


Mayor

Dated this 6th day of April, 1981

MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD ON 2nd MARCH, 1981 AT THE CLOSE OF THE STATUTORY MEETING.

Present:

Aldermen: B. Corish, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors: J. Roche, P. Reck, N. Murphy, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney and Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle.

In attendance:-

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager,
Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer.
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of Councillor James Mahoney, Mayor the Council unanimously nominated Alderman P. Roche to take the chair on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck.

SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL CONFERENCE

CORK

The Town Clerk thanked the members for nominating him to attend a Sports and Recreational Conference to be held in Cork on 10th/11th/12th March, 1981 but due to pressure of work he would be unable to accept the invitation. The Council unanimously decided to nominate Councillor James Mahoney, Mayor to attend this Conference with Councillor Hayes and Councillor Murphy who had already been nominated.

15, Johns Gate Street

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the tenant of 15, Johns Gate Street had died. He added that the next person on the Old Folks emergency list as recommended by the County Medical Officer was Mr. Pat Murphy, formerly of 27, Selskar Street now of Barrack Street. The Manager indicated that it was his intention to appoint Mr. Murphy to the vacant flat. This was noted by the Council.

Planning Application at
Wygram.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. P. Murphy had applied to develop a shop in the old coach houses at Wygram and that it was being recommended to the Manager that his application be

granted.

Councillor J. Hayes indicated his opposition to the development. Alderman P. Roche asked the Borough Engineer for his comments on the traffic situation in this location. The Borough Engineer indicated that the County Council had no objection to the development and / ^{they} intend to carryout works to improve the parking in this area. These works also included the widening of the junction with Davitt Road. He added that at present the coach houses are used as two domestic garages for there is already an access onto the road.

The Engineer's comments were accepted by the Council.

WESTLANDS.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Corporation's Law Agent, Mr. James J. O'Connor had inherited the dwelling house and gardens known as Westlands, Wexford from his late uncle, Mr. Fintan O'Connor. James O'Connor had made a formal offer to bequeath this entire property to Wexford Corporation, a total of 4.66 acres in all. However, under current inheritance tax legislation, Mr. O'Connor was obliged to list this property in the Schedule of Assets and is being charged 60% tax on the value of the property.

The Assistant County Manager and the Borough Engineer outlined the importance of this site for Old Fold Housing and the Manager stated that every effort had been made to resolve the tax problem but without success to-date.

The members then discussed the offer in detail and it was proposed by Councillor Reck, seconded by Alderman P. Roche and resolved that a deputation from the Corporation be sent to the Minister for the Environment as a matter of urgency to request that Wexford Corporation be permitted to accept this gift without payment of gift-tax and that Mr. O'Connor be allowed to make this gift without paying inheritance tax.

The Town Clerk undertook to try to arrange a deputation for Wednesday 13th March, 1981 to coincide with the meeting with the Minister for Industry, Commerce & Tourism which had been arranged for that date.

This concluded the business of the meeting.


Mayor

Dated this 6th day of April, 1981

MINUTES OF STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING OF WEXFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD ON 16th MARCH, 1981 at half past
7.00 O'clock.

Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J. Mahoney, presiding.

Aldermen: G. Byrne, P. Roche.

Councillors: J. Roche, P. Reck, U. Murphy, K. Morris,
J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Alderman
B. Corish, Alderman P. Kelly and Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle.

In attendance: Mr. M.H. Dillon, County Manager.

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager.

Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer.

Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of:

Mr. Joe Hayes, Grattan Terrace, Wexford.

Mr. Pat Jordan, Glens Terrace, Wexford.
(Former County Registrar).

UNEMPLOYMENT MARCH

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Wexford Trades Council
inviting the Mayor and Members to attend an Unemployment March
in Wexford on 27th Mar 1981.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES

At the request of the Mayor, Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County
Manager outlined the main provisions contained in the Estimate
Expenses for 1981 as set out in his report to the Council.
He indicated that the estimate as presented will require a
rate in the £ of £14.98 which was 12% of an increase on last
years rate as directed by the Minister for the Environment.
He added that to keep within the Minister's directive he had
to include credit balance of £77,000.

The Members then discussed individual sections of the estimate
in detail.

HOUSING PROGRAMME

All the members present referred to the need for the Department
of the Environment to give an early indication of the capital
allocation available to Wexford Corporation for house construction.

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They also stressed the importance of starting the new 50 house scheme on schedule in August 1981.

FIRE PREVENTION

Members indicated their appreciation of the Manager's efforts to undertake a major inspection of any potentially dangerous buildings in Wexford and asked this inspection be followed by /that legal action where necessary/.

Alderman P. Roche proposed that Wexford Corporation be given representation on the County Council's Fire Committee. This was seconded by Councillor J. Roche and resolved. This proposal was supported by the County Manager adding that this type of representation would help to eliminate misunderstandings of the Council's prevention policies which had arisen in the past. He stated that the County Council had some time ago introduced a £10 charge on chimney fires in an effort to reduce the cost of fire fighting. It was intended that any money saved on fire fighting would be used for fire prevention work. It was also agreed to report back to the Council when the inspection of buildings had been completed.

TELEPHONE KIOSKS

The Town Clerk informed the Members that the present cost to the Corporation to guarantee a Kiosk in a specific location is £475 and this is being reviewed at present. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman P. Roche it was unanimously decided to install two guaranteed telephone kiosks in Wexford in 1981. It was also agreed that the Borough Engineer prepare a list of priority areas and report back to the Council.

GENERAL

When the / detailed estimate had been discussed the Mayor asked Mr. Dillon, County Manager to address the meeting. The Manager referred to the good work carried out during the year by the Members and officers of the Corporation referring in particular to the Housing Programme, Roads Programme, Swimming School Complex and Tiphead Maintenance.

Councillor J. Roche then formally proposed the adoption of the Estimate of Expenses set out in Tables A and B3 for financial year ending 31st December 1981 and the determination in accordance with the said estimates the rate in the £ of £14.98 as set out in column 10 of Table B3. This was seconded by Alderman P. Roche and resolved.

The Mayor then thanked the Manager and staff for the manner in which the Estimates had been presented and also thanked the Members for their contribution and discussion on the Estimates.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Dated this

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MAYOR

April 1981

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL, HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON 6th
APRIL, 1981 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney, presiding

Aldermen:

G. Byrne, B. Corish, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors:

J. Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes,
J. O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor Noel
Murphy.

In attendance:

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager.

Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer.

Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATION

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor James
Mahoney, Mayor the congratulations of the Council were extended to
His Lordship, The Bishop, celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his
ordination.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor James Mahoney, Mayor, seconded by
Alderman B. Corish the sympathy of the Council was extended to:

Mr. Nicky Cleary on the death of his mother.

Mr. Tommy Carr on the death of his brother.

The members of the Gaelic Athletic Association killed in a road
accident at the weekend.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Alderman G. Byrne
the minutes of:

- (a) Statutory Meeting held on 2nd March, 1981.
- (b) Finance Committee Meeting held on 5th March, 1981.
- (c) Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 16th March, 1981.

were unanimously adopted.

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AMENDMENT OF MINUTES

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the voting on the H-Block motion at the Statutory Meeting held on 2nd March, 1981 should be recorded as follows:

In favour of Motion: Councillors J. Flaherty, K. Morris, H. Murphy, and Alderman P. Kelly - 4 votes.

Against the Motion: Councillors J. Hayes, and P. Reck - 2 votes.

Abstained: Alderman P. Roche, B. Corish,

RAISING OF LOANS

On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor J. Roche the Council unanimously authorised the raising of the following loans:-

(a) £250,000 for Temperance Row Housing Scheme.

(b) £500,000 for Townparks Stage III Housing Scheme.

CONTRIBUTION TO WEXFORD HARBOUR BOARD

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the Council unanimously ^{resolved} to contribute the amount of £1p in £1 (£199) to Wexford Harbour Board in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Harbours Act 1947.

DISPOSAL OF FEE SIMPLE INTEREST -
JULIAMOUNT, WEXFORD.

On the proposal of Alderman B. Corish seconded by Councillor J. Roche the Council unanimously authorised the disposal of the fee simple interest in Juliamount, Belvedere Road, Wexford to Dr. Dwyer subject to the consent of the Minister for the Environment under the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840.

This interest is being given to Dr. Dwyer in exchange for portion of land along his front boundary which is needed by the Corporation for road widening purposes.

JUNCTION AT BELVEDERE ROAD -
CLONARD ROAD

Councillor J. Roche raised the question of the improvement of the junction of Belvedere Road and Clonard Road and suggested that temporary Traffic Lights be installed in this location.

This was seconded by Councillor James Mahoney, Mayor.

The Borough Engineer informed the Council that it will be unlikely that traffic lights would be erected in this location and stated that he would erect additional warning signs approaching the junction. He added that the surface of Belvedere Road had recently been improved and the drainage of the area will be completed in the next phase of the improvement work.

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LOW RISE MORTGAGE SCHEME

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the Council unanimously adopted Low Rise Mortgage Scheme for Wexford Corporation. The Scheme will provide for a subsidy towards the repayment of a local authority House Purchase or Erection Loan from the Department of the Environment and a supplementary subsidy from Wexford Corporation to those applicants who qualify for the scheme.

CASUAL TRADING BILL 1980

The Town Clerk circulated a brief synopsis and explanatory note on the Casual Trading Bill 1980 which is to come into force shortly. Under this Bill Wexford Corporation will be empowered to designate a particular area as a casual trading area and /trading will be confined to this area. Persons wishing to trade in this area will firstly have to obtain a certificate from the Department of Industry & Commerce and a permit from Wexford Corporation.

On the request of the Members it was decided to bring a full report to the Council at a future meeting on the operation on the new Bill within the Wexford Borough Area and in particular on its effects on existing trading in the Bull Ring area.

URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Litter Bill had been introduced in the Dail and this Bill provided for on-the-spot fines and heavy penalties for those found guilty of litter. This was noted by / Council and approved.
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MOTIONS

Telephone in Bishopswater.

The following motion was proposed by His Worship The Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney seconded by Councillor P. Reck:-

"In view of the fact that this Borough Council has agreed to finance a public telephone that same be sited in Bishopswater in view of the fact that this area has been seeking same for 30 years".

In proposing the motion the Mayor stated that he was aware of the Council's decision to have a survey carried out to establish location for telephone kiosks but felt obliged to move the motion because of the urgency in Bishopswater and because they were waiting for a telephone for such a long time.

At the request of Alderman P. Roche the Mayor agreed to extend his motion to include for a second telephone Kiosk to be located at Townparks.

Councillor J. Roche urged that while a telephone may be needed in Bishopswater/ formally proposed that the Council await the outcome of the survey being done by the Borough Engineer. This was seconded by Mrs. Avril Doyle.

The Mayor then decided to put the amendment and the motion to a vote.

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The results of the vote was as follows:-

In Favour of the amendment: Councillor John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle and Alderman Gus Byrne - 3 votes.

In Favour of the motion: Councillor James Mahoney Mayor, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. O'Flaherty, J. Hayes and Aldermen P. Roche, P. Kelly, and B. Corish - 8 votes.

The motion was then declared carried.

Road works at Distillery Road.

The following motion was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Reck and resolved:-

"That this Borough Council call on the County Council to speed up repairs of a certain section of the Distillery Road which is in an appalling condition at the moment".

The Borough Engineer informed the meeting that this work was in progress at present.

Emergency Housing List

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle seconded by Alderman B. Corish and resolved:-

"That the C.M.O. be requested to prepare an emergency priority list of applicants for old folk housing pending the completion of the final list".

Councillor Mrs. Doyle saw the need for an emergency list because of the long delay in reviewing the existing letting priority list and asked that an emergency list of 5 or 10 names be completed by the C.M.O. as a matter of urgency.

The Town Clerk agreed and stated that the last few old folk houses had been allocated from an emergency list prepared by the C.M.O. and undertook to request that a further list be prepared urgently.

Trees at Trespan Rock

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty and resolved:-

"That this Council condemns the recent unauthorised removal of trees from Corporation property and take all possible steps to prevent this illegal activity."

Councillor J. Roche in proposing the motion referred to the vandalism tried out in removing a mature tree at Talbot Green and also the cutting down of trees at Trespan Rock. He asked that this action be condemned by the Council and that the Gardai be notified.

Alderman P. Kelly and P. Roche also referred to the damage done to the new trees planted on the Rosslare Road.

The Borough Engineer informed the meeting that the removal of some trees at Trespan Rock had been authorised by the Corporation about a year ago but that the recent removal of trees was totally illegal and that the Gardai were following a definite line of enquiry in the matter.

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Housing Capital Allocation

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes and resolved:-

"That this Council press the Minister for the Environment and his Department for an early announcement of our Housing Capital Allocation so that work can begin on further sixty houses in August as programmed".

Alderman Roche referred to the urgency in commencing a further sixty house scheme in Townparks and stated that the necessary capital and other housing works would have to be notified by the Department as a matter of urgency.

Councillor J. Hayes in seconding the motion referred to the fully developed site which had been acquired by the Corporation for the private site scheme and which had now been abandoned. He asked that a further forty houses be erected this year on that site.

E.S.B., P. & T. poles on
----- footpaths.-----

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Roche seconded by His Worship the Mayor Councillor James Mahoney and resolved:-

"That some action be taken on condition of footpaths at Trinity Street and also siting of E.S.B. and P. & T. poles in that area".

Alderman Roche referred to the dangerous situation created by these poles erected on the edge of footpaths and asked that they be removed. He also referred to the damage being caused to footpaths by heavy vehicles servicing commercial users.

The Borough Engineer stated that the County Council had been in contact with a commercial firm in Trinity Street regarding the re-instatement of the footpath in this location.

Unemployment March

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Reck and seconded by Councillor J. Hayes:-

"In view of the fact that opposition to the choice of date and time for the Unemployment Protest made it impossible to get a true reflection of the feeling of the people, that this Borough Council call for a Public Demonstration for Sunday Morning next".

In proposing the motion Councillor Reck stated that the march would be a non-political protest by the people of Wexford against the employment problem in the town and to stress the need for more jobs.

All the members present supported the motion with the exception of Councillor Kevin Morris who indicated his opposition to a protest march.

Councillor Reck then proposed that the march be held on the 25th April, 1981. This was seconded by Councillor J. Roche. Alderman Corish felt that no date should be fixed for the march until the trades Council and the F.U.E. had been consulted. This was seconded by Alderman G. Byrne. The Mayor then decided to have a vote
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the proposition and amendment which result was as follows:-

For the amendment: Alderman B. Corish, G. Byrne,
P. Kelly and Councillor Mrs.
Avril Doyle. - 4 votes

For the motion:- Councillors P. Reck, J. Hayes,
J. Roche, The Mayor, Councillor
James Mahoney and Alderman P.
Roche - 5 votes.

Councillor Kevin Morris abstained.

The motion was then declared carried.

SMALL INDUSTRIES IN WEXFORD

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck seconded by
Councillor J. Hayes and resolved:-

"That this Borough Council call together the I.D.A.,
The Irish Goods Council, representatives of the redundant
Pierce Workers and all interested parties to discuss
the setting up of /small industries in the manufacture of
goods being used by the Home Market".

The proposer, seconder and all Members present stressed the urgency
of starting small industries in Wexford which would utilise the skills
of the workers which had been made redundant following the closure of
Pierces. It was agreed to contact the County Development Team on this
matter.

SURGICAL HOSPITAL

The following motion was proposed by Alderman G. Byrne seconded by
Councillor J. Roche and resolved:-

"That this /Corporation call on the Minister for Health
to expedite the building of the new Surgical Hospital
in Wexford".

In proposing the motion Alderman Byrne stated that the building of the
surgical hospital would be a crucial step towards the final completion
of the hospital development and added that the Department should be
pressed to commence this stage of development as a matter of urgency.

C.I.E. Works on QUAYS

Alderman Gus Byrne proposed the following motion:-

"That this Corporation request C.I.E. to complete the
works they have in hand on Wexford Quays".

Alderman Byrne referred to need to complete work because the quays
are the main traffic artery through Wexford and the woodenworks was
also a valuable amenity for the towns people. He added that the through
road at the crescent should be opened immediately.

The motion was seconded by the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney and
resolved.

Councillor P. Reck urged the Council to send a letter to the Minister
for Transport expressing the Council's concern at the delay in the opening
of the road at the Crescent and erection of traffic lights at the Bridge.
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INCOME AND PRICES POLICY

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Alderman P. Roche and resolved:-

"In view of the scandalous and unacceptable increases in the cost of living, particularly over the last twelve months, and of the hardships it is inflicting on practically all of the community, that this Borough Council call immediately on the Government, Trade Union Movement and F.U.E. to take immediate steps to implement a price and wage policy before damage done to this economy is completed."

Councillor Hayes stated that he felt obliged to move the motion because of rising inflation covered with a serious unemployment situation in Ireland at present.

RECRUITMENT OF ENUMERATORS

FOR CENSUS

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Hayes:-

"In view of the recent appointment by the Central Statistics Office of enumerators for the Census that this Borough Council call on the C.S.O. to give priority to the unemployed in the Wexford area."

Councillor Hayes referred to the big number of leaving cert students who were out of work and who had applied for jobs as Census Enumerators and who had been refused employment while the successful applicants were people who had secure jobs.

Councillor J. Roche in seconding the motion accepted that minimum qualification would be necessary to do this job but felt a number of people who had been refused employment had these qualifications. He asked that the Central Statistics Office and the Manpower Service to indicate the qualifications necessary for the job and what criteria was used in the selection of candidates.

Alderman B. Corish supported the motion and felt that the unemployed should also be given preference in the recruitment of presiding officers and pole clerks for local elections.

CORRESPONDENCE

Wexford South Station.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 4th March, 1981 from South East Tourism regarding the closure of the South Station in Wexford. Alderman P. Roche stated that there would shortly be held a special meeting of the South East Tourism Organisation to discuss the McKinsey Report and this matter would be raised at this meeting.

Town Crest.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor K. Morris the Council unanimously authorised the use of the Town Crest on the /over.....

Annual Booklet being published by Wexford Golf Club.

Free Education

The Town Clerk stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Education replying to the Council's motion calling for full free education. He indicated that he would forward a copy of this letter to the Mayor.

Representation on Health Boards

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 11th March, 1981 from the Department of Health in reply to the Corporation's request for representation on the South Eastern Health Board. The Department rejected this request on the grounds that extended representation for Local Authorities would make Boards unwieldy and ineffective. Councillor J. Roche stated that he would continue to pursue this matter at the local health Committee.

QUESTIONS

Planning Application

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Roche that every effort was made by the Wexford Corporation as Planning Authority to ensure that public notices erected on sites were easily read from the public road. He added however that with present legislation developers could advertise in any newspaper circulating in the area and the only long term solution to this would be to allow planning authorities to insert the advertisements in the local paper themselves and to charge for a planning service.

Sweeping New Lane.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Roche that New Lane, Batt Street and Tuskar View, Brendans Road and Maudlintown were swept on a weekly basis.

Surface Water - Liam Mellows Park.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman Roche that the flow of water on the road at Liam Mellows Park, Corish Park and Kennedy Park is in fact a spring and that this problem would be solved by improving the drainage on the road.

Emergency Plan

Alderman F. Byrne was told by the Assistant County Manager that the emergency plan would be prepared in a matter of weeks.

Tidy Towns Committee

The Town Clerk informed Councillor Reck that a meeting of the Tidy Towns Committee would be held this month on a convenient date for all the members.

Board of Works property - King Street

The Town Clerk informed Councillor Reck that the Board of Works had

indicated that building works would shortly commence on the property in King Street which would resolve the problem of securing the premises in this area.

Parking Bye-Laws - G.A.A. Park

The Town Clerk informed Councillor Reck that the question of enforcing parking bye-laws at the G.A.A. Park during games would be discussed by the Traffic Management Committee.

Opening of Tenders.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. Hayes that sealed tenders are opened in the presence of any member of the Council in accordance with Council resolution adopted at the first annual meeting.

Old Folk Housing List

In reply to Councillor James Hayes the Town Clerk stated that the old folk and family type housing list would be completed by the C.M.O. over the next few months.

