

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1982, AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Present: His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Noel C. Murphy, presiding.

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

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

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

In Attendance:

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager.
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk,
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.
Mr. N. O'Driscoll, Assistant Borough Engineer.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle the sympathy of the Council was extended ^{to} His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Noel C. Murphy on the death of his father.

The Council also extended their sympathy to Mr. M.N. Dillon, County Manager, on the death of his father.

A vote of sympathy was also passed to Mr. Richard Lynn, former Borough Accountant, on the death of his mother.

The Assistant County Manager, Mr. P. Whelan, on behalf of the staff of the Corporation was also associated with these votes of sympathy.

AMENDMENT OF MINUTES

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Councillor J. O'Flaherty had inadvertently been included in the minutes as attending the December meeting of the Council. As Councillor O'Flaherty did not attend this meeting he asked that the minutes be amended accordingly. This was agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor K. Morris.

CASUAL TRADING ACT 1980 -

Extinction of Market Rights.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that as the Council had now designated the Old Market Place as Casual Trading Area under the Casual Trading Act 1980 that the traders in the Bull Ring would now be moved into that area. To avoid a recurrence of casual trading in the Bull Ring area he recommended that the existing market rights be extinguished in this and other parts of the town. The Council then unanimously decided to extinguish the market rights in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of the Casual Trading Act 1980 subject to the approval of the Minister for Industry Commerce & Tourism.

Councillor J. Roche requested that portion of the market place be allocated to Wexford County Council as their casual trading area to avoid a second casual trading area being set up in or near Wexford Town. The Town Clerk explained that this would not be possible because the Market Place was barely sufficient to cater for the existing casual traders operating within the Borough of Wexford.

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Mr. Whelan, Assistant County Manager informed the meeting that the County Council would comply with the law should they nominate any area within the rural area of Wexford as their casual trading area.

Councillor J. Roche then formally proposed that the County Council be notified that Wexford Borough Council would find it undesirable to have a second casual trading area designated by them within the town or its environs. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle and resolved.

MEETING WITH DAIL REPRESENTATIVES

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor Noel Murphy, Mayor, it was unanimously decided to hold the meeting with the Dail and Senate representatives on 19th January, 1982, at 7.30 p.m. It was also agreed that items for discussion at this meeting should be given to the Town Clerk in advance of that date.

DISPOSAL OF LAND TO WEXFORD BRIDGE CLUB.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that piece of land at Ferrybank for Wexford Bridge Club which had been approved at December meeting included the payment of £500. The purpose of this payment was to ensure that the building would be constructed as agreed with the Corporation. He informed the Council that this building had now been completed in a satisfactory manner and the Manager intended to waive the £500 payment in this case. This was noted by the Council and approved on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman P. Roche.

MOTIONS

Car Parks.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck:-

"In view of the present traffic congestion on the Main Street and Quay that this Borough Council costs the following suggested developments with a view to bringing the results to an arranged meeting of business interests:-

1. Extension of Wooden Works.
2. High Rise Car Park.
3. Filling in Crescent.

In proposing the motion Councillor Reck asked to have the motion amended by the deletion of the third proposal/the filling in of the Crescent. He went on to refer to the traffic chaos on the Quay and urged to have the wooden works extended to provide car parking in this area. He accepted that there might be a problem in gaining access across the railway line but this could be overcome. On the question of a multi-storey car park he felt that although this would be a costly proposal and as there is no further land available along the quay that there is no alternative but to provide this development. He asked that each of these two proposals be costed and business interests be then approached.

Councillor J. Hayes seconded the motion and agreed with the necessity to extend the Quays. He asked that the County Council and the Corporation work together towards seeing this development carried through and pointed out that it could be done as part of the main drainage scheme when the sewer pipe is being laid outside the wooden works. He
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also stressed the urgency of a through road at the Crescent pointing out that the one recently completed was inadequate. He did not accept Councillor Reck's proposal for a multi-storey car park however.

Alderman P. Kelly spoke in favour of the multi-storey car park and suggested that Church Lane would be a suitable location for this development. He asked that money for this be got from central funds rather than local business interests.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle stressed the difficulty the Council would be likely to have getting approval from C.I.E. to cross the railway, should the extension of the wooden works go ahead. She accepted the proposal for a multi-storey car park but again felt that Irish Car Parks or some other private company should do this development as it could not be financed by Corporation funds. She added that the proposed ring-road would also help to alleviate the problem and that the through road recently built by Wexford County Council should be opened immediately and that the Corporation should press C.I.E. on this matter.

Alderman P. Roche also spoke in favour of an extension of the wooden works and the development of a multi-storey car park for which he felt this company should be approached for the finance. But he felt that local business people should not be asked to pay for this facility.

In reply to Councillor J. O'Flaherty Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager informed the Council that the Borough Engineer would arrange a costing and would report back. This was agreed.

Town Wall.

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

"Can this Borough Council make provision in the estimates for repairs to Town Wall".

Councillor Reck mentioned the concern of the Old Wexford Society about the condition of the Town Wall and suggested that restoration work on the wall be done in sections.

Councillor J. O'Flaherty stated that the Office of Public Works should be asked to take over the Town Wall as a national monument.

Old Folk's Alarm System.