Bull Ring - Amenity Complex

In reply to Councillor James Hayes the Town Clerk stated that the Bull Ring could only be developed as an amenity area when the street traders had been moved to a new location.

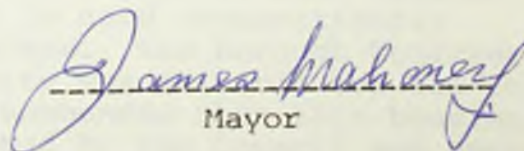
Crescent Quay

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman Kelly that the signposting of roads approaching Crescent Quay would be improved.

Heating of John Street Flats

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Kelly that heating facilities would not be turned on in the utility room in John Street Flat Complex due to the high cost of heating in this area.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



Mayor

Dated this 14th day of May, 1981

MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY 6th APRIL, 1981 AT CLOSE OF
THE STATUTORY MEETING.

Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney presiding.

Aldermen:

B. Corish, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors:

J. Roche, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes.

In attendance:

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager.

Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

LETTING PRIORITY SCHEME

The Town Clerk reminded the members that they had been circulated with a copy of the suggested changes in the Letting Priority Scheme at the last meeting. Following a brief discussion on this matter it was decided to hold a special meeting of the Committee on Wednesday 8th April, 1981 at 7.00 p.m. to consider the matter further.

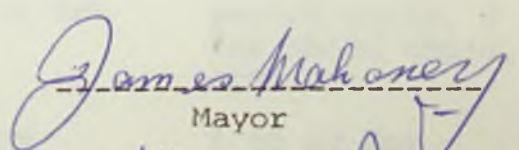
41, WHITEROCK VIEW

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the tenant of 41, Whiterock View, Mrs. O'Brien had died recently. The only occupants now left in the house was Richard O'Brien, a man in his 50's, not in a position to complete a tenancy agreement because of his medical condition. The Corporation therefore proposes to allow Mr. O'Brien to reside in this house for the rest of his life on a licence, or until such time as he is made a ward of court in which case the tenancy could be given to the Ward's Committee. This was noted by the Council.

OPEN SITE AT LIAM MELLOWS PARK

The Town Clerk stated that there was a vacant site at Liam Mellows Park opposite the Mayflower Lounge which is used intermittently by a local soccer club for training purposes. The Borough Engineer has now reported that the south of the site was suitable for old folk or other type housing and it had been recommended that this housing scheme be put on this site. This was noted by the Council and approved.

This concluded the business of the meeting.


Mayor
Dated this 4th, of May 1981.

ING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON 8th APRIL, 1981
AT 7.30 p.m.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney, presiding.

Alderman: P. Roche.

Councillors: J. Roche, P. Reck, N. Murphy, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty.

In attendance:

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager.

Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

LETING PRIORITY SCHEME

The Members considered at length the letting priority scheme for the allocation of houses. The Manager explained that he had examined the scheme with the Health Inspector and felt that certain sections of the scheme could be improved. A list of suggested amendments was circulated to each member.

The Mayor and Members then discussed each clause in detail. Following this discussion it was unanimously decided to amend the scheme as follows and to seek the sanction of the Minister for the Environment accordingly on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes:-

<u>(i) Medical</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
	(a) Active Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	10 to 20
	(b) Other Medical Grounds.	1 to 20
	(c) Compassionate cases or other similar grounds.	1 to 20
<u>(ii) Unfit Dwellings</u>		
	Occupants living in unfit dwellings.	10 to 40 for parents and 2 for each child.
<u>(iii) Generally Unsuitable Dwellings</u>		
	(i.e. not coming within the foregoing category).	1 to 15
<u>(iv) Overcrowding</u>		
	Where any two persons of ten years of age or more of opposite sexes (other than husband and wife) must sleep in the same room.	5 to 30
	<u>OR</u>	
	Where the free air space in any room used as a sleeping apartment for any person is less than 400 cubic feet (the height of the room, if it exceeds 8 feet, being taken as 8 feet for the purpose of calculating free air space).	12 for parents and 2 for first child, 4 for second child, 6 for third child, etc.
<u>(v) Applicants sub-tenants living in one room and overcrowded.</u>		1 to 12 for parents, 2 for each child (acc-
	Where an applicant is a sub-tenant regard shall be had in the allocation of points under this heading to the accommodation available and the total number of persons residing in the premises.	ording to the extent of over- crowding within each family unit)

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
(vi) <u>Applicants, i.e. Flat Dwellers living in one room.</u>	1 to 12 for parents, 2 for each child.
(vii) <u>Forced to live apart:</u> Husband and wife forced to live apart. For every child, who, owing to lack of accommodation, is living apart from His/Her parents who would live with them if the parents were rehoused.	1 to 15 2 for each child.
(viii) <u>Lack of Amenities</u> For persons in need of and unable to provide adequate and suitable accommodation from their own resources, with a maximum number of points going to persons not having adequate indoor water supply, indoor toilet or adequate cooking facilities.	1 to 20
(ix) <u>Period of Waiting</u> Period of waiting for rehousing (N.B. the period of waiting shall commence from the date of application once the need for rehousing has been certified.	4 for every year up to a maximum of 20 points. 2 for 1st year 3 for 2nd year 4 for 3rd year and each subsequent year up to a maximum of 30 points.
(x) <u>Discretionary Points</u> (Size of family etc.)	1 to 20.

MEETING OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD CORPORATION
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD ON THE 22ND
APRIL, 1981 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present:-

Councillor J. Roche, Chairman;

Alderman P. Roche;

Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer;

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager;

Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk;

Mr. J. Galvin, Supertindent Garda Siochana;

Mr. Denis Burke, President Chamber of Commerce.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Alderman B. Corish and
Mr. T. Carr.

CLOSING OF KING STREET

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that the Wexford Junior Chamber had requested the closing down of King Street from 6.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. during their European Conference to be held in June. The purpose of this closure was to facilitate the erection of a corridor between the Talbot Hotel and the old grain store. He added that Junior Chamber had contacted the residents in the street and they had no objection.

The committee recommended that the County Council arrange to close the street as requested on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Mr. T. Fahey.

PEDESTRIANISATION

The committee received a deputation from the Main Street Traders Association to discuss pedestrianisation on Wexford's Main Street.

The deputation was formed by Mr. Arthur Kelly, D. Corcoran, P. Dundon.

The Chairman of the committee then invited Mr. Dundon to give the traders' views on the trial period which had been in operation at weekends since the 1st March. Mr. Dundon indicated that since the introduction of the trial period of pedestrianisation, traders had experienced a reduction in business. He added that the lack of car parking close to the Main Street had also caused a problem. He complimented the work done by the Traffic Warden during this period and felt that there was no need now to pedestrianise the Main Street because illegal car parking had been eliminated. He also added his support to the introduction to the Pay and Display System in the Crescent Quay Car Park because this system will create a greater turn over of cars in the area. He also felt that business in the out lying villages and other Towns in Wexford had improved because shoppers were not prepared to shop in Wexford because of pedestrianisation.

Councillor J. Roche pointed out to the committee that the problem of car parking space, pedestrianisation and traffic congestion in the centre Town area would have to be resolved, otherwise the County Council might be forced to reconsider the policy of refusing shopping development on the outskirts of Town.

Alderman P. Roche stated that the reduction in business may not have been due to pedestrianisation but due to the current economic recession. He added that Traders like Chemists and Newsagents could have been effected by the number of these type of shops, which have opened in other parts of Town.

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McCorcoran, another Member of the deputation, stated that the traders were in agreement with pedestrianisation, but felt that more work would have to be done on car parking and traffic flow, in particular the development of the ring road, before considering permanent pedestrianisation.

The Town Clerk stated that the suggestion of the deputation that business had improved in out-lying Shopping Centres, such as St. Aidan's Crescent and in other Towns, like Enniscorthy and New Ross would be difficult to substantiate as there was no evidence of increased activity in these areas.

The Borough Engineer also felt that although the Corporation were trying to provide extra car parks in the vicinity of the Main Street, that the existing car park in Bride Street was used very little during the trial period.

The deputation then thanked the committee for receiving them and left the Meeting.

In the discussion which followed the Borough Engineer stated that, in his opinion, there were no technical reasons why pedestrianisation could not be introduced. This view was supported by Superintendent Galvin. Following a lengthy discussion on the matter the following recommendations were then made by the committee:-

- (1) That the trial pedestrianisation of Wexford's Main Street be extended for a further six months on Saturdays only from Monck Street to Allen Street.
- (2) The legal aspect and procedure for the introduction of pedestrianisation to be investigated.
- (3) Provision of new car parking facilities and management of existing car parks to be pursued.
- (4) An extra man to be made available at weekends to supervise all car parks.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

It was agreed that the meeting be adjourned to Friday, the 1st May, 1931 at 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting then ended.

James Mahoney
MAYOR

DATED THIS 14, DAY OF May, 1931.

OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON 4th MAY, 1981 AT
PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Present: His Worhip the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney, presiding.

Aldermen: F. Byrne, Brendan Corish, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors: J. Roche, Mrs. A. Doyle, P. Reck, N. Murphy, K. Morris,
J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty.

In Attendance:

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager.

Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer.

Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the Council was extended to Mr. W.P. Creedon, County Secretary on the death of his mother.

The family of the late Imelda Fitzpatrick former Clerk/Typist with the Corporation.

The relatives of Commodore Kavanagh.

The family of Mr. Gerry O'Reilly.

MINUTES

The minutes of the following meetings were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty:

- (a) Quarterly meeting held on 6th April, 1981.
- (b) Recommendations of Traffic Management Committee held on 22nd April, 1981.
- (c) Recommendations of Housing Committee held on 8th April, 1981.

DEPUTATION FROM MAIN STREET TRADERS

The meeting received a deputation from the Main Street Traders Association to discuss the trial pedestrianisation of Wexford's Main Street.

The deputation was formed by Mr. Arthur Kelly, Mrs. Callahan, P. Dundon, S. Kelly, B. Corcoran, J. Sherwood. The Mayor invited the deputation to put their case to the Council for consideration. Mr. Kelly submitted written statement signed by 85 traders rejecting the proposal to pedestrianise the Main Street on the grounds that it was affecting their business and that the existing car parking and traffic arrangements in Wexford were not adequate enough to permit the introduction of pedestrianisation at this stage. The other members of the deputation supported this view.

Councillor J. Roche speaking as Chairman of the Traffic Management Committee pointed out to the Council that they had already adopted a recommendation from the Committee to have a further trial for pedestrianisation for 6 months on Saturdays only.

The Mayor thanked the deputation for coming and for presenting their case and stated that a full meeting of the Council would meet the traders of the Main Street at a time and date to be arranged. This was agreed.

REVISED LETTING PRIORITY SCHEME

In accordance with the provisions of Section 50 of the Housing Act 1966 the Council unanimously adopted Revised Letting Priority Scheme as agreed at meeting of the Housing Committee held on 8th April, 1981, on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment.

RAISING OF LOAN

In pursuance of the provisions of the Local Government (2) Act 1960 the Council unanimously authorised the raising of loan of £400,00 to finance house purchase and improvement loans under Section 39 and Section 40 of the Housing Act 1966 subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment on the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor J. Roche.

LAYOUT PLAN - COOLCOTTS PHASE 4

On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Council unanimously adopted layout plan prepared by the National Building Agency for the erection of 60 houses at Coolcotts (Phase 4).

MOTIONS

Playing Facilities

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Hayes:-

"In view of the various soccer clubs that are at present seeking playing facilities, also taking into account the contribution that they are providing for a great number of our young people, I move that this Borough Council support this motion to allow these clubs temporary facilities on our site at Coolcotts that was originally designated for Secondary School, until such a time arises that site will be required for same".

In proposing the motion Councillor Hayes urged the Council to examine the possibility of making the 7 acre school site available for playing pitches if it was suitable for this purpose. He also stressed that if this site is offered to local clubs they must agree to vacate it when the time comes to build the school. In conclusion he referred to the proposal to develop the tip-head at Carcur as playing pitches and asked that this be done as soon as possible.

The motion was seconded by Alderman B. Corish who also pointed out the difficulties that local clubs find themselves in trying to find playing facilities.

Councillor J. Roche asked the Council to consider the provision of integrated facilities with schools where possible.

Alderman P. Roche also spoke in support of the motion, he asked that the County Manager assess the needs of supporting organisations in the town.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle in supporting the motion asked that the Corporation insures that the use of this site as a playing pitch would not contravene the development plan.

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager agreed with the suggestion that all sports facilities should be integrated. He stated that the County Council will set up a Committee to look into this possibility and that this motion should be referred to the County Council for consideration. This was agreed.

Tenant Purchase Schemes.

The following motion was proposed by the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney, and seconded by Councillor J. Roche, and resolved:

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This Borough Council requests the Minister for the Environment to make the Tenant Purchase Schemes more attractive by allowing rent by tenants from date of application to purchase to be deducted from the price of the house."

Following a discussion on this motion it was agreed to refer it to the Minister for the Environment for his attention.

Wall at Thomas Clarke Place.

The following motion was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney seconded by Councillor P. Reck and resolved:

"That this Council rebuild the wall at 9 Thomas Clarke Place which was knocked down by a car some time ago".

During the discussion on this motion the members agreed to carry out this work provided that it was the responsibility of the Corporation. The Borough Engineer indicated that he has received the name of the person who had knocked the wall and that this matter was being pursued.

Sub-standard housing.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Roche seconded by Alderman B. Corish and resolved:

"That in view of the recent announcement of grants for the improvement of Local Authority houses and the increased powers to borrow for these purposes and also in view of Estimates Allocation for housing repairs with particular emphasis on sub-standard housing, a special report and cost be prepared for the improving over a period of years of all sub-standard Local Authority housing in Wexford Borough".

All the members present supported the motion but agreed to await the Government announcement on revised financing arrangements for the improvement of sub-standard Local Authority Housing. When this is issued it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would prepare a report and costs for the Council.

Planning Permission - Quinnsworth Supermarket.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor M. Murphy and resolved:-

"Seeing the problem with traffic congestion in the Crescent Quay area, most of which is caused by the Quinnsworth premises in that area, this Council wants a full report and details as to:- date original planning application was made, date of refusal of application, date permission was granted and conditions and amount of money paid by applicant to Local Authority, was this permission given by An Bord Pleanála or Borough Council, name of applicant for change of use of premises from garage to Supermarket".

In accordance with the terms of the motion the Town Clerk gave a full report on all aspects of the planning application for this development and outlined the original decision to refuse the application which was upheld on appeal and a subsequent decision of the planning authority to grant permission subject to conditions including the payment of a financial contribution to the Corporation in lieu of providing extra car parking facilities. He also informed the members of a current application for Mr. P. Kinsella for flats, shops and offices in the Crescent Quay area. This was noted by the Council.

Footpath at Corish Park.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne and resolved:-

"Footpath known as "Wide footpath" between Corish Park and Summerhill

gh Engineer agreed to have this work carried out.

Construction Loans.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Kelly seconded by Councillor J. Haves:

"That this Council in conjunction with Local Builders Providers organise credit facilities in respect of the £4,000 Reconstruction Loan".

During the debate on this motion the Borough Accountant pointed out that the Corporation would not be in a position to enter into individual credit arrangements with Builders Suppliers on behalf of loan applicants. He added that the letter of approval issued by the Corporation enables loan applicants to obtain bridging loans or credit on their own behalf.

Census form.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Kelly seconded by Alderman B. Corish and resolved:

"That this Council request the Government to simplify the next census form".

It was agreed to forward this motion to the Central Statistics Office.

Medical Cards.

Councillor P. Reck proposed the following motion:

"That this Borough Council call on the Government to increase the ceiling for eligibility for Medical Cards to keep our Old Age Pensioners in benefit".

In proposing the motion Councillor Reck referred to ^{the} fact that married pensioners are not covered by the existing scheme and these should be included.

The motion was seconded by Councillor K. Morris and resolved. It was agreed to forward the motion to the Minister for Health.

Percentage wage agreements.

Councillor P. Reck proposed the following Motion:

"That this Borough Council calls on the Government and Trade Union Movement to call a halt to percentage wage agreements which are a major cause of inflation, unemployment and poverty."

The motion was seconded by Councillor J. Haves. In the debate which followed it was clear that some members of the Council were not in favour of the motion and the Mayor decided to have a vote. The result of the vote was as follows: In favour of the motion: Councillors P. Reck, J. Haves, J. Mahoney, Alderman Kelly - 4 votes. Against the motion: Councillors K. Morris, J. Flaherty, N. Murphy, Aldermen G. Byrne, P. Roche, B. Corish - 6 votes.

Councillors Mrs. Avril Doyle and J. Roche abstained. The motion was then declared defeated.

Hospital Plan.

Councillor J. Haves proposed the following motion:

"That this Borough Council deplore the recent decision made by the Minister for Health to reject Wexford in his white paper on hospital development, ignoring Wexford's plea for the financial fundin
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surgical Wing that is vitally needed to facilitate the needs of the South East Health system, call on him to amend his decision to include Wexford's application with others".

The proposer of the motion referred to the need for a surgical unit in Wexford and asked that the motion be passed by the Council and referred to the Minister for Health immediately.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle who added that a paediatric unit was also needed at the hospital.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Civic Reception - Joe Fenlon.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman B. Corish seconded by Alderman P. Kelly and resolved:

"That this Borough Council congratulates Joe Fenlon on his selection for the Irish Boxing Team and to give him a civic reception on his return from Helsinki".

CORRESPONDENCE

Local Environment Campaign.

The Council/^{noted} circular from the Minister for the Environment encouraging local authorities to embark on local environment campaigns to combat litter. The Minister complimented the existing campaigns being undertaken by Wexford County Council and Dublin Corporation and urged local authorities to follow their example. This was noted by the Council with approval.

Seminar Ireland '81.

The Town Clerk read an invitation to the Mayor and Members of the Corporation from Junior Chamber Wexford to attend a seminar entitled Ireland '81 to be held in Whites Hotel on May 6th at 8.00 p.m.

St. Iberius School.

The Council noted the letter dated 15th April, 1981 from the Department of Education saying that a grant had recently been sanctioned towards the cost of an extension to St. Iberius School.

Rates on Flats.

The Town Clerk read an acknowledgement from the Minister for the Environment regarding the Council's resolution requesting the introduction of rates on flats used for commercial purposes.

Wexford Branch Library.

The Council noted the reply from Wexford County Council indicating that it would not be possible to extend the opening hours of Wexford Branch Library due to staff shortages at present.

Wexford County Hospital.

An acknowledgement was received from the Department of Health regarding the Council's request for funds for Wexford County Hospital.

Wages & Prices Policy.

The Council noted a letter from the Department of the Taoiseach acknowledging their resolution on the introduction of a wage and price policy over....

of support for this policy by the Federated Union of
ers was also noted.

Reception for Wexford Guides.

The Mavor informed the Council that Wexford Walking Tours were celebrating 21 years of service in Wexford this year and he suggested that the Corporation give the Guides a small reception in the Municipal Buildings. This was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor P. Reck.

QUESTIONS

Special Meeting on Drugs.

Following a question by Councillor J. Hayes the Council unanimously decided to hold a special meeting on the problem of drugs on 25th May, 1981 at 7.30 p.m.

Footpaths.

In reply to Councillor J. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that the contractors for improvement work on footpaths and curbs at Johns Road were being pursued to remedy the effects.

Coolcotts (Stage 4).

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. Hayes that tenders had not yet been invited for the next stage of 60 houses at Coolcotts but that the National Building Agency were scheduled to start the scheme on 1st August this year.

O.P.W. Buildings.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. O'Flaherty that plans for the proposed Office of Public Works building in King Street had been requested and when received they will be available for inspection.

Re-sale of Corporation Houses.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. O'Flaherty that before giving consent for the re-sale of Corporation houses it was necessary for the vendor to submit satisfactory evidence of alternative housing and for the purchaser to prove to the Corporation that he was in need of a house.

Road Improvement Works.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. O'Flaherty that improvement works from Hill Street to the Racecourse will be completed in June.

Car Park - Keyzers Lane.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor P. Reck that the Corporation had proposals to surface the car park in Keyzers Lane.

Mulgannon Road.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor P. Reck that due to financial constraints on the improvement of County roads the County Council would not be in a position to carry out road improvement works at Mulgannon Road this year but that the road surface would be maintained.

District Committee.

Town Clerk informed Councillor P. Reck that he would arrange further meeting with the District Committee of Wexford County Council and the Corporation.

Kennedy Park.

In reply to Alderman P. Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that he would undertake improvement works to the prom walk in Kennedy Park.

Grass verges.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that the removal of unsightly grass verges at Liam Mellows Park would be carried out this summer.

Differential Rent Scheme.

The Borough Accountant informed Alderman P. Kelly that details of the Differential Rent Scheme for 1981 had not been received from the Department of the Environment.

Club House at Selskar.

In reply to Alderman P. Roche the Town Clerk stated that the application by the Young Ireland's G.F.C. for a site for a club house at Selskar would be considered with the overall plans for the development of this area.

Corish Park.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Roche that he had noted the condition of roadway at Corish Park and Kennedy Park junction for improvement.

Stop Sign.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Roche that stop sign at Dolphin Road junction with the main Rosslare Road had been erected and that a sign indicating car parking at Bride Street would be erected at Roches Road shortly.

Housing & Planning Conference.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting of housing & planning conference in Harrogate in October. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes the Council unanimously decided to nominate the Mayor and 2 members of the Council together with one official to attend this conference. The names of the Council members to be agreed at a later meeting.

Mayor's official visit to France.

The Mayor informed the meeting that he had decided to accept an invitation to visit Coueron, France, during the month of May, 1981. He added that he would be accompanied by the Town Clerk and that they would travel with the Assistant County Manager. This was approved by the Council on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Dated this 16th day of June, 1981.

James Mahoney
MAYOR

THE CONTINUATION OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
WHICH WAS ADJOURNED ON 22nd APRIL, 1981, HELD IN THE
CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON 1st MAY, 1981
8.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillor J. Roche, Chairman.
Alderman Peter Roche.
Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.
Mr. J. Galvin, Superintendent, Garda Siochana.
Mr. P. Dundon, Chamber of Commerce.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager, and Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT MAUDLINTOWN

The Chairman of the Committee informed the meeting that he had been in contact with the County Council Engineer and the problem about the crossing was where it should be placed. There are two alternatives; 1. to scrap it altogether, 2. to await the realignment of the road at which time the best location for the crossing would be more obvious. Alderman Peter Roche informed the meeting that the residents of the area and especially school children are using the place where the crossing used to be as they wished to get to the side of the road where the Favthe School is located. He further informed the meeting that there were a lot of damaged poles in that area which were situated close to the footpath and quite a number of them were cracked and in danger of falling.

The Chairman of the Committee agreed with Alderman Roche and was especially concerned that when the road from the Creamery in towards town was realigned and resurfaced that traffic would move faster and would represent a further danger.

The Acting Borough Engineer suggested that if traffic type pedestrian lights were erected that they would serve to halt the traffic at specific times. The Chairman of the Committee agreed and said that if a notice for the lights were to be erected about ¼ mile before the Pedestrian Crossing motorists would be warned well in advance and it would make the lights much more effective. He then requested the Committee to agree to recommend that traffic type lights be erected at the Pedestrian Crossing with suitable notices before them to render the use of the crossing by pedestrians more safe and to slow traffic speeds through that area.

This was agreed by the Committee.

PARKING AT G.A.A. GROUNDS

The Chairman informed the Committee that a problem appears when big matches were being played in the G.A.A. grounds.

The Acting Borough Engineer suggested that a concrete apron in that area known as 'wide-footpath' be taken away and an ordinary footpath be put in its place and a tarmac parking area be provided.

Mr. Dundon stated that the Clonard road was too narrow for parking at the entrance to the G.A.A. Grounds. The Chairman of the Committee suggested that it be recommended to the County Council to assess this situation in conjunction with the Gardai with a view to placing double yellow lines or no parking signs to discourage parking there. He further suggested that the Acting Borough Engineer and an engineer from the County Council look at the junction and that the Acting

gh Engineer would report back to the Traffic Management Committee
see what could be done with the wide-sweeping footpath on the right
side of Summerhill.

The Chairman then stated that he would raise the problem of parking in
the County Council area at the next Wexford District Committee meeting.

This was agreed by the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

Superintendent Galvin informed the meeting that there was very bad
restricted vision at the junction at Pierces and that it probably
needed traffic lights for traffic control in that area.

The Chairman of the Committee informed the meeting that a priority
list was drawn up for the erection of traffic lights at the New
Bridge, the end of the Quay and Pierces junction, but that these
had not yet materialised.

The Acting Borough Engineer stated that a link road from Distillery
Road to Mulgannon would probably be a solution towards the easing
of the situation at the junction at Pierces. He further stated
that if this link road was to be effective that the mill road would
have to be made a one-way road, and this would be very difficult.

A general discussion then took place about problem junctions and the
possibility of traffic lights at those junctions.

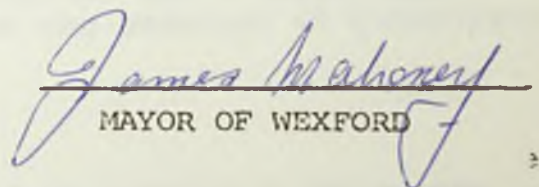
Arising from this discussion the Chairman of the Committee stated
that he would table a motion for the next County Council meeting
that Traffic Lights be placed at the junctions mentioned in the
priority list previously drawn up.

This was agreed by the Committee.

Alderman Peter Roche proposed that the Committee recommend to the
Borough Council that a strong protest be sent to the Minister at
the manner in which the lights at the New Bridge Junction have been
held up.

This was unanimously agreed by the Committee and the meeting then
ended.

Signed this 16th, day of June, 1981


MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD ON 15th JUNE, 1981 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney, presiding.

Aldermen: E. Byrne, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors: J. Roche, Mrs. A. Doyle, P. Reck, N. Murphy, K. Morris,
J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Alderman B. Corish.

In Attendance: Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Assistant County Manager.

Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer.

Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor James Mahoney, Mayor, seconded by Councillor K. Morris the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of Mrs. Mary Butler.

FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

His Worship the Mayor Councillor James Mahoney proposed that the Freedom of the Borough of Wexford be offered to His Lordship the Bishop, Dr. Donal J. Herlihy who is celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his ordination this year. This was seconded by Alderman E. Byrne. In accordance with the usual procedure it was agreed that this offer be conveyed to His Lordship in private and if he accepts then the Mayor can issue a public statement.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Alderman E. Byrne the Council unanimously adopted the minutes of Statutory Meeting held on 4th May, 1981 and recommendations of Traffic Management Committee Meeting held on 1st May, 1981.

PEDESTRIANISATION OF WEXFORD'S
MAIN STREET

Following a lengthy discussion on the trial pedestrianisation of Wexford's Main Street it was unanimously decided to hold a special meeting of the Council on Monday 22nd June, 1981 to discuss this matter. It was decided to invite members of the Traffic Management Committee and a deputation from the traders association to this meeting, on the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes, seconded by Councillor J. Roche.

HOUSING PACKAGE 1981

On the proposal of Alderman P. Kelly seconded by Councillor J. Hayes the Council unanimously decided to defer consideration of Housing Package 1981 and to discuss this matter at the special meeting to be held on 22nd June, 1981.

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DISPOSAL OF FEE SIMPLE OF LAND
AT SOUTH MAIN STREET/GIBSON ST.

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Alderman F. Byrne the Council unanimously authorised the disposal of fee simple interest of land at South Main Street/Gibson Street to Mr. F.J. Lowney for the sum of £11,000 in accordance with notice circulated.

DISPOSAL OF CORPORATION HOUSES

On the proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman F. Byrne the Council unanimously authorised disposal of the following Corporation houses in accordance with provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended:-

<u>COLUMN 1</u>	<u>COLUMN 2</u>	<u>COLUMN 3</u>
65 Corish Park, Wexford.	Patrick Whitmore	3,479
13 Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.	Ambrose Saunders	4,966
31 Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.	Sean Murphy	4,966
39, Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.	John Dempsey	4,966
45 Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.	Richard Hogan	6,433
52 Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.	James Doyle	4,966
70 Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.	Christopher McMahon	5,260
80 Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.	Thomas Hynes	4,906
81 Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.	Noel Murphy	6,990
92 Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.	David Curran	2,156
102 Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.	Michael Noel Power	5,230
105 Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.	John & Mary Kelly	6,433
108, Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.	Mrs. Marie Lane	5,230
111 Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.	Richard Phillips	5,230
120 Liam Mellows Park, Wexford..	William Duggan	5,260
121 Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.	Edward Carty	5,260
129 Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.	John N. Ryan	5,260
150 Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.	Richard Murphy	5,260
7 St. Aidans Crescent, Wexford.	Mrs. Agnes Cullimore	4,136
28 St. Aidans Crescent, Wexford.	Harry Conway	4,136
59 St. Aidans Crescent, Wexford.	Mrs. Phyllis Bolger	4,136
12 Thomas Clarke Place, Wexford.	Sheila Murphy	7,093
14 Tuskar View, Wexford.	Mrs. Annie Marlowe	3,845
47 Whiterock View, Wexford.	Michael & Johanna Cullen	1,150
46 Wolfe Tone Villas	Joseph Bergin	1,325

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DISPOSAL OF FEE SIMPLE INTEREST
AT BARRACK STREET.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Council unanimously authorised the disposal of fee simple interest of No. 3, Barrack Street for the sum of £10.00 in accordance with the notice circulated.

CONTRIBUTION TO WEXFORD HARBOUR
BOARD.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Council unanimously confirmed the resolution passed at meeting of the Council held on 6th April, 1981 being a financial contribution of £490 to the Wexford Harbour Board in accordance with the provisions of the Harbours Act 1947.

CHANGING OF NAMES OF STREETS

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Council unanimously adopted the list of ratepayers for the purposes of the changing of names of certain streets in Wexford Borough under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1946 and the changing of Street Names Regulations 1956.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman F. Byrne the Council unanimously decided to hold the first Quarterly Meeting on Monday 29th June, 1981.

URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

Talbot Green Housing Scheme.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 20th May, 1981 from the Minister for the Environment regarding the cost of remedial works at Talbot Green Housing Scheme. The letter conveyed approval to the raising of a further £50,000 against the capital cost of the scheme to enable the Corporation to complete the remedial works in the houses. This financial contribution which would be made in the form of a non-subsidisable/repayable loan from the local loans fund would be made available to the Corporation from the 1st January, 1982.

Although the Members felt that the contribution was not enough they welcomed the fact that it would enable them to complete the programme of works in 1982.

Casual Vacancy - Town of Wexford V.E.C.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a casual vacancy had arisen in the Town of Wexford V.E.C. (non-elected membership) which has been caused by the resignation of Father A. Kavanagh. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty it was unanimously decided to fill this vacancy at the Statutory Meeting of the Borough Council to be held on 6th July 1981. The Town Clerk reminded the members that in accordance with Standing Orders nominations for this vacancy would have to be submitted to him at least seven days before the date of that meeting.

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MOTIONS

Car Parking - Playing Facilities.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck:

- (i) a. "A study of the Town Plan clearly illustrates that out of 7 designated areas for car parking, 3 are not now available and 3 more are not practical.
- b. A study of the same plan indicates an acute lack of playing facilities.

In view of the above facts I move that this Borough Council makes a complete study of the urban area to provide alternatives for a. above, and also examines possible areas suitable for b. above".

In proposing the motion Councillor Reck referred to the great shortage of car parking space in the centre town area and also the fact that there was no suitable playing area available within the Borough at present. He asked that a total survey of the area be undertaken to identify suitable sites for these facilities.

The motion was seconded by Councillor J. Hayes who suggested several areas in town which could be developed.

The other members also spoke in favour of the motion which was unanimously adopted.

Kerbing at Rowe Street.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck:

"That this Borough Council makes provision in next years estimates to provide kerbing around the grass areas in Rowe Street Church and also provide flowers and shrubs to decorate the Adoration Convent".

This motion was rejected on the grounds that the areas in question were not in Corporation ownership.

Talbot Green.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Kelly seconded by Councillor J. Roche and resolved:

"That this Council sanction, as part of a general improvement plan, the following works at Talbot Green Estate, to be carried out with minimum delay:

1) Grass Cutting 2) The placing of a one way sign and DBL lines indicating no parking at the island off Pearse Street 3) Laying of pathway, across main green - leading from Pearse Street to Green Street 4) the erection of name plates, and finally - where it is found necessary, the replacing of the canopies above front doors".

Special Meetings of Councillors.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Kelly:

"That this Council convene, regularly (other than Statutory or Special Meetings) to discuss, and possibly formulate a policy on the many problems with which Councillors are expected to deal".

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Motion was seconded by Councillor P. Reck.

Councillor J. Roche reminded the Council of Seminars run by the I.P.A. on the working of Local Authorities.

Alderman P. Roche suggested that the points mentioned by Alderman P. Kelly could be covered by having a General Purpose meeting of the Corporation on a Quarterly basis.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle seconded this proposal. This was agreed.

Stairway in John Street Flats.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman G. Byrne seconded by His Worship the Mayor Councillor James Mahoney and resolved:

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"That this Corporation examine the / in the John Street Flats with a view to closing the recess under it".

Dangerous substances.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Roche seconded by Alderman F. Byrne and resolved:

"That the Minister for the Environment be requested to extend his order on the carriage by road of dangerous substances and that also operators and carriers be requested to give the relevant local authority at least 24 hours notice of such movement".

Springs and Fountains.

Alderman P. Roche proposed the following motion:

"That this Council request that when commercial or other development is carried out in any area of the Borough that there be no permanent interference with fountains or "spouts" which are a source of spring water to locals and a part of our heritage and tradition".

The motion was seconded by Councillor K. Morris.

The Borough Engineer informed the Council that he had contacted a contractor regarding the well on Whitemill Road and he had agreed to reinstate it.

Correspondence.

Corpus Christi Procession.

The Town Clerk informed the Members that the Corpus Christi Procession would take place at Bride Street Church at 7.30 p.m. on 13th June, 1981.

Municipal Tiphead.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 12th May, 1981 from the County Engineer which stated that the provision of a skip at the Wexford Dump would be unacceptable. Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle suggested that the County Council be requested to open the dump on Sunday evenings during July and August.

Town Crest.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman F. Byrne the Council unanimously approved the use of the Town Crest on Letter Head Notepaper being printed by the Wexford Drama Group.

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Forms.

Letter dated 22nd May, 1981 from the Central Statistics Office regarding the Census Forms was noted by the Council.

Tenant Purchase Schemes.

The Council noted a letter dated 22nd May, 1981 from the Department of the Environment stating that no credit could be given to tenants in respect of rent paid during the period of application to purchase under the signing of the Transfer Order.

Questions.

Windmill Hill.

Councillor P. Reck was informed that his question regarding parking at Windmill Hill would be referred to the County Engineer for comment.

Mulgannon Road.

Councillor P. Reck was informed that his question regarding the condition of Mulgannon Road would be referred to the County Engineer for his observations.

Naming of Car Parks.

Councillor P. Reck was informed that the Corporation would be given an opportunity to select names for Church Lane Car Park and Crescent Quay Car Park at the July meeting.

Pram Walk at Kennedy Park.

Alderman P. Kelly was informed that the clearing of weeds at the pram walk in Kennedy Park had been completed.

Footpaths - O'Connell Avenue.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that the improvement of footpaths at O'Connell Avenue had been included in this years works programme.

Sweeping of Croke Avenue.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that Croke Avenue is at present being swept on a regular basis.

Footpath at Corish Park.

Alderman P. Roche was informed by the Borough Engineer that the wide footpath outside the G.A.A. Park and leading down to Corish Park would be improved this year.

Sewers at Hantoon Road.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Roche that he would examine the possibility of improving the sewer at the rear of houses No. 2 to No. 8, Hantoon Road.

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Parks Scheme.

At the request of Alderman P. Roche it was agreed to request the Contractor for the Townparks Scheme to keep the access road to Belvedere Grove in a tidy state.

INCREASE IN MAYOR'S SALARY

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman F. Byrne the Council unanimously authorised an increase in the Mayor's salary to cover the cost of the following functions:

Civic Reception -- Junior Chamber Europe and Africa Conference, Civic Reception - Official visit of German Ambassador, Mayor's official visit to France.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES CONFERENCES

The Council were notified of the 14th assembly of the European Municipalities to be held in Madrid from the 23rd to 26th September, 1981. And the 4th European Symposium of Historic Towns to be held in Switzerland from 14th to 16th October, 1981. The members also considered the National Planning and Housing Conference to be held in Harrogate from 13th to 15th October, 1981.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the cost ^{of the} conferences would be in the region of £500 per delegate per conference.

The members then nominated the following representatives:

Madrid

Councillor K. Morris on the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne seconded by Councillor J. Roche.
Councillor J. Hayes on the proposal of Councillor J. Mahoney seconded by Councillor J. Roche.
The Borough Engineer on the proposal of Councillor J. Mahoney seconded by Councillor J. Roche.

Friburg, Switzerland.

Alderman F. Byrne on the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor J. Roche.
Councillor J. Mahoney on the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle.
The Town Clerk on the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle.

Harrogate.

Alderman P. Kelly on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes.
Councillor N. Murphy on the proposal of Councillor J. Mahoney seconded by Alderman P. Roche.
The Borough Engineer on the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty.

1. The meeting included the business of the meeting.
2. The meeting was held on the 16th day of *June* 1981.

James Mahoney
MAYOR

MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE CLOSE OF THE STATUTORY MEETING ON 15th JUNE, 1981, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney, presiding.

Aldermen: F. Byrne, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors: J. Roche, Mrs. A. Doyle, P. Reck, N. Murphy, K. Morris,
J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Alderman B. Corish.

In attendance: Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Assistant County Manager.

Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer.

Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

VACANT HOUSE AT 16 HANTOON ROAD

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the house at 16, Hantoon Road formerly occupied by the Connors family had now become vacant. He informed the meeting that the C.M.O. had recommended Miss Ann Daly, formerly of Old Pound, Wexford, as an emergency case and that as she had only two grown up sons in the family, and that this was a two bedroomed house, the Manager intended to appoint her to the vacant house at 16, Hantoon Road. This was noted by the Council on the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor J. Roche.

VACANT AT JOHN STREET.
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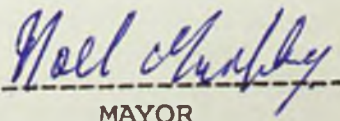
The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a vacancy had arisen in the Old Folk Flats at 19, Lower John Street caused by the death of Miss Mary Butler. He stated that the C.M.O. recommended Miss Mary Meade as the first person on his priority list. As this person was living alone and the flat in John Street was single bedroomed only the accommodation would suit Miss Meade. He stated that the Manager intended to appoint Mary Meade to the vacant flat. This was noted on the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor K. Morris.

LAWLOR FAMILY OF 19, ANTELOPE ROAD.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that complaints had been received from residents of Hantoon Road regarding disturbances caused by the Lawlor family of No. 19. He added that the Manager had met a deputation from the residents the previous week and that the Social Worker had been in attendance. He added that the Social Worker recommended the separation of the Lawlor family and the Hurley family as a possible solution to the problem and that the Manager intended to proceed along these lines. He added that one option was to move the Lawlor family back to Croke Avenue. The Council asked the Manager to consider this course of action on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman P. Roche.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this 1st day of July, 1981.


MAYOR

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY 22nd JUNE, 1981 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney, presiding.

Aldermen: B. Corish, F. Byrne, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors: J. Roche, Avril Doyle, Padge Reck, Noel Murphy, K. Morris, J. O'Flaherty, J. Hayes.

In attendance: Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager.
 Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.
 Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer.
 Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

TRIAL PEDESTRIANISATION OF WEXFORD'S
MAIN STREET

At the outset the Mayor stated that the purpose of the meeting was to receive a deputation from the Main Street Traders Association to discuss the trial pedestrianisation of Wexford's Main Street. The deputation was formed by Mr. J. Sherwood, Mr. J. Kelly, Mr. J. Pettit, and Mr. B. Corcoran.