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

"That this Council consider in the estimates the provision of £800 for the Central Control Unit of a Teletracer Community Alarm System at John Street Flats".

The Town Clerk explained to the Council that he had discussed this matter with the organisation concerned and they were happy with the existing alarm system in the John Street and John's Gate Street Flats. In view of this Councillor Doyle withdrew the motion.

Sub-standard Housing.

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

"That this Borough Council once and for all, now take the initiative to make provisions in the 1982 estimates for a substantial amount of
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finance to be allocated for sub-standard housing, beginning on this occasion with financial aid towards the provision of decent sanitary facilities for the people of Wolfe Tone Villas, and that this practice be from now on an ongoing basis to the various sub-standard housing schemes in our town so that we as the Local Authority of Wexford may give our tenants decent liveable accommodation of which they are entitled to near their families".

Councillor Hayes stressed the urgency of making finance available from local funds to have work commenced on sub-standard housing. He suggested that a bathroom or an extra room be provided where necessary. Councillor Hayes expressed the view that the Department of the Environment would not provide finance for this work and he therefore recommended that the sum of £20,000 be provided in the 1982 estimates under special repairs fund and a further £20,000 be provided from the housing maintenance allocation. With this money and the £600 grant it enables the Council to commence the construction of approximately 20 bathrooms in Wolfe Tone Villas.

Alderman P. Kelly seconded the motion and added that this matter should be discussed at the meeting with the Dail representatives fixed for later this month.

Councillor P. Reck felt that there was not sufficient funds available at local level to do this work and he stated that it was the responsibility of the Department of the Environment to provide the money.

Councillor J. Mahoney supported the motion stating that older houses in Wexford fell far short of modern standards.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle also spoke in favour of the motion and asked that the officials of the Council select a scheme and come back to the estimates.

Alderman P. Roche agreed with the allocation of finance for this work and asked that the Department of the Environment be requested to match the Corporation's allocation pound for pound.

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager felt that the Corporation should make a start on up-grading sub-standard houses in their housing stock and informed the Council that he would bring a report back at estimates meeting.

The motion was agreed.

Public Convenience - Crosstown Cemetery.

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

"In view of the thousands of people who visit our Cemetery at St. Ibars that we allow in our estimates finance for the provision of ladies and gents toilets to facilitate these people".

Councillor Hayes felt that this was a necessary facility in view of the big number attending the cemetery especially at the annual pattern. Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle asked that the provision of this facility be costed.

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager agreed to have a report available at the estimates.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Deputation - Minister for Industry & Commerce. & Tourism.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Mayor had been invited as a member of the joint deputation from the Corporation, County Council and County Development Team to the Minister for Industry Commerce & Tourism to discuss unemployment. Councillor Hayes felt that other members of the Corporation should also attend. The Town Clerk pointed out to Councillor Hayes that Councillor Roche and Alderman Corish had already been nominated as members of the deputation and would also be representing the Corporation. Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle agreed with this suggestion and it was agreed that the Mayor would attend at the deputation as requested.

Bowling Green.

A letter from the Minister of State at the Department of Education regarding the provision of recreational facilities for elderly persons i.e. bowling greens etc, was read. It was decided that suitable areas be identified and that a report be made to the Council.

Grants for Recreational Facilities.

The Town Clerk informed the Council of the new scheme of grants for recreational facilities being administered by the Department of Education. It was agreed to circulate details to the members.

Lights at Clonard Road.

In a letter from the County Engineer the Council were informed that there was no money available to the County Council to provide extra lighting at Clonard Road. This was noted by the Council with regret.

Energy Plant.

A reply was received from the Department of Energy to the Council's resolution for the provision of an energy plant in Wexford as stated by the Taoiseach prior to the election. The letter indicated that the Department had no knowledge of such a plant and requested the Council to indicate what type of plant they had in mind. This was noted.

Christmas Lighting.

A letter was received from the Chamber of Commerce requesting financial assistance towards the provision of this years Christmas Lighting Scheme. It was decided to defer consideration of this matter to the estimates.

Pedestrian Crossing.

The Council were informed that a letter from the County Engineer stated that he was in favour of the provision of pedestrian rights at Maudlinton but that there was no suitable location for such a facility at Wygram/ Mill Street. Councillor J. O'Flaherty indicated his regret that such a facility could not be provided in this area and asked that the County Council at least provide "slow" signs approaching this junction.

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Limit on Planning Permissions.

The Council were informed that the Minister for the Environment had extended the period for withering of planning permissions from 5 years to 6 years and that people who had obtained planning permission before 1st November, 1975 and had not carried out the development/^{where} permission had been granted could apply to their local authority for an extension to that permission before 13th November, 1982. This was noted by the Council.

QUESTIONS.

Stop Sign.

The Assistant Borough Engineer informed Councillor P. Reck that arrangements were being made to improve the stop sign at the junction of Abbey Street.

One-Way Street.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor P. Reck that the question of a one-way street at Barrack Street would be considered by the Traffic Management Committee.

New Van.

The Assistant Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Hayes that the Corporation logo would be printed on the new van which is being purchased by the Corporation.

Hot Water Facilities.

The Assistant Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Hayes that provision would be made in the 1982 estimates for provision of hot water facilities in the store for the outdoor staff.