Mr. Sherwood speaking on behalf of the deputation thanked the Mayor for giving them the opportunity to address the meeting. He stated that the vast majority of the traders on Wexford's Main Street were against pedestrianisation because it was prohibiting cars from using one of the three main arteries in town and therefore causing traffic congestion. He said that this was affecting the business of the traders and that their normal customers were now shopping in other towns. He complimented the Corporation on the appointment of a Traffic Warden and said that a second Warden would greatly improve the traffic flow on the Main Street. Mr. J. Kelly agreed with Mr. Sherwood's remarks and also pointed out that people from the rural areas were refusing to come to Wexford's Main Street to shop during the period of pedestrianisation. He also understood that the traders had been given an assurance from the Traffic Management Committee that pedestrianisation would not proceed if the traders were not in favour of it.

Mr. B. Corcoran pointed out that sales were down during the trial period and when the cars were allowed back on the Main Street on Friday sales rose again.

Mr. J. Pettit asked the Committee to consider the fact that he owned two shops in town, one on the Main Street and one in St. Aidan's Crescent and stated that the sales in the shop in St. Aidan's Crescent increased with the introduction of the Traffic Warden and the introduction of pedestrianisation.

All members of the deputation indicated their willingness to co-operate with pedestrianisation but only when car parking facilities in town were brought up to an adequate standard.

At the request of the Mayor the Borough Engineer then replied to some of the points made by the deputation. Mr. Fahey rejected the deputation's point that the Main Street is a main artery for traffic through Wexford Town on the grounds that at most weekends cars can only move along the Main Street with great difficulty because of the number of pedestrians using the street. He also said that during the trial period the car parks in town had been monitored and it was found that the car park at /over....

Bride Street Church was practically empty at all stages of the trial period. He suggested also that car parking at the Crescent Quay was now being used more effectively with the introduction of the "Pay & Display" system.

In reply to Mr. Fahey the members of the deputation indicated that they wished to have cars parked outside shops to be able to collect goods and not just simply to move along the Main Street.

Alderman P. Kelly urged the Corporation to withdraw from pedestrianisation at this time in view of the difficulty of parking close to the Main Street. Councillor P. Reck asked that pedestrianisation be retained in the interest of the young and old who find it hard to travel along the Main Street. He also pointed out that traffic was only prohibited for a total of 6 hours out of the 43 hours trading.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle stated the need for greater car parking facilities between the Main Street and the Quay. She also asked that if pedestrianisation had to proceed that it be considered on a Wednesday instead of Saturday.

Mr. D. Bourke concurred with the remarks that Councillor Doyle made on the need for car parking on the Quay and asked that the Corporation again reconsider an extension of the Quays to provide car parking.

Alderman P. Roche pointed out that the trial period was introduced to see what problems might be encountered. He rejected the suggestion that St. Aidan's Shopping Centre had increased its business solely because of pedestrianisation.

Councillor J. Hayes also suggested that the Corporation reconsider its decision on pedestrianisation on the grounds that the traders of the Main Street were losing money because of it.

The Borough Engineer then gave the advantages of pedestrianisation as follows:

- 1) It eliminated the conflict between pedestrians and vehicles in the narrow streets.
- 2) It increased the pedestrian flow in the area made for ease of walking and looking into shop windows etc.
- 3) It eliminated carbon dioxide fumes in the narrow street.
- 4) It allowed the street to be kept clean and properly swept.

Following further discussion on the matter Alderman B. Corish proposed that the question of pedestrianisation be referred back to the Traffic Management Committee who would meet before the 6th July and present a final recommendation to the Corporation at their Statutory Meeting on that date. This was seconded by Councillor Noel Murphy and resolved.

The Mayor then thanked the deputation for attending the meeting and for presenting their case.

The deputation then withdrew.

HOUSING PACKAGE 1981

considered

The members/in Committee the provisions of Circular B.C. 5/81 dated 8th May, 1981, headed "Housing Package 1981". The members welcomed the increased subsidy for first time house purchasers and the increase in the amount of mortgage available to purchase or erect houses as contained in the circular.

Paragraph 19 of the circular dealt with housing improvement scheme for

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Local Authority tenants and this was considered in detail by the Council. The Members noted that local authorities were now empowered to provide a fire-place, bathroom, attic insulation, re-wiring, additional room in local authority houses. The members also commented on the fact that these works are to be financed by way of contributions from the tenants in either lumps or increasing maximum differential rent payable on the house and that any shortfall was to be met by the Local Authority itself. Councillor J. O'Flaherty stated that the Corporation would not be in a position to provide this shortfall as the circular specifically stated that Local Authorities expenditure would have to be kept within the 12% increase specified by the Minister.

Alderman P. Roche stated that the / Municipal Authorities have requested the Minister to consider extending the limited 12% for certain works and that perhaps this type of work could be included. The Town Clerk pointed out to the Council that under the provisions of the Housing Act 1966 the Corporation could give an unsecured loan of £1,000 to the tenants to be repayable over seven years for carrying out improvements such as suggested by the circular.

In conclusion Councillor J. Roche proposed that each tenant be notified of the revisions of the Circular with a view to assessing the demand for the type of facilities set out in paragraph 19. This was seconded by Councillor J. Hayes and resolved.

WESTLANDS.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Minister for the Environment conveying the text of a reply from the Minister for Finance regarding the offer of 4.66 acres of land and the domestic residence at Westlands to Wexford Corporation by Mr. James O'Connor, Solicitor. The letter indicated that the Minister for Finance would have to amend the capital acquisitions Act of 1976 to enable Mr. O'Connor to give this property without paying inheritance tax on it. The letter indicated that Minister was not prepared to do this.

On the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne seconded by Councillor J. Roche it was unanimously agreed to request Mr. O'Connor to state the amount of tax which would be payable on this property and to see if the Corporation could negotiate for the purchase of the property at that price.

DEVELOPMENT AT CRESCENT QUAY.

MR. P. KINSELLA.

The Assistant County Manager informed the Council that planning permission has been granted to Mr. P. Kinsella, Ferrybank, Wexford, for shops and offices at Henrietta Street and Harpurs Lane, Wexford. He added that the developer had been requested to provide 10 car parking spaces on the site and to pay a contribution of £250 per car spaces for 32 others. The developer had now indicated that the provision of the 10 spaces on site would make the development uneconomical and had then requested the Corporation to consider accepting a cash contribution in lieu of these car spaces also.

From the debate which emerged on this application the Members indicated their desirability of this development stating that if the provision of car parking spaces on the site jeopardised the development then cash contribution should be accepted in lieu.

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On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the Council recommended to the Manager that an effort be made by the developer to provide 5 car parking spaces on site but if this was not acceptable to him then a cash contribution should be accepted.

FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that His Lordship the Bishop had greatfully accepted the Corporation's offer to confer the Freedom of the Borough on him. On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Councillor James Mahoney, Mayor, it was decided that the conferring ceremony would take place on Wednesday 15th July, 1981.

FORMAL VISIT OF MAYOR OF
SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA.

The Town Clerk notified the Council that the Mayor of Sunnyvale, California would pay a formal visit to Wexford on Tuesday 30th June, 1981. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman F. Byrne the Council unanimously decided to give the Mayor Dianne McKenna a Civic Reception and that the Mayor's salary be increased accordingly to cover the cost of the reception.

This concluded the business of the meeting.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD

Dated this 8th day of July, 1981.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON FRIDAY,
26th JUNE, 1981 AT 7.30 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Present: Councillor John Roche, Chairman.
Alderman B. Corish, Alderman P. Roche.
Councillor P. Reck, Wexford Trades Council.
Superintendent John Galvin, Garda Siochana.
Sergeant John Darmody, Garda Siochana.
Mr. Denis Bourke, President, Chamber of Commerce.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk and Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and informed the members that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the previous recommendations of the Traffic Management Committee having regard to the Traders' representations at the special meeting. In view of the traders' considerable dis-satisfaction at the special meeting and the fact that the members of the Borough Council appeared to be divided on the issue we must now decide to stand by our original recommendations or adopt new recommendations.

Alderman Peter Roche proposed that the Committee abide by its original recommendations as for quite a number of years pedestrianisation of the Main Street was talked about and this present Traffic Management Committee had done the most work to bring it about and there is now the chance that if pedestrianisation is discontinued it will never be introduced again.

Mr. Denis Bourke stated that at the end of the original trial period another trial period was started without the consultation of the traders. While not objecting to pedestrianisation in principle more car parking areas are essential if it is to work properly. The traders are vehemently against pedestrianisation at the present time and it would be a bad move to force pedestrianisation on the traders, as without the good will of the traders there is no point in introducing pedestrianisation of the Main Street.

Alderman B. Corish stated that more car parks are not viable at the moment, and that he thought pedestrianisation would benefit the traders not the opposite. Councillor P. Reck stated that the Trade Union Movement are very anxious to have the Main Street pedestrianised and that the traders appeared to be unfair as pedestrianisation is proposed to be introduced for a very small percentage of a 43 hour trading week.

Alderman B. Corish stated that the traders of the Main Street are long standing reputable business men and the Traffic Management Committee ought to have regard to their views.

Superintendent John Galvin stated that the legal position should be taken into account as the traders could bring an action against the Corporation in the High Court if pedestrianisation was forced on them as pedestrianisation has no legal standing at all.

The Chairman then stated that unless a high percentage of the traders agreed to pedestrianisation we cannot implement pedestrianisation as a permanent fixture and the same applies to the trial period.

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If pedestrianisation is not to work we will have to further consider traffic movement through Wexford and maybe employ another traffic warden. The crux of the matter is the traders agreement, if the traders do not agree there is no point in imposing pedestrianisation on them. Mr. Denis Bourke stated that if the matter had to be sorted out in the Courts there would be bad feeling between the traders and the Corporation. Councillor P. Reck stated that the traders do not want to accept any change and that a few vociferous ones are running the show. A separate circular should be sent to each trader on the Main Street to get their views.

Alderman Peter Roche proposed that the Committee stand by the original 4 recommendations.

Councillor P. Reck seconded Alderman Peter Roches's proposal. The Chairman requested that before the Statutory Meeting on Monday 5th July that the Corporation should endeavour to get work back from its own legal advisors about the legal position of the pedestrianisation the Main Street.

After a brief discussion the Chairman put Alderman Roches's proposal to a vote. The proposal was carried by 5 votes to 3, those voting for: Councillor J. Roche, Alderman B. Corish, Alderman P. Roche, Councillor P. Reck, G. Griffin. Those voting against: Mr. Denis Bourke, Sergeant John Darmody, Superintendent John Galvin.

The Meeting then ended.

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL, HELD IN
THE ART'S CENTRE, CORNMARKEt, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY, 29th JUNE, 1981
AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

The Members present were:

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney.

Aldermen: F. Byrne, B. Corish, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors: Mrs. Avril Doyle, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes
J. O'Flaherty, P. Reck, N. Murphy.

Attendance: Mr. M.N. Dillon, Wexford County Manager.
Mr. P. Whelan, Wexford Assistant County Manager.
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer.
Mr. J.J. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

ELECTION OF MAYOR.

At the outset, the outgoing Mayor, Councillor James Mahoney gave a brief outline of the principal happenings in the affairs of Wexford Corporation during his twelve months in office. He thanked his fellow Aldermen and Councillors for their support during the year and also thanked the County Manager and staff of Wexford Corporation for their assistance.

He then called for nominations for the office of Mayor who would hold office until Quarterly meeting due to be held on such a day not being more than fourteen days before or after the anniversary of the first Quarterly meeting. The following members were duly proposed and seconded:

Councillor Noel Murphy proposed by Alderman P. Roche seconded
by Alderman B. Corish

Alderman G. Byrne proposed by Councillor K. Morris seconded
by Councillor J. O'Flaherty.

Councillor J. Hayes proposed by Councillor P. Reck seconded
by Councillor J. Mahoney.

There were no further nominations. A poll was then taken which resulted as follows:

For Councillor Murphy - Alderman B. Corish, Alderman P. Roche,
Councillors: Avril Doyle and Noel Murphy.
- 4 votes.

For Alderman G. Byrne - Alderman F. Byrne.
Councillors: J. Roche, K. Morris,
J. O'Flaherty.
- 4 votes.

For Councillor Hayes - Councillors: J. Hayes, P. Reck,
J. Mahoney.
- 3 votes.

Alderman P. Kelly abstained.

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Councillor J. Hayes having obtained the least number of votes was then eliminated and there being only two remaining candidates a vote was taken which resulted as follows:

For Councillor Murphy: Aldermen: B. Corish, P. Roche.
Councillors: Avril Doyle, J. Mahoney,
N. Murphy - 5 votes.

For Alderman Byrne: Alderman F. Byrne.
Councillors: J. Roche, P. Reck, K. Morris,
J. O'Flaherty - 5 votes.

Alderman P. Kelly and Councillor J. Hayes abstained.

As an equality of votes had been given to the two candidates the candidate to be elected Mayor was decided by lot.

On the drawing of lots Councillor Noel Murphy was elected Mayor.

Councillor Murphy was then vested with the robe and chain of office and took the chair. He thanked his proposer and seconder and those members of the Council who had voted for him and paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor Councillor James Mahoney on the excellent work he had done during his term of office. The other Members present and the County Manager on behalf of the staff congratulated the new Mayor on his election and also complemented Councillor Mahoney on his achievements during the year.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PRACTICE

Quarterly meetings for year 1981 - 1982 will be held on the first Monday in October, 1981, January, 1982 and April, 1982.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.



Mayor

Dated this 6th day of July, 1981.

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON 6th JULY, 1981 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Present: His Worship the Mayor Councillor Noel C. Murphy presiding.

Aldermen: G. Byrne, B. Corish, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors: J. Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor J. O'Flaherty.

In attendance:

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager.
Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer.
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the minutes of Statutory Meeting held on 16th June, 1981, Special Meeting held on 22nd June, 1981, and Quarterly Meeting held on 29th June, 1981 were unanimously adopted.

VOPE OF SYMPATHY.

Before proceeding to the business of the meeting the members unanimously expressed their sincere sympathy to Mr. L. Ross, Town Foreman, on the death of his mother. The members of the staff present also associated themselves with this vote of sympathy.

PEDESTRIANISATION.

The members then considered recommendations of Traffic Management Committee Meeting held on 26th June, 1981 regarding the trial pedestrianisation of Wexford's Main Street.

Councillor J. Roche proposed that in view of the opposition to the proposed trial pedestrianisation of the Main Street from Wexford Traders that this scheme be suspended until further meetings were held with the traders.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle seconded this proposal but pointed out that the scheme was not being abandoned and that the traders recognise the need for the pedestrianisation of the Main Street in the future, however she felt that it would be more appropriate to defer the implementation of this scheme for the moment.

Councillor P. Reck agreed that the traders did not wish to abandon the scheme altogether but were looking for an improvement in car parking facilities. He asked that the exact number of car parking spaces required by the traders should be identified.

Alderman B. Corish stated that there was substantial opposition from the trade to the implementation of the scheme at this time. He also agreed with the decision to defer it for the moment.

Alderman P. Roche supported the previous speakers but pointed out that the Traffic Management Committee's recommendations dealt not only with pedestrianisation but also with development of new car parks, better utilization of existing car parks, etc., and all these should be considered when discussions with the traders will recommence.

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Councillor J. Hayes stated that he agreed with the decision to suspend this scheme and that he was glad to see the point of view of the traders taken into account by the Traffic Management Committee.

CREATION OF OFFICES OF
DRAUGHTSMAN/TECHNICIAN GRADE II.

Councillor
On the proposal of/Mrs. Avril Doyle seconded by Councillor K. Morris the Council unanimously authorised the creation of office of Draughtsman/Technician Grade II (two posts) and the abolition of the existing office of Draughtsman Grade II and office of Civil Engineering Technician in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act 1941 as amended by Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1955.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS, 1980.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of the Public Bodies Order 1945 the Council considered the Abstract of Accounts for financial year ended 31st December, 1980. The Abstract was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY OF
TOWN OF WEXFORD V.E.C.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a casual vacancy had arisen in the non-elected membership of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee caused by the resignation of Father A. Kavanagh. He added that three nominations had been submitted by members within seven days of the meeting in accordance with the Standing Orders and that these nominations had already been circulated to the members. The Mayor then asked for those persons to be formally proposed and seconded.

Father J. McCabe was proposed by Councillor K. Morris seconded by Councillor J. Mahoney.
Mr. T.F. Byrne, Thomas Clarke /^{Place,} was proposed by Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor J. Roche.
Mr. D. McCabe, Taghmon, was proposed by Alderman P. Kelly. There was no seconder.

As there were two valid applications the Mayor then called for a vote the result of which was as follows:-

For Fr. McCabe: Aldermen G. Byrne, B. Corish, P. Roche,
Councillors Mrs. Avril Doyle, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris
Noel Murphy. - 8 votes.

For Mr. T.F. Byrne: Aldermen P. Kelly,
Councillors J. Roche and J. Hayes. - 3 votes.

As Fr. McCabe had received a greater number of votes he was declared elected.

NAMING OF CAR PARKS.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the Council unanimously decided to name the two main car parks along the Quay as Church Lane Car Park and Crescent Quay Car Park.

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MOTIONS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF
A.M.A.I.

The members considered motions for inclusion on the Agenda for the forthcoming annual conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities to be held in Bundoran. The following motions were then unanimously passed:-

Rate Limitations.

Councillor J. Roche proposed the following motion:

"That Wexford Borough Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to abandon the present system of imposing limitations on Local Authorities in determining the rate in the pound as such limitations were restricting Local Authorities in providing services."

This was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle and agreed.

Capital for Private Housing.

The Following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck:

"That Wexford Borough Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to increase the amount of capital provided for Local Authority Housing to ensure that a greater number of houses will be provided by Local Authorities in this and future years."

This was seconded by Councillor J. Roche and agreed.

Capital Acquisitions Tax.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle:

"That Wexford Borough Council calls on the Minister for Finance to amend the Capital Acquisitions Tax 1976 to enable funds to be made available to Local Authorities as a gift without the payment of inheritance tax or a gift tax".

This was seconded by Councillor J. Roche and agreed.

New Legislation.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle:

"That Wexford Borough Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to ensure that when new legislation is introduced which includes functions to be implemented by local authorities that additional finance be made available to Local Authorities to implement those functions."

This motion was seconded by Alderman P. Roche and agreed.

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Roche the Council unanimously requested the delegates to the Municipal Authorities to try to secure Wexford as a venue for the 1982 Conference.

MOTIONS

Freedom of the Borough.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor James Mahoney seconded by Councillor Noel Murphy, Mayor, and resolved:

"By virtue of the Municipal Privilege Act, Ireland, 1876, it is hereby resolved that the Honourary Freedom of this, the Ancient Borough of Wexford, be conferred on His Lordship Donal J. Herlihy, D.D., Bishop of Ferns, in recognition of his fifty years faithful service in the priesthood, as a tribute to his positive, enlightened and dignified leadership of the dioceses and as an expression of the loyalty of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesees of Wexford to his Lordship as spiritual leader".

It was decided that the ceremony be held on 15th July, 1981 at 7.30 p.m. in the grounds of the Municipal Buildings and that refreshments be served afterwards at St. Peter's College.

Traffic Lights at Bridge.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne and resolved:-

"That this Council call on the Minister for Transport and Power to initiate immediate action with his inspectors so that Traffic Lights can be erected at New Bridge - The Quays".

In proposing the motion Alderman Roche referred to the inordinate delay in getting C.I.E. approval to the erection of the lights and he suggested that the reason for this was that there was only one C.I.E. inspector for the whole country. He asked that a letter be now sent to the Minister expressing the Corporation's concern at this serious delay.

GRASS CUTTING.

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

"That if present grass cutting machine cannot deal with present work loads of cutting grass periodically an extra machine be purchased and allowance be made in estimates for same".

The proposer, seconder and other members speaking on the motion referred to the fact that one machine for grass cutting is not sufficient to keep all the green areas in Wexford in a tidy condition and they requested the Borough Engineer to arrange for the purchase of a second machine as soon as possible.

Traffic at St. Peter's Square.

Alderman P. Kelly proposed and Alderman G. Byrne seconded the following motion which was agreed:-

"That this Borough Council examine the possibility of improving the traffic and parking facilities at St. Peter's Square".

Alderman Kelly referred to traffic congestion being created outside houses Nos. 1 to 8 St. Peter's Square and asked that this area be kerbed. Alderman P. Roche pointed out that the previous scheme of kerbing in this area had been unsuccessful because of local objection. Councillor J. Hayes referred to an earlier decision of the Council to have St. Peter's Square developed as an amenity area in accordance with the plan drawn up by An Foras Forbartha. It was finally decided that this matter be considered at the next meeting of the Traffic Management Committee.

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Government Commitments to Wexford.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle and resolved:-

"In view of the recent election commitments made to the people of Wexford by the new Taoiseach, Garret Fitzgerald:

1. Energy Plant.
2. Technical College.
3. Major Sporting Complex,

that this Borough Council calls on him to commence the fulfilment of same".

In proposing the motion Councillor Hayes referred to the high level of unemployment in Wexford Town and stated that the commitments given by the Government in their election manifesto were of vital importance to improve the employment situation in Wexford Town and County generally. He referred to the immediate need for the sports complex as a recreation centre for youth, to the Technical College to provide education and training facilities to attract industrialists.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle agreed that the sports complex is essential and said that arrangements were made for this facility to be established in Wexford. She added that similar arrangements were also being made for the Technical College and provision for the Energy Plant has been made in the long term plan.

It was agreed to write to the Government on the matter.

Stamp Duty.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Alderman P. Kelly and resolved:-

"In view of the unnecessary hardship incurred by the unjustified cost of stamp duty, particularly to young people acquiring local authority loans for house purchase under means test basis, that this Borough Council calls on the Minister for Finance to abolish same".

Councillor Hayes speaking on the motion stated that loans were given by Local Authorities on a means test so only those of income group could avail of them. He therefore felt that the existing rate of stamp duty was providing an intollerable burden for young married couples trying to provide their own houses and asked that it be abolished.

Hydrofoil.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor L. Roche and resolved:-

"That this Borough Council set up a meeting between the company operating the Hydrofoil and Wexford Harbour Board, Corporation and County Council with a view to the feasibility of operating a service from Wexford to Fishguard."

Councillor Reck referred to the enormous facility which this service would bring to Wexford and stated that it should be included in the overall development of Wexford Harbour. He referred to existing proposals to develop a Marina in Wexford Harbour and also the extension of the wooden-works. He added that the Hydrofoil service

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from Ferrybank would be a natural extension of these facilities. Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle agreed with the motion in principle but felt that there could be problems because of the closeness of Rosslare Harbour.

Alderman P. Roche also supported the motion but reminded the Council that a motion had been made by the Council in the past to establish a Hovercraft Service in Wexford.

It was agreed to write to the Hydrofoil Company as suggested.

Phones for Elderly People.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck seconded by Alderman G. Byrne and resolved:

"That this Borough Council calls on the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to speed up the installation of phones for elderly people living alone by giving them emergency status".

Councillor Reck referred to a telephone service as an essential service for old people living alone.

Alderman G. Byrne agreed with the necessity for telephones in Old Folk houses because public telephones which might be sited close-by are subjected to vandalism.

Councillor J. Hayes also supported the motions and asked that telephone lines be provided in the old folk house in Temperance Row to facilitate the installation of phones at a later date.

Corrspondence.

Wooden-works on Quay.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 17th June, 1980 from C.I.E. suggesting that the timber of the old quay between the Crescent and the bridge and the Talbot Hotel Car Park be removed and asked for Council's observations.

Councillor J. Roche stated that this wooden-works was an amenity enjoyed by the people of Wexford for many years and rejected any suggestion of it being removed. This was seconded by Alderman P. Roche and agreed.

Eligibility for Medical Cards.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 18th June, 1981 from the Department of Health regarding the eligibility for medical cards. The letter stated that noncontributory old age pensioners are normally eligible for medical cards but contributory old age pensioners would not automatically be entitled to a medical card.

The Council asked that noncontributory old age pensioners be automatically entitled to medical cards and that this request be submitted to the Department of Health.

QUESTIONS

Extension of Borough Boundary.

In reply to Councillor J. Hayes the Assistant County Manager stated that a meeting to discuss the proposed extension of Wexford Borough Boundary could be held in the month of September.

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Through Traffic, at Crescent Quay.

In reply to Councillor J. Hayes the Town Clerk stated that he would again take up the question of the opening of the new road bridge across Crescent Quay with C.I.E.

Grate in John Street.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor Hayes that he would request the County Council to install a grate beside Thomas Morris's shop in John Street to relieve flooding in the area.

This concluded the business of the meeting.


MAYOR

Dated this 7th day of September, 1981.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN COMMITTEE IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, ON 17th AUGUST, 1981.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Noel Murphy presiding.

Aldermen: F. Byrne, B. Corish, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors: J. Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes,
J. O'Flaherty.

In attendance: Mr. W. P. Creedon, Deputy Assistant County Manager,
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk,
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant,
Mr. Kieran O'Brien, Acting Staff Officer,
Miss Ann O'Leary, Clerical Officer.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Before commencing the business of the meeting, His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Noel Murphy proposed a vote of sympathy to the relatives of Mr. Kieran Doherty, T.D. who had died on hunger strike in the Maze Prison. He also extended sympathy to the wife and families of the other hunger strikers. The vote of sympathy was seconded by Alderman P. Kelly and agreed.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, seconded by Councillor James Hayes, the Council extended their congratulations to Mrs. Deirdre Bolger who recently became a Senator.

SALARY REVISION

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Councillor J. Hayes, the Council unanimously authorised the implementation of increased Salary Scales to Grades 4 to 7 and analogous grades in the Clerical and Administrative staff of the Corporation in accordance with Department Circular No. EL 19/81 dated 27th August, 1981.

LETTING PRIORITY LIST

The Mayor explained that the purpose of the Special Meeting was to consider the list of applicants recommended for rehousing by the C.M.O. which had been submitted to the Assistant County Manager. The Town Clerk then circulated three lists to the Members, the family type list, the transfer list, and the non-family type list.

Councillor Roche pointed out that the family type list only contained 70 names and he requested that the full list of applications recommended by the C.M.O. be supplied to the Members. This was agreed and later supplied.

Transfers

The Manager stated that in accordance with the Councils policy, it was proposed to allocate six houses of the fifty four available to persons from the Transfer List. This was agreed.

LETTING PRIORITY LIST

A detailed discussion then took place on all the information circulated to the Members and at the request of the Mayor, each Member gave his views on the list which had been submitted. At the request of the Members, the Manager agreed to have a number of applicants reassessed and to report back to the Council.

The Council agreed to hold a further meeting when the Manager had completed this reassessment.

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Vacant House at 15 Davitt Road North

The Town Clerk informed the Members that a Mrs. Anne Daly, formerly of the Old Pound was considered to be an emergency housing applicant by the County Medical Officer following her eviction from her flat. He reminded the Council that Mrs. Daly had already been offered a two bedroomed house in Hantoon Road but had turned this down. The Cullen family of 15 Davitt Road North had in fact moved over to the vacant house in Hantoon Road. He added that it was the Manager's intention to offer Mrs. Daly the house in Davitt Road North vacated by the Cullen family. This was noted by the Council.

Vacant House at 24 Bishopswater

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that Mr. & Mrs. Harpur formerly St. Aidan's Crescent had been given a commitment by the Corporation that they would be rehoused because of their emergency status. He stated that the Manager intended to offer the vacant house at 24 Bishopswater to this family. However, if they did not wish to take this house, it was the intention to offer them a new house in Coolcotts. This was noted by the Council and agreed.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Neil Guppy

Signed this 7th day of September, 1981

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN COMMITTEE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON THE 31st AUGUST, 1981.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Noel Murphy presiding.

Aldermen: F. Byrne, B. Corish, P. Roche, P. Kelly,

Councillors: J. Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes,
J. O'Flaherty

In Attendance: Mr. W. P. Creedon, Deputy Assistant County Manager,
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk,
Mr. G. Furlong, Acting Borough Accountant,
Mr. K. O'Brien, Acting Staff Officer,
Mr. A. Nolan, Clerical Officer,
Mr. J. Redmond, Health Inspector, South Eastern Health Board,
Mrs. Siobhan O'Sullivan, Health Inspector, South Eastern Health Board.

LETTING PRIORITY LIST

The Assistant County Manager informed the Members that the review of a number of housing applicants had taken place at the request of the Council. And that arising out of this review some applicants had been placed on the list and others had their position improved. He also explained that the Non-family type list had been divided into two lists, one of old folk and the second one for unmarried mothers and deserted wives.

He asked the Members to consider the lists which had been circulated and to adopt a list of seventy names for family type houses.

Mr. McEvoy, 98 Talbot Green.

The Council discussed the case of Mr. McEvoy, 98 Talbot Green and asked that he be given further consideration. However, following discussion on the matter, the Council agreed, on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne to recommend to the County Council, that Mr. McEvoy be housed in a County Council Scheme at Piercestown, Wexford.

Mr. J. Mallon, Bishopswater.

A detailed discussion then took place on the housing situation of Mr. J. Mallon, Bishopswater, Wexford. Councillor P. Reck proposed that Mr. Mallon be rehoused in the existing scheme at Coolcott, or that he be placed on the priority list for a two bedroomed house due to the fact that they had no children. This was seconded by Councillor James Mahoney, and was supported by the other Members present with the exception of Councillor K. Morris and Alderman B. Corish, who explained that he was not against Mr. Mallon getting a house but was against this type of motion in principle.

The Manager stated that we would accept the motion as a recommendation. He agreed that a two bedroomed house would be more suitable for the Mallon family and that as he had a total of 34 points he would be placed in the appropriate position on the Letting Priority List for two bedroomed houses (Sub List 1) and that this would place him No. 5 on that list.

Equality of Points

On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was decided that in future housing assessments where two or more applicants obtain the same number of points, the applicant waiting longest be put at the top of that group.

Detailed Discussion

At the request of the Mayor, each Member in turn then gave his views on the list which had been circulated. Questions relating to individual cases raised by the Members during the discussion were answered by the officials present.

ADOPTION OF LETTING PRIORITY LISTS

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor K. Morris, the Council unanimously decided to adopt the family type list of seventy names, the transfer list and the non-family type lists 1 and 2 as circulated.

IN CONCLUSION

At the conclusion, the Mayor thanked the Health Inspectors and the Manager for the information which had been supplied to the Members.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.



Signed this 7th day of September, 1981

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, on 7th September,
1981 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Present:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Noel C. Murphy,
presiding.
Alderman P. Roche.
Councillors J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris,
J. Haves, J. O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Aldermen G.
Byrne, B. Corish and P. Kelly and Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle.

In Attendance:-

Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.
Mr. W.P. Creedon, Acting Assistant County Manager.
Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Furlong, Acting Borough Accountant.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor
J. Roche the minutes of Statutory Meeting held on 6th July, 1981,
Recommendations of Swimming Pool Committee meeting held on 30th
July, 1981, Special Meeting held on 17th August, 1981 and Special
Meeting held on 31st August, 1981, were unanimously adopted.

Rationalisation of Pay Scales for General
Operatives.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor
J. O'Flaherty the Council unanimously authorised the implementation
of rationalisation of pay scales for general operatives employed
by Wexford Corporation.

Disposal of Land - John Street

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor
K. Morris the Council unanimously authorised the disposal of
650 sq. ft. of land at John Street to Mr. Marcello Marini for
the sum of £650 in accordance with the Statutory Notice circulated
under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended by
Section 88 of the Housing Act 1966.

Disposal of Corporation Houses

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor
J. O'Flaherty the Council unanimously authorised the disposal of
Corporation houses under Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966 in
accordance with Statutory Notice circulated.

Disposal of Fee Simple at Gibson Street/
Main Street.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J.
O'Flaherty the Council unanimously authorised the disposal of
fee simple interest in property at Gibson Street/Main Street to
Mr. John Lowney for the sum of £3,000 in accordance with
Statutory Notice circulated.

Report of Association of Municipal Authorities
of Ireland.

The Town Clerk circulated a copy of the report prepared by the
Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland on Local Authority
powers and structures. The report was considered in detail by the
Members. Following a lengthy discussion the report the following
points were made.

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- a) The Council felt that a limited number of Corporation and Urban Councillors should be represented on Committees of the County Council.
- b) That the title of Mayor not be conferred on the Chairman of every urban District Council as suggested in the report but should be confined to towns over 10,000 population.
- c) To urge Dail Deputies and Senators to see that the powers of local authorities are maintained.

On the proposal of Councillor Noel Murphy, Mayor, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Council adopted the report.

Councillor Morris abstained.

Contribution to Town of Wexford
V.E.C.-----

On the proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor K. Morris the Council unanimously authorised the excess in the contribution to Town of Wexford V.E.C. for 1981 over the 1980 figure in accordance with statutory provisions.

Urgent Correspondence.

Housing Capital.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a further allocation of £200,000 had been received from the Department of the Environment for local authority house construction in 1981 bringing the total allocation to 1.12 million pounds.

Before allowing debate on this matter the Mayor decided to take Councillor Roche's motion ^{on} the subject at this stage of the meeting. Councillor Roche then proposed the following motion:-

- (a) "That this Council ensure that its plans for future housing schemes are up to date so as to ensure that we benefit from the extra £30m. allocated in the recent budget for Local Authority Housing and that this Council clarify the latest Government proposals for the financing of Local Authorities". (b) "To achieve these objectives, that we seek an immediate meeting with the Minister for the Environment".

In proposing the motion Councillor Roche expressed dis-satisfaction with the allocation made available to the Corporation and felt that a greater amount of the extra £30m allocated by the Government should have been available to Wexford. He urged that a meeting with the Minister be arranged immediately to press for a greater allocation. He also requested that at that meeting the Minister to outline his proposals for the future financing arrangements for Local Authorities.

Councillor J. Hayes seconded the motion. He agreed that a deputation should be sought immediately and that a letter of protest be sent to the Minister over the level of allocation received.

Councillor P. Reck also supported the motion and added that the withdrawal of interest subsidy from the Building Societies should be deplored.

Councillor J. Mahoney speaking in favour of the motion pointed out that the 54 houses which would be completed this year is not sufficient for Wexford and that every effort should be made for a further scheme to commence this year.

Alderman P. Roche agreed that a meeting should be sought urgently with the Minister to make our case for greater allocation for this year and also for sufficient allocation in 1982.

The other members present also spoke in favour of the motion..

It was agreed to write to the Minister to request a deputation.

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Tidy Towns Report.

The Town Clerk circulated a copy of the Tidy Towns report for 1981. The report showed that Wexford received 101 marks which placed them in the exceptionally good category. The report was then discussed by the members in detail.

Councillor Reck felt that a local Tidy Towns Committee would have improved Wexford's placing in the competition and expressed a disappointment that the efforts to start a Tidy Towns Committee had failed.

Councillor J. Roche felt that the marks received by Wexford were satisfactory having regard to the size of the town. He pointed out that large open spaces were creating a serious maintenance problem and that these should be reduced in size when planning future housing schemes.

Councillor K. Morris felt that every effort should be made to eliminate the problem of fly posting in Wexford.

Councillor P. Roche highlighted the fact that litter is still the big problem in Wexford and asked to have more litter bins provided. He also proposed that a litter warden be recruited by the Corporation and that finance be made available in next years estimates for this post. This was seconded by Councillor P. Reck.

Rosslare Harbour Development Board.

The Mayor informed the meeting that he had attended a meeting of the Rosslare Harbour Development Board at which proposals were outlined for setting up of a private company to co-ordinate and implement the development of Rosslare Harbour. He added that this company would be in the form of the Shannon Free Airport Development Company and would carryout the functions at present being preformed by C.I.E., Wexford County Council, Industrial Development Authority, etc. The Council were asked to give their views on this proposal.

Alderman P. Roche stated that the Rosslare Harbour Development Committee which had been set up by the Mayor in 1976 had been directly responsible for getting the second berth built in Rosslare. He added that the County Council had just recently prepared a Development Plan for Rosslare which outlined the investment the County Council were prepared to make in the port area over the next five years. He added that the development of Rosslare depended on the total development of the region. He suggested that the best way to co-ordinate the future development of Rosslare was to allow the existing Statutory Bodies to work in consultation with the Rosslare Harbour Development Board as they have done in the past.

Councillor Roche said that the County Council has discussed this matter at Committee level and that their policy was to attend meetings and co-operate with the Rosslare Harbour Development Board on this project. He agreed with Alderman Roche that the Mayor's Committee had been responsible for establishing the second berth in Rosslare but he felt that this Committee should have been more active since that. Councillor Reck disagreed stating that the money for the second berth was not obtained by the Rosslare Harbour Development Committee but by Mr. Sean Browne during his term as Leas Ceann Compairle.

In conclusion the Town Clerk agreed at the request of the Members to write to the Rosslare Harbour Development Board assuring them of the Corporation's co-operation by attending meetings but that they would reserve their position at present on the question of setting up a private company.

MOTIONS

Children at Play.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck and resolved:

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"That "Children at Play" signs be erected at the major Housing Estate Road approaches with the appropriate wording thereon". /over..

The Borough Engineer agreed to have the signs erected as soon as possible.

Finance for Roads.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Roche:-

"That seeing the amount of traffic using Main Roads through town from the United Kingdom and Continental Ferries etc. that Department of the Environment and E.E.C. Regional Fund be requested to make funds available for traffic control in Wexford town".

In proposing the motion Alderman Roche referred to the urgent need in Wexford Town for traffic lights at several junctions and also because of the continental traffic passing through town the need for complete sign-posting in several languages.

The motion was seconded by Councillor P. Reck and resolved. Councillor Roche also suggested that the Department be requested to provide finance for a ring-road through Wexford Town. Councillor J. Hayes condemned the delay in having the through-road at the Crescent Quay opened which he claimed would greatly relieve the traffic congestion in this area.

Sewer at King Street.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Mahoney seconded by His Worship the Mayor Councillor Noel Murphy and resolved:-

"That immediate action be taken to improve the sewer at rere of King Street/Barrack Street".

The Borough Engineer informed the members that he had met a deputation from residents of King Street regarding this matter. He stated that the estimated cost of doing the necessary remedial work is £2,000. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes the Council unanimously agreed to any necessary expenditure to enable this work to be carried out and asked the Borough Engineer to commence work immediately.

Grass at Bishopswater.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Reck and resolved:-

"That grass be cut at Bishopswater Housing Scheme."

Kinsale Gas.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Roche:-

"That this Council seek a meeting with the Minister for Energy to ensure that no final decision will be taken on the Natural Gas Pipe Line until Wexfords case has been fully considered. S.E.R.D.O. - Co. Council and other interested bodies such as Association of Wexford Industries, Trade Unions be invited to participate."

Councillor Roche referred to the spur from the main Kinsale Gas Pipe Line being provided for Kilkenny, Waterford and suggested that a connection for Wexford could be made along the old railway line into Rosslare and then onto Wexford Town itself. He added that the Council should meet Mr. O'Leary, Minister for Energy to discuss this matter and also to get the support of S.E.R.D.O. and the Council Council, the Trades Council, the Association of Wexford Industries, the Wexford Gas Company Etc.

Councillor J. Hayes seconded the motion and reminded the Council that the Association of Wexford Industries had asked the Council to press to have Kinsale Gas supplied to Wexford.

Alderman P. Roche also speaking in favour of the motion referred to the recent decision of Clonmel Corporation to provide funds to have the gas brought to Clonmel.

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Councillor J. O'Flaherty suggested that before meeting the Minister that the Borough Engineer and two members of the Council have a meeting with representatives of the Wexford Gas Company.

Reconstruction Grants.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Hayes, seconded by Councillor J. Roche and resolved:-

"In view of the serious affects this lengthy recession is having on (a) small building contractors, (b) building providers, particularly since the abolition of home improvement grants, also taking into account the inadequacy of White Paper we received on sub-standard housing, I move That this Borough Council support this motion to call on the Minister for the Environment to immediately introduce grant which was promised in Fine Gaels manifesto of £1,000 for building of new bedroom, but to broaden this to Kitchens, Bathrooms etc. and that this grant be introduce on a means test basis".

Unemployment.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Hayes, seconded by Councillor P. Reck and resolved:-

"In view of the very serious unemployment situtation in Borough area, particularly since many hundreds of young people are now leaving school without any job prospects. Also taking into account the lack of consultation between elected members of Borough and County Development Team and I.D.A., that this Borough Council support a motion to convene a meeting at the earliest date with the I.D.A. and County Development Team to discuss what positive steps they are taking to attract new industry to alleviate the very serious unemployment situation".

Councillor J. Hayes stated that no positive steps were being taken by the appropriate authorities to alleviate the problem of unemployment in Wexford. He also queried the up to date position on the vacant Life Savers factory on the Industrial Estate.

Councillor Hayes also proposed that the Mayor of Wexford be nominated as a member of the County Development Team. This was seconded by Councillor K. Morris. It was agreed to submit this request to the County Development Team for their consideration.

Supermarkets.

The following motion was proposed by His Worship the Mayor Councillor Noel Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Roche and resolved:-

"That supermarkets be requested to ensure that their trolleys are not left abandoned by shoppers on public roads and carparks".

Curraclloe.

The Council considered the following motion submitted by Councillor P. Reck:-

"That this Borough Council calls on the County Council to make a special effort to improve curraclloe strand in the area of Camping regulations, approach roads, dumping and easy access to the Beach".

In proposing the motion Councillor Reck referred to the untidy condition of Curraclloe, the dangerous bend on the approach road and the indiscriminate parking of caravans and tents.

Councillor J. Roche stated that he would second the motion but that it was a matter for the Enniscorthy District Committee of Wexford County Council. He added that the County Council were having Caravans moved and to enforce their title to the land there. They propose to have a road there to control this and that the road there would be improved. He reminded the Council that the Curraclloe Protection Committee of which he is a member have indicated their satisfaction with the action being taken by the Co. Council in

Curraclloe.

Councillor J. Hayes felt that the matter of Curraclloe should be left to the County Council.

Alderman P. Roche also expressed satisfaction with the action being taken by the County Council in the Curraclloe area.

Following further discussion on the matter the Mayor decided to put the motion to a vote the result of which was as follows:-

In favour of the motion:- Councillor P. Reck.

Against the motion:- Alderman P. Roche, Councillor J. Hayes.

The other members present abstained. The motion was then declared defeated.

Price increases.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor J. Hayes and resolved:-

"That this Borough Council strongly condemns the present trend of Price Increases which are severely affecting the living standards of the ordinary working man and those in the lower income group and that letters of protest be sent to the Taoiseach, An Tainiste and the Minister for Finance."

Correspondence

Stamp Duty.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 26th August, 1981 from the Department of Finance replying to the Council's request for the abolition of stamp duty. The letter stated that if a complete exemption of duty was given to first time purchasers of second - hand ^{houses} it would involve a considerable loss to the Exchequer and revenue would have to be compensated for ^{by} an increase in taxation elsewhere. This was noted by the Council. It was decided to circulate a copy of the letter to the members.

National Walk Day.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that National Walk Day would be the 27th September, 1981. This was noted by the Council.

Changing of Names of Streets.

The Town Clerk informed the Members of the result of the Plebiscite held for the proposed changing of the names of certain streets in Wexford Town. He added that as a result of the Plebiscite no changes had been made and the old names of the streets would now remain in operation. This was noted by the Council.

Questions.

Traffic Management Committee.

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Roche that the Traffic Management Committee Meeting would be held at a convenient date to discuss pedestrianisation of the Main Street.

Street Cleaning.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Roche that sweepers work a full day on Saturday doing the main thoroughfares and half day on Sunday during the summer season.

Extension of Planning Permissions.

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Roche that under the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1963 existing permissions on which development has not been carried out will cease to have effect on the 1st November, 1981. He added that applicants wishing

to have permission extended should make individual applications to Wexford Corporation.

Graveyards.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor Hayes that boundary walls of existing graveyards would be white washed where possible but that in some cases the condition of the wall itself was so bad as to warrant further remedial work.

Special Meeting - Drug Abuse.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor Hayes that a special meeting to discuss drug abuse would be held on a date convenient to the members of Council.

1798 Monument.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Hayes that he was considering at present the cleaning of 1798 monument in the Bull Ring, Wexford.

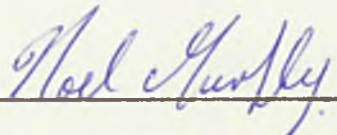
Tidy Towns Committee.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor P. Reck that the Secretary of the Tidy Towns Committee is responsible for calling meetings.

Speed Limit Signs.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor P. Reck that the County Council would be requested to replace the speed limit signs from Pierces Corner to Bishopswater Cross and the Children at Play signs outside St. Joseph's Boys Club.

This concluded the business of the meeting.


MAYOR

Signed this 5th day of October, 1981

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON 5th OCTOBER, 1981 at HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Noel C. Murphy, presiding.

Aldermen: P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors: J. Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Aldermen Byrne, and Brendan Corish.

In Attendance:- Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager.
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

BEST WISHES

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor J. Mahoney the Council extended their best wishes and speedy recovery to health to Alderman B. Corish who is ill in hospital.

The Council also sent good wishes to Mr. Tommy Browne is retiring as Staff Officer with Wexford County Council.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck the minutes of Statutory Meeting held on 7th September, 1981, were unanimously adopted.

KINSALE GAS

Arising out of the minutes Alderman P. Roche referred to the question of Kinsale Gas pipeline. The Members were circulated with a map showing the line of the pipeline from Kinsale to Dublin. Alderman P. Roche stated that this matter had been considered by the South Eastern Regional Development Organisation and the only way which Wexford could be linked to this line was by way of spur from Waterford. It was agreed to pursue this with the Minister.

Curragloe.

Councillor P. Reck asked to have the minutes of the last Statutory Meeting amended to show that both he and Councillor Mahoney voted in favour of the motion regarding Curragloe. This was agreed.

Supplementary Loan - Townparks Stage III.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor J. Mahoney the Council unanimously authorised the raising of loan of £250,000 /over....

for the completion of Townparks Housing Scheme Stage III (54 houses) in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (2) Act 1960 subject to the sanction of the Minister of the Environment.

Cheap Fuel Scheme.

The Members considered details of the National Fuel Scheme 1981, a summary of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

At the request of the Mayor the Borough Accountant explained the details of the Scheme. He pointed out that under the new scheme only the people of 'low income' category who had been approved by the Corporation last year would be entitled to the fuel vouchers from the Corporation this year and that any new applicants under the 'low income' group would have to be processed by the Health Board.

Councillor J. Roche felt that this clause in the scheme should be resisted as it was moving the administration of the scheme further away from the Corporation and onto the Health Board.

Following a lengthy discussion on all aspects of the scheme the Council decided to request the Minister to amend the clause regarding 'low income' group to enable the Corporation to deal with all cases, on the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor Noel Murphy, Mayor.

Annual Conference of Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

The Town Clerk circulated a report on the annual conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland held in Bundoran this year. The report showed that the motions submitted by the Council for consideration had been passed unanimously by the Conference and would now be submitted to the appropriate Ministers for their comments. The Council were also informed that next years conference would be held in Wexford.

Councillor J. Roche complimented the Corporation's delegates, Alderman P. Roche and Councillor J. Mahoney in succeeding in having the Conference held in Wexford in 1982. He proposed that a small Committee of the Corporation be set up to organise the Conference.

It was decided that the members of the Committee would be the Mayor together with Alderman P. Roche, Councillor J. Mahoney, and Councillor J. Morris as a former president of the Association, on the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes.

Twinning Proposals.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the formal twinning had taken place between Waterford and St. Herblain and that the Corporation were now in a position to give further consideration to the twinning of Wexford and Coueron.

Councillor J. Roche felt that the formal twinning should now proceed as both towns had many similarities. Alderman P. Roche agreed and pointed out that the twinning is important from the point of view of student exchange. Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle asked that the Council be informed of the advantages which were likely to come from twinning.

Following further discussion on the matter it was decided on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman P. Roche that Wexford formally twin with the town of Coueron and that a broad based Committee be set up by the Mayor representing the voluntary organisations in Wexford Town to ensure that both communities would become involved at all levels.

Barry Memorial Ceremony.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor K. Morris
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the Council decided to hold the Barry Memorial Ceremony on 1st November, 1981. It was also decided to invite the wives of the Council Members and also the ex Mayors and their wives.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle proposed that this ceremony be held only once every five years. However there was no seconder for this proposal.

Councillor P. Reck felt that this celebration should be called Remembrance Day because not only were the Wexford People remembering John Barry but also the Wexford Sailors who had lost their lives. This was agreed.

MOTIONS

Election Booths.

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

"That this Borough Council request the County Registrar to reconsider and report back to this Council, the placing of booths in Kennedy Park School instead of the Faythe on the grounds of the distance to be travelled for those electors concerned".

The Town Clerk agreed to bring this matter to the attention of the County Registrar.

Mr. Whelan, Assistant County Manager reminded the Members that the draft registrar of electors is now available for inspection.

Consultation Room at Municipal Buildings.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Roche:-

"That urgent consideration be given to providing a proper room at Municipal Buildings where the public can discuss their business in privacy".

In proposing the motion Alderman Roche referred to the fact that on some occasions in the past members of the public had to discuss private business in the hallway of the Municipal Buildings and he felt that a private consultation room should be made available at all times to the members of the public.

Alderman P. Kelly seconded the motion and pointed out that although the vast majority of cases are given private consultation facilities with officers of the Corporation, that the extra room would be an advantage, Councillor J. Roche asked that a small area on the ground floor be partitioned off for this room.

The Town Clerk explained that members of the public indicated the nature of their business, and were shown to a private office where they could discuss their problem with the appropriate officer.

The Borough Engineer stated that plans are being prepared to improve the reception facilities at the Municipal Buildings and that a private room is also being prepared for the Mayor.

The Members agreed that the private room for the Mayor could be used by officers of the Corporation to meet members of the public if a suitable private office was not available.

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Main Drainage Scheme.

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

"That the up to date position on the proposed main drainage scheme be circulated to Members".

It was agreed to have the report circulated as requested.

Letting Priority Scheme.

Alderman P. Kelly proposed the following motion:-

"That this Borough Council dispense with the points system of house allocation".

In proposing the Motion Alderman P. Kelly stated that there were deficiencies in the existing points system in the allocation of houses but that he was unable to suggest an alternative. He asked that houses should be given out in the order in which/apply without regard to their housing needs. applicants

Councillor J. Mahoney seconded the motion. He requested that homeless people be given first priority.

Councillor J. Hayes speaking against the motion stated that although the system was not perfect it was the best one available. He thought the housing list recently adopted by the Council was fair but he did ask that the people remaining on an existing list be housed before a new housing list is drawn up.

Alderman P. Roche also spoke against the motion. He reminded the Council that the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland had rejected many similar motions in the past because they don't want to revert back to the position where houses were given out on the votes of Council Members. He agreed that the balance of the old list should be housed before commencing a new list.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle also opposed the motion adding that although the points system was not infallible that no viable alternative had yet been found.

Councillor K. Morris recalled the time when Council members had the allocation of houses and stated that it was most unsatisfactory. He felt that the existing system should be retained.

Councillor P. Reck also agreed that although the points system is not without some defects it is the best system available at present.

Councillor J. Roche proposed the following amendment:-

"That the Letting Priority Scheme be reviewed before future housing schemes are allocated".

This was seconded by Councillor J. Hayes.

Alderman P. Kelly then withdrew his motion in favour of the amendment which was carried unanimously.

Water Pump at Cemetery.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Kelly seconded by Councillor J. Hayes and agreed:-

"That a water pump, for use at Town Cemetery be purchased".

The Borough Engineer agreed to have this done.

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Port Authority for Rosslare.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck:-

"That this Borough Council calls on the Minister for Transport and Tourism to set up a port authority in Rosslare Harbour and emphasises that such an authority should have the usual representation from Statutory Bodies".

Councillor Reck in proposing the motion stated that the future of Rosslare should be left in the hands of the elected representatives. He suggested that the Wexford Harbour Board was the best authority to look after Rosslare because it is a broad based authority. Port

The motion was seconded by Councillor Morris.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle felt that representatives of the Rosslare Harbour Development Board should be invited to discuss their proposals with the Corporation. She added that a meeting of the Rosslare Harbour Development Committee should also be called urgently.

Alderman P. Roche stated that the Council had already decided to co-operate with the Rosslare Harbour Development Board by attending meetings but reserved their position regarding the setting up of a private company to control the development of Rosslare. He also stated that he had examined the SFADCO system in the mid-west region and such a private company for Rosslare would undoubtedly encroach on the powers of the existing authorities in the area and on the functions of the local representatives.

Councillor J. Roche stated that there should be discussions with all parties concerned with the development of Rosslare and proposed the following amendment:-

"That Wexford Borough Council calls on the Minister for Industry Commerce & Tourism to consider the views of all authorities before making any decision on the future of Rosslare."

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle.

Councillor P. Reck then withdrew his motion in favour of the amendment which was agreed unanimously.

Re-introduction of Rates.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck:-

"That this Borough Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to abandon any plans he has to re-introduce rates on private dwellings even if such rates are called by a different name".

This was seconded by Councillor K. Morris.

Councillor P. Reck stated that although the Minister had given an assurance that rates on domestic would not be re-introduced he reminded the Council that the Minister had indicated a decision to enable local authorities to make charges for certain services. He asked that any such decision be opposed.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle felt the motion was out of order because of the Minister's statement at the weekend.

Alderman P. Roche pointed out that the Minister for the Environment merely referred to giving local authorities a discretion to levy certain charges.

Following further debate the Mayor put the motion to the meeting.

In favour of the motion: Councillors P. Reck, K. Morris. - 2 votes.

Against the motion: Aldermen, P. Kelly, P. Roche, Councillors: Noel Murphy, J. Roche, J. Hayes, J. Mahoney, Mrs. Avril Doyle,
- 7 votes.

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Councillor J. O'Flaherty abstained.
The motion was declared defeted.

Coolree Reservoir.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty and agreed:-

"That this Borough Council support this motion to develop Coolree Reservoir as a fishing amenity".

Councillor Hayes urged that this motion be implemented because of the tremendous facilities which would be gained for the people of Wexford Town. at the request of the Council the Borough Engineer agreed to bring in a report on the matter as soon as possible.

Reclamation of Ferrybank.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Hayes:-

"That this Borough Council support this motion, to reclaim land at Ferrybank for future development of this very important area".

Councillor Hayes referred to the existing facilities at Ferrybank and stated that the Swimming Pool, Caravan Park, Playground, etc., were a great facility to the people of Wexford Town. He added that the implementation of this motion would provide extra land on which an important amenity could be developed. He felt that the time was now appropriate to plan this work because of the availability of fill from the new road at Ferrycarrig.

The motion was seconded by Councillor J. Mahoney.

At the request of the Mayor the Borough Engineer/ ^{agreed} to report back to the Council on this matter.

Suspension of Standing Orders.

As it was approaching 10 O'Clock at this stage of the meeting the Mayor pointed out to the Members that in accordance with standing orders the meeting should now terminate. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty it was decided to suspend Standing Orders to finish the business of the meeting. At the request of the Mayor the Members agreed to be brief.

Corish Park.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck and resolved:-

"That this Council make provision in its 1982 estimates for the following work to be carried out at Corish Park/Kennedy Park area:-

- (a) Proper development of green space at Corish Park, possibly to provide for the erection of old folk bungalows.
- (b) Development of Roadways throughout the estates to enable them to cater for the present/flow and general tidying up of entire area".
traffic

In proposing the motion Councillor J. Roche referred to the large area of open space in Corish Park which he felt should be developed for a more useful purpose. He asked the Borough Engineer to draw up an action area plan for this entire area and to have this plan displayed in a suitable location in the area for the people to comment on. /over.....

The Borough Engineer agreed to have this done.

Disposal of Land - Duke Street.

The proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman P. Kelly the Council unanimously authorised the disposal of 215 square yards of land on Duke Street, Wexford, to Mr. M. Marini in the sum of £180 in accordance with Statutory Notice circulated under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1945 as amended by Section 88 of the Housing Act 1966.

CORRESPONDENCE

Environmental Improvement Schemes Programme.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Wexford County Council had been allocated £70,000 for the development of the Environmental Improvement Schemes Programme for 1981. He added that schemes appropriate to Wexford town would be submitted to the County Council for inclusion in this programme.

Traffic Lights at Wexford Bridge.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 24th September, 1981 from the Department of Transport regarding the erection of traffic lights at Wexford Bridge. The letter indicated that the delay was being caused by C.I.E. being unable to obtain suitable pieces of technical equipment to monitor the lights. This was noted by the Council with regret.

Jetfoil.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 16th September, 1981 from the B&I Line regarding the Council's request to establish a Jetfoil service between Wexford and Fishguard. The letter stated that because of insufficient traffic and the high capital costs of approximately eight million pounds that this service could not be regarded as an economic proposition.

QUESTIONS

Corporation Staff.

In reply to Alderman P. Roche the Borough Accountant stated that at present there were 50 outdoor staff employed by the Corporation and 22 indoor.

Traffic Management Committee.

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Roche that a meeting of the Traffic Management Committee would be held in the month of October.

Grass Verges at Liam Mellows Park.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that the removal of grass verges at Liam Mellows Park would be carried out by the end of the year.

Water Spout at Whitemill Road.

In reply to Alderman P. Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that the water spout at Whitemill Road had not been re-installed because the works are proposed for that area, but as soon as they have been completed the person

responsible will give an undertaking to have the supply restored.

Fence at Maudlintown.

In reply to Alderman P. Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that he was examining the possibility of having the fence at Maudlintown placed adjacent to the railway line and that this matter was being considered by C.I.E.

Crescent Quay Car Park.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Reck that he would arrange to have an island placed at the entrance to Crescent Quay Car Park to prevent articulated lorries from entering the car park.

One-way streets at the Folly.

In reply to Councillor P. Reck the Town Clerk stated that the Corporation had decided to introduce a one-way street system at the folly but that the Gardai were not satisfied with the proposal because of the increased traffic that would be generated in Kevin Barry Street.

Crosstown Cemetery.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Hayes that he was aware of some acts of vandalism in Crosstown cemetery and that the caretaker had been instructed to be extra vigilant.

Meeting with Schools.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. Hayes that a further meeting with school authorities would be held at a date decided by the Council.

Sweeping of Johns Road.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Hayes that he would see that access at Johns Road would be swept more regularly.

Footpaths at Upper Georges Street.

In reply to Councillor J. Roche the Borough Engineer stated that he was examining the question of repair to footpaths at Upper Georges Street.

Arrest of Wexford Fishermen.

With the permission of Mayor and Members of the Council Alderman P. Kelly raised the question of the arrest of Wexford Fishermen fishing in the Celtic Sea over the weekend. He asked the Council to give this matter very serious consideration as it meant the livelihood of many Wexford People. He added that they had committed only a minor breach of E.E.C. regulations in fishing in this area. He proposed that the Council write to the Minister for Fisheries requesting that he give their case sympathetic consideration and see that the necessary amendment is brought about in the regulations to enable the fishermen to fish in the Celtic Sea. This proposal was seconded by Alderman P. Roche who pointed out that these men had received grants from B.I.M. to extend their boats and now having done so find that they are two large to fish the Celtic Sea under E.E.C. regulations. Councillor J. Roche also supported the proposal and added that this was merely a technical offence on the part of the fishermen. Following further discussion it was decided to write to the Minister as agreed and also to receive a deputation from the fishermen to the November meeting of the Borough Council /over....

and that the Members of the Wexford District Committee be invited also.


National Housing and Planning Conference - Harrogate.

Alderman P. Kelly who was nominated to attend the National Housing & Planning Conference at Harrogate from 13th - 15th October, 1981 informed the meeting that he would not be able to attend. On the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor P. Reck the Council unanimously nominated Councillor K Morris to attend this Conference with Councillor J. Mahoney and a Corporation official.

Increase in Mayor's Salary.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck the Council unanimously authorised the sum of £50 for reception for World Fishing Conference.

This concluded the business of the meeting.


MAYOR

Signed this 2 day of Nov 1981.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY 2nd November, 1981 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Noel C. Murphy, presiding.

Aldermen:- F. Byrne, B. Corish, P. Roche and P. Kelly.

Councillors:- T. Roche, Mrs. A. Doyke, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty.

In Attendance:

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager.

Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives and friends of the fishermen lost off the coast of Donegal.

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The Council's sympathy was also extended to the family/the late Mr. Tommy Kearney former employee of Wexford Corporation.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATION

The Mayor and Members of the Council congratulated the Faythe Harriers on winning the Senior Hurling Championship.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Alderman F. Byrne the minutes of Quarterly Meeting held on 5th October, 1981 were unanimously adopted.

Councillor J. O'Flaherty proposed that the minutes be amended to show that he voted in favour of the motion on rates. This was seconded by Councillor T. Reck and agreed.

LEASE ON HANDBALL ALLEY

Alderman P. Roche raised the question of the proposed new lease on the Handball Alley at Emmett Place and stated that the suggested annual rent of £10 a year was too high having regard to the circumstances of the local handball club. He proposed that the annual rent be reduced to a nominal rent of 5p per year. This was seconded by Councillor Noel Murphy, Mayor and resolved.

DEPUTATION

The Council received a deputation from the Wexford Trawlermen's Association to discuss the recent arrests of Wexford Fishermen in the Celtic Sea. The deputation was formed by Councillor T. Howlin, Councillor L. Carty, Mr. Thomas Walsh, Eugene White, Frank Scallan, and John Power.

The Mayor welcomed the deputation and asked them to put their case. Mr. Frank Scallan outlined the value of the hering stock to the Wexford fishermen adding that if they were not allowed to fish the hering their livelihood would be at risk.

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Mr. John Power suggested that the damage to the fishing stocks has not been done by the Wexford fishermen but by the Dutch poachers.

Mr. Thomas Walsh pointed out that the hering which the fishermen caught were eight years old and this was accepted by the Department so no damage was done to the hering stock. He also asked the Council to consider that the Dutchmen were held for only four hours while the Wexford fishermen were held for 2 days by the authorities.

In a reply to Alderman P. Kelly Mr. Walsh stated that they had sought the support of every T.D. in Wexford on this matter.

John Power informed Councillor J. Hayes that the fishermen want the Celtic Sea open and allow the Department of Agriculture to monitor the catch. He added that the fishermen were promised that it would be open in 1977 and that they would be allowed to catch up to 6,000 tonnes.

In reply to Councillor Howlin Mr. Scallan agreed that the men would be prepared to fish under a quota system.

The deputation then concluded their case and withdrew. The Mayor thanked the deputation for coming.

In the discussion which followed Councillor J. Roche proposed that the Government should ignore the E.E.C. Regulations even at the risk of being brought before the European Courts and allow the Wexford Fishermen to fish in the Celtic Sea. This was seconded by Alderman F. Byrne. Councillor Reck suggested that the Corporation contact the Irish Fishermen's Organisation to find out exactly what steps the Corporation should take to assist the fishermen. This was agreed.

CIVIC RECEPTION

On the proposal of Councillor Noel Murphy, Mayor, seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the Council unanimously decided to hold a Civic Reception on the 16th December, 1981 to honour Mr. Joe Fenlon, local Wexford boxer, Mr. Peter O'Connor, and the Wexford Guides.

The Town Clerk indicated that the reception would be held in the Municipal Buildings and would take the form of similar receptions with a presentation of memento from the Mayor.

SPECIAL MEETING -- BOUNDARY EXTENSION

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the Council unanimously decided to hold a Special Meeting on 9th November, 1981 to discuss the proposed extension of Wexford Borough Boundary.

URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

Local Government Re-organisation.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Minister for the Environment dated the 28th October, 1981 addressed to the Mayor regarding the Reform of Local Government Re-organisation and Finance. The Minister requested that the Council consider how the general law and organisation of Local Government might be reformed and how local authorities might be able to gain access to new sources of revenue. The members decided to consider this matter at the special meeting to be held on 9th November, 1981.

LAYOUT PLAN FOR COOLCOTTS PHASE 2a. (48 houses).

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a layout plan for the construction of 48 houses to be built in the location of the old private sites as phase 2a of the Coolcotts development had been prepared by the National Building Agency. The Council unanimously adopted the plan subject to the standard of house and
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boundary walls to be finished the same as the existing houses in the area and that proposals be included for the improvement of the boundary ditch.

MOTIONS

Car park at Wellington Place.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor P. Reck and resolved:-

"That this Council calls on C.I.E. to give permission for access to proposed car park at Wellington Place in view of the urgent need for this facility".

The other members present also supported the motion and expressed their disappointment that C.I.E. had not already given permission for the car park.

Letting Priority List.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Roche and resolved:

"That in future review of housing points system it be included that housing applicants must have application form submitted to Council for 12 calendar months before they are eligible for housing list review inspection".

Alderman Roche stated that the implementation of the 12 months clause would alleviate an anomaly whereby the people to be waiting for less than a year could be housed in preference to people waiting much longer than that. Councillor P. Reck suggested that evictions and genuine emergencies should be excluded from this clause. This was agreed.

The Manager suggested that a full special meeting of the Council be held early in 1982 to discuss the Letting Priority Scheme in full. This was agreed.

Re-instatement of Dolphin Road.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne and resolved:-

"That the re-instatement of intersection of roadway at Dolphin Road/Hantoon Road be carried out as a matter of urgency".

Water rates at Liam Mellows Park.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Kelly seconded by Councillor P. Roche and resolved:-

"That this Council calls on the Wexford District Committee of Wexford County Council, to re-consider the water rates demand, re houses numbered 45-60 Liam Mellows Park".

In proposing the motion Alderman P. Kelly pointed out that 16 houses in Liam Mellows Park were outside the Borough and therefore are billed for water rates which the other houses in the scheme do not have to pay this rate. He felt that this was an anomaly which should be corrected. Councillor J. Roche in seconding the motion accepted that houses in the rural area have to pay water rates but suggested that because these houses form part of an overall Corporation scheme and because the Corporation actually provides the water supply to these houses that they should be exempt from water charges.

The Assistant County Manager, Mr. P. Whelan pointed out that this problem was not unique to Wexford but applies throughout the entire country where houses just outside the legal urban boundary are liable for water charges. He added that this was the position in law and while the legal situation remained that way he

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ould be unable to comply with the Council's request.

Vacant Site at Mannix Place.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman G. Byrne and resolved:-

"That provision be made in the estimates for 1982 to have the vacant site at Mannix Place cleared up as a play area for the children of the area".

Unemployment.

Councillor J. Hayes proposed the motion which read as follows:-

"In view of the increasing numbers who are presently on the dole queue in Wexford, young people (etc), also in view of the lack of interest shown by past and present governments in this region, that this Borough Council seek an immediate meeting with the Minister for Industry & Commerce to try and get him to recognise (and act) on the very serious problem that now exists in Wexford".

Councillor P. Reck seconded the motion.

Following a lengthy discussion on this problem the Manager stated that the County Development Team had already requested that a deputation be received by the Minister for Industry Commerce & Tourism to discuss the unemployment problem in Wexford and that the Corporation could join with the County Development Team on this deputation. This was unanimously agreed.

Constitution.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor K. Morris:-

"That this Borough Council support this motion calling on the Government to abandon any plans to change the constitution that will sell out the true identity of this Republic".

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle proposed an amendment which read as follows:-

"That this Borough Council calls on the Government not to make any plans to amend the constitution that would sell out the identity of the Republic of Ireland".

The amendment was seconded by Councillor J. Hayes who withdrew his original motion in favour of it.

All the members present voted in favour of the amendment with the exception of Alderman P. Kelly who abstained.

Autonomy of Local Authorities:

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, seconded by Councillor P. Reck and resolved:-

"That this Council call on the Taoiseach and Minister for the Environment to safeguard the autonomy of local authorities within our constitution, as is the case in every other continental European country".

In proposing the motion Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle pointed out that every other European country has the autonomy of local authorities in their constitution. She asked that this be done in Ireland also. All the members present unanimously supported the motion.

Council of European Municipalities.

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

"That this Council call on the Minister of Environment to support the endeavours to form an Irish branch of the Council of European Municipalities (CEM)".

Alderman P. Roche informed the Council that the Association

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of Municipal Authorities of Ireland and the General Council of County Councils had already agreed to partake in the Irish branch of the Council of European Municipalities and that delegates from each of the associations had been already selected.

This was welcomed by the Council.

Income of the Under privileged.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck seconded by Alderman P. Kelly and resolved:-

"That this Borough Council calls on the Minister for Health and Social Welfare and also the Minister for Finance to make improvements in pay and conditions for the under privileged who have become the real victims of present government policy".

All the members present supported the motion.

Pedestrian Lights.

Councillor P. Reck proposed the motion which read as follows:-

"That this Borough Council investigates the possibility of providing pedestrian lights in the most suitable area on the quay".

This was seconded by Alderman P. Roche and resolved.

It was decided to contact the County Council immediately on this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE

Civic Reception.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Whites Hotel regarding the Annual Conference of the Irish Hotels Federation which was to be held in Wexford. The letter requested the Mayor and Members to consider giving a small Civic Reception to the Executive of the Federation. On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Noel Murphy, Mayor it was decided to give a Civic Reception as requested in the Municipal Buildings on Tuesday, 10th November, 1982 at 12.00 o'clock.

Civic Reception - Irish Film International Association.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the organisers of the International Association of Film and Television in Celtic Countries stating that they intend to hold their annual conference in Wexford in March 1982. The letter requested the Mayor and Members to consider giving a Civic Reception to the delegates. On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor K. Morris it was unanimously decided to defer consideration of the matter to the estimates.

Development of Rosslare Harbour.

The Town Clerk read a letter of acknowledgement from the Minister for Industry, Commerce & Tourism in reply to the Council's request to the Minister not to make any plans regarding the development of Rosslare Harbour without consulting the local authorities. This was noted.

QUESTIONS

Public Lights.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman G. Byrne that provision will be made in the 1982 estimates for public lights at Crescent Quay car park and that it will
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be possible to have one light erected in the current year.

Name plates.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman G. Byrne that the name plates on Corporation Schemes will be erected before Christmas.

Sewers in Selskar.

In reply to Alderman G. Byrne the Borough Engineer stated that arrangements were in hand to improve the old sewerage system in the Selskar area of Town and that these proposals included the laying of another section of sewer from Selskar through Wilson's yard onto the quay.

Parking at St. Peter's Square.

In reply to Alderman P. Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that the problem of parking at St. Peter's Square had been examined by the Traffic Management Committee but that the proposal to have kerbs laid in this area was found unacceptable. He added that the matter would again be considered by the Committee at the next meeting.

Turnabout at Spafield Avenue.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that there were no proposals to have a traffic turnabout constructed at Spafield avenue.

Tenant Purchase Scheme - Mannix Place.

In reply to Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Town Clerk stated that every tenant in the Corporation Housing Schemes had a right to purchase their house under the current tenant purchase scheme. However all sales by the Corporation must now be in fee simple and the acquiring of the fee simple by the Corporation was causing a problem in some areas. Mannix Place was one of those areas and this was the cause of the delay in completing the sales to some tenants in that scheme.

Water fountain.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. O'Flaherty that the water fountain which had been removed from the base of Vallotin Monument at Wvgram Place had been located.

Dangerous Wall at St. Aidan's Crescent.

In reply to Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Borough Engineer stated that the dangerous wall at St. Aidan's Crescent had been investigated and arrangements made to have statutory notices served on the owners.

Coolcotts Phase 3.

In reply to Councillor J. Hayes the Town Clerk stated that the total cost of the 54 house scheme at Coolcotts had been requested from the National Building Agency.

Lifesavers Ltd.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. Hayes that Lifesavers had not yet indicated their proposals for the vacant factory on the industrial estate.
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Toilets - The Crescent.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. Hayes that the new toilets at Crescent
they would be opened when the caretaker had been appointed.

Public Lighting.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor P. Reck that the County Council
could be requested to provide lighting on Clonard Road.

Street Traders.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor P. Reck that it was hoped to move the
street traders on the Bullring into the Market House once this area had
been designated as a Casual Trading Area by the Council.

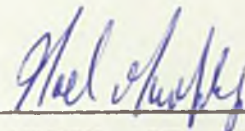
Rates collected locally.

In reply to Councillor P. Reck the Borough Accountant stated that the payment
of rates from the business premises and industries contributed in the
following percentages to the total cost of running the Corporation:-

Business Premises -- 14.5%
Industries -- 2.5%.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this 7th day of December, 1981.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER, 1981 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Present:

Councillor Noel C. Murphy, Mayor, presiding.

Aldermen: G. Byrne, B. Corish, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors: J. Hayes, Mrs. Avril Doyle, J. Mahoney, J. O'Flaherty, K. Morris, P. Reck, J. Roche.

In Attendance:

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager.

Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer.

Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor J. Roche the congratulations of the Council were extended to Mr. Nicholas Corish, former Mayor of Wexford who had received the B.E.N.E.M.E.R.E.N.T.I. medal in recognition for this contribution to the churches and for organising the Ferns Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for 18 years.

SPECIAL MEETING ON DRUGS

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes the Council unanimously decided to hold a special meeting to discuss the problem of drug abuse on 20th November, 1981 at 8.00 p.m.

BOUNDARY EXTENSION

At the outset the Mayor stated that the purpose of this special meeting was to consider proposals for the extension of the statutory boundary of Wexford Borough. He asked the Manager to outline the proposals.

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager stated that at this meeting the statutory boundary would be considered only and that the financial implications of this extension would be considered at a later date. He added that if the Council agree on the extension proposed it would be submitted to the County Council for their informal approval. Afterwards it would have to be submitted directly to the Minister for the Environment requesting him to make a provisional order authorising the extension. Before the Minister could grant this order he would have to hold a local enquiry. Any provisional order made by the Minister would have to be confirmed by the Oireachtas.

The Mayor then requested the Borough Engineer to outline the proposed extension in detail. The Borough Engineer explained the boundary with the aid of a large scale map and smaller copies of which had been circulated to the members and details of which are included in the appendix attached. Following the Borough Engineer's presentation the Mayor invited the members of the Council to comment on the extension.

Councillor J. Roche agreed with the proposed extension stating that just the right amount of land had been included. He added that he would be later mentioning the arrangements for financing and for what advantage and disadvantages it would have on people living in the area. He pointed out that
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with the environs of the town being included in the Corporation area there would be the advantage of having uniformity in planning policy and control. Alderman P. Roche also agreed with the extension and stated that it would eliminate much of the anomalies relating to planning applications. However he suggested that the line be amended at Rocksborough and that it be brought further south to take in the property at the rear of Mrs. Doyle's house. This was seconded by Councillor J. Roche and agreed.

Mr. P. Whelan stated that the proposed extension will also remove the anomaly whereby people living outside the legal boundary have no vote at Corporation elections. He also agreed that it would form an integral area for planning control. However he again reminded the Council that he would be returning to them to discuss the financial implications. Mr. T. Fahey agreed to amend the line of the boundary in accordance with the Council's resolution and adjust the southern line from the quarry to Rocksborough House.

The Council then unanimously adopted the line of the proposed extension on the proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman G. Byrne.

Local Government Re-organisation and finance.

The members were circulated with a copy of the letter from the Minister for the Environment dated 28th October, 1981, requesting their submission on the form of the general law and organisation of local government and new methods of finances for local authorities.

Alderman P. Roche felt that the members should treat this request with caution. He informed the Council that the Association of Municipal Authorities had already made a submission to the Minister on the proposed re-organisation of local government and had specifically avoided any suggestions of new sources of finance for local authorities. He added that the Minister had indicated that he would introduce legislation to give local authorities the discretion to introduce charges and he felt that this is how the Minister should proceed. Alderman Roche's views were supported by Councillor J. Hayes.

Councillor P. Reck proposed that the matter be referred back to the Minister. Councillor J. Roche disagreed with this view and felt that the Council should make suggestions. He gave examples of how finances are raised in other European countries i.e. a proportion of the income tax yield, percentage of V.A.T. receipts and petrol tax.

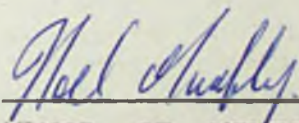
Alderman B. Corish reminded the Council that in the past local authorities have complained about a lack of consultation by government ministers and that the Minister for the Environment was now giving them the opportunity to make their views known. He pointed out that he would not be in favour of a local tax to replace rates but that something along the line of lotteries might be successful.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle said that although she was opposed to local rates on domestic houses or local tax that she would be in favour of charging for services i.e. planning applications and refuse collection.

Alderman P. Roche then formally proposed that the Council call on the Minister to introduce legislation to enable local authorities to introduce charges if they so wish. This was seconded by the Mayor.

However following further discussion on the matter it was decided to defer this question until more detailed consideration could be given to this question. It was decided to hold a further special meeting on 20th November, 1981 for this purpose. This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this 7th day of December, 1981.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD

Present:- Councillor J. Roche, Chairman.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.
Mr. J. Galvin, Superintendent, Garda Siochana.
Mr. D. Bourke, President, Chamber of Commerce.

ISLAND AT CRESCENT QUAY CAR PARK.

The Borough Engineer informed the Committee that he was trying to limit the number of large vehicles that are parking in Crescent Quay Car Park and for this purpose he proposed to put a temporary island at the entrance to the car park. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman P. Roche it was recommended that this matter be left with the Borough Engineer.

CAR PARK BYE-LAWS.

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that arrangements were being made to have car park bye-laws for Crescent Quay and Church Lane Car Park revised to increase the charge for parking from 5p to 10p an hour and that a further two meters were being put in Church Lane Car Park. The increase was recommended on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman P. Roche.

PEDESTRIANISATION.

The question of the pedestrianisation of Wexford's Main Street was again discussed. Mr. T. Fahey informed the Committee that he was hopeful of having at least one other area acquired for a car park before Christmas. Mr. D. Bourke stated that the Chamber of Commerce would resist an attempt to pedestrianise the Main Street until further progress was made on car parks.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman P. Roche it was recommended that no further action be taken on this matter until 1982.

STREET TRADERS.

Councillor J. Roche informed the Committee that arrangements were being made to have the street traders moved into the market place and he would then like to see an amenity area made in the Bull Ring.

Mr. D. Bourke felt that an amenity area might attract further traders. The Town Clerk pointed out that the old trading in the Bull Ring would be suppressed and that this should prove successful in stopping any other traders coming in there.

PARKING AT ST. PETER'S SQUARE.

The Committee discussed the question of parking at St. Peter's Square whereby cars at present are nosing on to the footpath and causing an obstruction to pedestrians. Alderman P. Roche reminded the Committee that the Corporation had put kerbs in this area in the past which had to be removed following objections from the residents. The Borough Engineer indicated that he had proposals which would include the paving of the area and that this would alleviate the parking problems. He stated that he would consult with the residents before implementing the scheme.

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SCHOOL BUSES

Councillor J. Roche referred to the problem being created in Peter's Square by school buses. The Committee recommended that C.I.E. be requested to have the collection point in Bride Street, Church Yard, rather than Peter's Square.

PARKING AT MAIN STREET

The Town Clerk informed the committee that Mr. Sammy Coe of the Old Wexford Society had requested that parking on the seaward side of the Main Street be prohibited at all times from Kevser's Lane to Henrietta Street to facilitate the groups of tourists shown into this area by the Wexford Guides. The Committee felt that this request could not be granted and the Gardai indicated that the guides already had their full co-operation in this matter.

TRAFFIC AT FISHER'S ROW

The Town Clerk informed the committee that he had had requests to have Fisher's Row made one-way because of the heavy traffic being caused in that area by the entrance to the school. Superintendent Galvin stated that he would be opposed to this as an alternative link from Trinity Street to the Faythe would have to be found and this would be creating more traffic congestion at the already dangerous junction at Maudlintown.

ONE-WAY SYSTEM AT THE FOLLY

The Committee again considered the implementation of a one-way system at The Folly. Superintendent Galvin again indicated the opposition of the Gardai to this proposal because it would channel extra traffic from The Faythe into Kevin Barry Street and Michael Street, both very narrow. The Borough Engineer stated that he was having discussions with the County Council regarding the improvement of the junction at Mulgannon. Councillor J. Roche recommended that the Borough Engineer be allowed to proceed with these improvements. This was agreed.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE BRIDGE

Councillor J. Roche informed the Committee that C.I.E. had notified the County Council that the proposals for traffic lights at the Bridge may have to be reconsidered. He added that a meeting had been arranged with C.I.E. to discuss the matter. This was noted by the committee with disappointment. This concluded the business of the meeting.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON 20th NOVEMBER, 1981 AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Noel C. Murphy, presiding.

Aldermen: P. Roche,

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes.

Mr. T. McDermott, Chief Executive Office, Town of Wexford, V.E.C.

Mr. D. Doyle.

Dr. McKeown, Chief Psychiatrist, St. Senan's Hospital.

Dr. D. Bourke, President, Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. J. Smith, Senior Social Worker, South Eastern Health Board.

Mrs. Kearns, County Wexford V.E.C.

In attendance:- Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, Sister Elizabeth, Chief Superintendent, Mr. J. Doyle, and Mr. P. Shelan, Assistant County Manager.

DRUG ABUSE

Councillor J. Hayes stated that he had proposed that this meeting be held because of the increase in drug addiction in Ireland and how this problem was affecting Wexford. He pointed out that the Gardai were doing their best but this was not sufficient. He mentioned the problem of glue sniffing which is going on in Wexford and that the Health Education Bureau should play a greater role in educating youth through film shows and talks in Wexford. Mr. D. Bourke suggested that the penalties for the drug offenders should be strengthened.

Councillor P. Reck felt that publicity about this matter was not helpful. He pointed out that there is a committee already in existence fighting this problem comprised of the Gardai, Health Education Bureau, the clergy, etc. He also agreed that greater penalties be imposed for drug abuse.

Alderman P. Roche felt that the problem of glue sniffing and the latest craze of magic mushrooms was on the increase in Wexford and that the power of the Gardai should be strengthened over this problem.

Dr. McKeown pointed out that the problem of drug abuse in Ireland should be put into perspective and that this problem was not nearly as serious as that of alcoholism. He stated that many of the soft drugs were not addictive but that taking of drugs of any kind could lead on to an addiction to harder drugs and this was the danger. He agreed that education was a solution to the problem.

Mr. T. McDermott agreed that the public would have to be educated and he mentioned the fact that there is an effective education programme for adults in schools over a five week period covering all aspects of child development. He paid tribute to the good work being done for youth by Mr. Doyle. He also reminded the Council that there was only a small number of children involved and therefore at the moment the problem may not be as serious as it seems but that it would have to be kept under control.

Mr. J. Smith agreed that glue sniffing is a problem and that although a lot of work is being done for youth many of the children involved in drugs do want to partake in youth facilities.

Mr. Doyle stated that glue sniffing is at the epidemic stage in Wexford. He added that a lack of facilities for youth is at the root of this problem and asked that a youth centre be set up.

Councillor J. Roche pointed out that although the problem lay with the children parents could not escape blame either. He suggested that a new law be introduced making parents responsible for the action of their children until they reach the age of 18. He also suggested that responsibilities for drug abuse be taken from the Department of Justice and moved to the Department

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of Health.

Councillor J. Haves suggested that a drug information centre be set up and that information on drugs be taught in schools.

The Mayor agreed that greater facilities for young children are needed and that all organisations involved in this problem should be co-ordinated.

In conclusion Alderman P. Roche proposed that the Council call on the Minister for Justice to strengthen the penalties for drug abuse and on the Minister for Health to increase the amount of education on this problem. This was seconded by the Mayor and resolved. The Mayor then thanked the invited guests for attending the meeting and for their contributions.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION AND FINANCE

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Noel C. Murphy seconded by Councillor K. Morris it was decided to defer consideration of this matter to a further special meeting the date of which would be fixed at the next Statutory Meeting.

URBAN RENAISSANCE

The Town Clerk informed the Council that a special conference had been arranged by An Foras Forbatha on Urban Renaissance in Dublin on 25th/26th November, 1981. The Council decided to send two members to this conference.

Councillor J. Roche proposed by Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor Noel Murphy.

Councillor J. Mahoney proposed by Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck.

INCREASE IN MAYOR'S SALARY

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that expenditure had been incurred by the Mayor in receiving the Lord Mayor of Dublin on an official to Wexford, on 28th October, 1981. It was unanimously authorised to increase the Mayor's salary to cover this expenditure on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman P. Roche.

An increase in the Mayor's salary to cover the cost of the Civic Reception for the Irish Hotels Federation in the sum of £100 was also authorised on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman P. Roche.

The Council also authorised the Mayor in consultation with the Town Clerk to incur expenditure on entertaining official guests to Wexford where this happens between Council meetings subject to the approval of the Council at the following meeting.

MEETING WITH C.I.E.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that Wexford County Council had arranged a meeting with C.I.E. to discuss traffic lights at the Bridge, the proposed carpark at Wellington Place and further matters. The date of this meeting had been fixed for 7th December, 1981 and that representatives of the Traffic Management Committee had been invited. Councillor J. Roche suggested that any member of the Council could attend this meeting if it was convenient for them. This was noted by the Council.

KEEP WEXFORD BEAUTIFUL CAMPAIGN

On the proposal of Councillor J. Mahoney the Council extended their thanks to Councillor J. Roche as Chairman of the County Council for his invitations to attend the prize giving ceremony by the Minister for the Environment of the Keep Wexford Beautiful Campaign. This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this 7th day of December 1981

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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON 7th DECEMBER, 1981, AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor Councillor Noel C. Murphy, presiding.

Aldermen:- F. Byrne, B. Corish, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors:- J. Roche, Mrs. A. Doyle, J. Mahoney, P. Reck,
K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty.

In attendance:-

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager.

Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Mahoney the minutes of the following meetings were unanimously adopted:-

- (a) Statutory meeting held on 2nd November, 1981.
- (b) Special meeting held on 9th November, 1981.
- (c) Traffic Management Committee meeting held on 10th November, 1981
- (d) Special meeting held on 20th November, 1981.

SPECIAL MEETING

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor Noel Murphy Mayor, it was decided to hold a special meeting on 11th January, 1981 to discuss Local Government Re-organisation and Finance.

SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor Noel Murphy Mayor, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the family of the Mayor of Galway who had died recently.

The Council's sympathy was also extended to the family of Mr. Nicky Cullen former Mason with the Corporation.

The Manager on behalf of the staff was associated with these votes of sympathy.

DISPOSAL OF LAND

In accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 amended by Section 86 of the Housing Act 1966 the Council unanimously authorised the disposal of land at Ferrybank to the Wexford Bridge Centre in the form of a lease for 15 years. This was proposed by Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Alderman P. Roche.

DISPOSAL OF CORPORATION HOUSES

In accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended by Section 86 of the Housing Act 1966 the Council unanimously authorised the disposal of Corporation Houses in accordance with Statutory Notice circulated. This was proposed by Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor Noel Murphy, Mayor.

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The Council considered the making of a Tree Preservation Order under Section 45 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963. A report from the County Engineer dated 9th November, 1981 was considered in respect of this Order. Following consultation on the matter the Council decided to unanimously authorise the making of a Tree Preservation Order in accordance with the County Engineer's recommendation and the following trees within the Borough of Wexford were included in that Order:-

<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>Location</u>
T1	Sycamore by ruined church in St. Selskar's.
T2	Sycamore beside Presentation School, School Street.
T3	Lime beside Convent in Bride Street.
G5	Trees in Redmond Memorial Park.
G6	Ash in St. Selskar's Churchyard.
G7	Trees alongside road in St. Peter's College ground.
G8	Horse-chestnut and oak tree in Friary grounds, Francis Street.
G9	Cypress and Elm in Bride Street.
G10	Trees in Bride Street church grounds.
G11	Trees in The Faythe.
G12	Elm and sycamore at Mount Folly.
G13	Beech and limes at Cromwellsfort House.
G14	Trees at Summer Hill.
L3	Limes in Rowe Street Upper.
H1	Trees along Harris' Lane, leading to Trespan Rock.
H2	Elms along Mulgannon Road.

CAR PARK BYE-LAWS

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Alderman B. Corish the Council unanimously adopted the car park bye-laws 1981 to facilitate the parking of cars at Church Lane and Crescent Quay Car Parks and to provide for the charging of 10p per hour for parking in these areas.

OVER-EXPENDITURE

In accordance with the Local Government Financial Provisions Act 1978 the Council unanimously authorised over-expenditure in the sum of £35,000 on Programme Group 7 - Health, Education, Agriculture. This over-expenditure was necessitated by the payment of superannuation to retiring V.E.C. teachers and also an increase in the free fuel scheme.

CASUAL TRADING ACT 1980

The Town Clerk explained that under the Casual Trading Act 1980 each Local Authority could now control street trading by designating a casual trading area where street traders could trade under licence from the Department of Industry & Commerce and Tourism and a permit from the Local Authority. He recommended to the Council that the Old Market place in the

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Bull Ring be designated as the casual trading area and that the existing traders in the Bull Ring be moved into that area.

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the Council unanimously designated the Market House in the Bull Ring as the casual trading area/ ^{for} the Borough of Wexford, in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Casual Trading Act 1980.

URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

Milk & Dairies Act.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Department of Health pointing out that Wexford Corporation was one of the few local authorities in the country that had not a Designation Order under the Milk & Dairies (Special Designations) Regulations 1938 controlling the sale of unpasturised milk in their area.

Councillor J. Roche felt that the Council should not make such an Order because this could affect the livelihood of milk vendors who have been selling unpasturised milk in Wexford for years.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle felt that as there could be a health risk involved that the Corporation should make this Order.

Councillor Doyle then formally proposed that the Order be made. This was seconded by the Mayor Councillor Noel C. Murphy.

Other members of the Corporation spoke against the making of this Order and the Mayor then decided to put the matter to a vote the result of which was as follows:-

In favour of making the Order:- Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, Councillor Noel C. Murphy, Mayor, Alderman G. Byrne, Councillor J. Mahoney, Alderman P. Roche, Alderman B. Corish. -- 7 votes.

Against the making of the Order:-

Councillor K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. Roche and P. Reck -- 4 votes.

The motion was then declared carried.

MOTIONS

Fixed Rents.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Mahoney:-

"That this Borough Council condemns the recent increase in fixed rents of local authority houses".

In proposing the motion Councillor Mahoney suggested that the increase in fixed rents be reduced to 25p.

Councillor P. Reck Seconded the motion.

All the other members present also supported the motion, with the exception of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle who abstained.

The Town Clerk stated that he could not delay the increase as suggested by the Council but that he would convey the terms of the motion to the Minister for the Environment.

Rate Limitations.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Roche:-

"That this Borough Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to abolish the Rates Limitation which has been imposed on Local Authorities
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for the past number of years".

In proposing the motion Councillor Roche stated that this could be the last year in which we would be dealing with rates in their present form and for this reason the Minister should not impose a limitation on the level of increase. He added that rate limitation was imposed by the Minister that the percentage increase should be close to the expected rate of inflation for the coming year.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle proposed an amendment; that if limitation be imposed by the Minister then statutory demands on local authorities should also be subject to that same limit and that finance should be made available to local authorities to implement new functions given to them under new legislation.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor J. Roche who then withdrew his motion.

Following further debate on the motion the Mayor put it to a vote the result of which was as follows:-

In favour of the motion:- Alderman G. Byrne, Alderman P. Kelly, Alderman P. Roche, Alderman B. Corish, Councillor J. Haves, Councillor J. Roche, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, Councillor Noel C. Murphy, Mayor. -- 8 votes.

Against the motion:- Councillor K. Morris, Councillor P. Reck, Councillor J. Mahoney. -- 3 votes.

The motion was then declared carried.

St. Patrick's Churchyard.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Kelly seconded by Councillor J. Haves:-

"That provision be made in next years estimates for the cleaning/landscaping of St. Patrick's Churchyard".

Councillors Reck and Morris indicated their opposition to developing this graveyard as an amenity area.

The Mayor asked the Borough Engineer to report back to the Council for the estimates on this matter. This was agreed.

Housing Repairs.

Alderman P. Kelly proposed the following motion:-

"That a survey to determine what repairs are required to be carried out at the following Corporation Estates:- Wolfe Tone -- Maudlintown -- Croke Avenue".

In proposing the motion Alderman Kelly referred to the urgent need for repairs in these housing estates.

The motion was seconded by Alderman P. Roche who also pointed out that bathrooms were needed in these schemes.

Councillor J. Mahoney outlined the size of the problem particularly the much needed repairs in these housing schemes.

Councillor P. Reck complimented some of the tenants of Croke Avenue who have carried out repairs themselves to their houses.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle extended her congratulations to the Borough Engineer on the improvements in the maintenance programme.

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Councillor J. Hayes suggested that 50% of the housing maintenance allocation be allocated to repairs in sub-standard houses.

The Mayor then asked the Borough Engineer to report back to the estimates meeting on this matter. This was agreed.

Yacht Moorings.

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

"That this Council requests Wexford Harbour Board to investigate the possibility of placing yacht moorings, on our behalf in the harbour, for visitors to our town, and to report back to us".

In proposing the motion Councillor Doyle outlined the attraction of Wexford Harbour for marine and mooring facilities and complimented the work being done at present by the Harbour Board towards this end. The other members present spoke in favour of the motion which was agreed.

Redmond Memorial Hall.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Hayes:-

"That we as trustees of the Redmond Memorial Hall do our utmost to have this well located and ideally situated property developed into a welfare home that would be of great human benefit to the people of Wexford".

Councillor Hayes explained to the Council the value of this site as a welfare home because of its proximity to a public park and also to the County Hospital.

Councillor J. Mahoney in seconding the motion pointed out the need for a welfare home in Wexford Town.

Councillor J. Roche said that he was speaking as a member of the sub-committee of the Health Board working to have a welfare home established in Wexford and he could inform the Council that a site had already been purchased.

The Town Clerk stated that the site could possibly be used for other community purposes such as Old Folk Housing and perhaps a Community Centre on the ground floor.

The Borough Engineer informed the Council that arrangements were being made to have the Old Redmond Hall demolished. This was noted by the Council.

Income limits for housing loans.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck and resolved:-

"That in view of £7,000 income limit to qualify for S.D.A. loans only the income of the applicant should be taken into account".

Alderman Roche pointed out that the present income limits were too low if the income of both applicants were to be taken into account and this meant that very few people were now qualifying for housing loans and he asked that the matter be reviewed.

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager informed the Council that the Department had relaxed the conditions slightly and that now only the income of both applicants who were in permanent jobs would be taken into account.

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Wexford Bridge.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck and resolved:-

"That this Council seek an assurance from Wexford County Council that Wexford Bridge is not in danger of collapse".

Alderman Roche stated that his reason for submitting this motion was that the slab stones on the bridge are sinking and that holes have emerged in the tarmac surface of the bridge.

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager stated that he had received an assurance from the County Engineer that the Bridge was safe.

Land acquisition at Bride Street.

Councillor P. Reck proposed the following motion:-

"That the Borough Engineer be requested to survey the area from Lr. Bride Street through Marv's Lane to stores in Gibson's Lane with a view to acquiring the property for urban renewal".

Councillor Reck felt that the Bride Street area was ideal for old folk housing because of its location to shops and churches.
The motion was seconded by Councillor Morris.

The Town Clerk indicated that the Corporation were already acquiring any land which was available in the Bride Street area and had recently had a Compulsory Purchase Order confirmed for the acquisition of four derelict sites in the area.

Meeting with Dail Representatives.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck:-

"That this Borough Council request an early meeting with the 5 T.D.'s in this constituency to discuss their commitment to vital issues concerning Wexford".

Councillor Reck informed the Council that he did not wish to raise national issues with the Dail Representatives but that he did want to discuss matters which directly affected Wexford Town.

The motion was seconded by Councillor J. Hayes and agreed. It was also agreed that individual members would submit items for discussion to the Town Clerk, to prepare an agenda for the meeting.

Youth Employment Scheme.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Alderman G. Byrne and resolved:-

"That this Borough Council calls on the Government to immediately upgrade the Work Experience Programme to £30 per week and also to extend it from existing 6 months period to 12 months period".

All the other members spoke in favour of the motion with the exception of Councillor P. Reck who indicated his rejection of the proposal.
The Mayor then asked for a vote on the motion the result of which was as follows:-

In favour of the motion:- Alderman G. Byrne, Alderman B. Corish, Alderman P. Roche, Councillors; J. Roche, J. Mahoney, Noel C. Murphy, K. Morris, J. Hayes. -- 8 votes.

Against the motion:- Councillor P. Reck. - 1 vote.

Alderman P. Kelly abstained. The motion was then declared carried.

Selskar Abbey.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor J. Haves and resolved:-

"That this Corporation calls on the Office of Public Works, Department of the Environment and other interested Bodies to restore Selskar Abbey."

Alderman Byrne stated that the Abbey would make an ideal site for a library and if developed properly could become one of the major historical attractions in the south-east.

Councillor J. Haves felt that a deputation should be sent to the Office of Public Works to press for the restoration of the Abbey.

Councillor J. Roche stated that representatives of the Old Wexford Society should be included in this deputation. This was agreed.

Reconstruction Grants.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor P. Reck and resolved:-

"That the administration of house improvement grants be devolved to local authorities".

Alderman P. Roche although supporting the motion felt that the Council should be cautious about bringing the administration of the grants back to the local authorities.

CORRESPONDENCE

Constitution.

The Town Clerk read an acknowledgement from the Department of An Taoiseach to the Council's motion on the amendment of the constitution.

Appointment of Borough Engineer.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that Mr. T. Fahey, Acting Borough Engineer had now been formally appointed to this position. The Mayor and members of the Corporation extended their congratulations to Mr. Fahey on his appointment and wished him many years of success in the post. The Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Account also extended their congratulations to Mr. Fahey.

Road Grants.

The Town Clerk read an acknowledgement from the Department of the Environment to the Council's request for additional road grants for Wexford Town.

Fishing Limits.

The Town Clerk read a reply from the Department of Fisheries regarding the arrest of Wexford Fishermen fishing the Celtic Sea. This was noted by the Council.

QUESTIONS

Belvedere Road - (Parking).

In reply to Councillor J. Mahoney the Borough Engineer stated that the parking problem at Belvedere Road would be referred to the Traffic Management Committee.

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Pramwalk at Bishopswater.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Mahoney that arrangements were being made to have the pramwalk at Bishopswater cleaned.

Sewerage Problem.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. Mahoney that steps were being taken to alleviate the at 9a Barrack Street.

Footpaths at William Street.

Alderman P. Roche was informed by the Town Clerk that the repairs of the footpaths at William Street would be taken up with the County Council.

Telephone Kiosks.

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Kelly that negotiations were still going on with the Department of Posts & Telegraphs regarding the provision of telephone kiosks at Townparks and Bishopswater.

Fence at Maudlintown.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that arrangements were being made to have the fencing at Maudlintown completed.

Re-Surfacing of Whitemill Road.

In reply to Alderman P. Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that the re-surfacing of Whitemill Road would be undertaken shortly.

The Borough Engineer also informed Councillor J. Hayes of the position regarding the re-surfacing of Whitemill Road.

Employment situation.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor Hayes that he is pursuing the matter.

Townparks Phase 3.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor Hayes that the cost was in the region of 1.5 million.

Crescent Quay Car Park.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor Reck that he had plans to re-surface Crescent Quay Car Park.

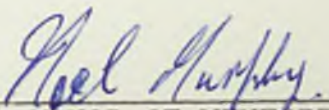
Dangerous Junctions.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor Reck that the Borough was very large and while the Traffic Warden patrols all of it, it is very difficult to get to some areas on a regular basis.

Crescent Quay Car Park.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor Reck that he was in contact with the E.S.B. regarding the provision of lights at Crescent Quay Car Park.

Signed this 14th day of January, 1982.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD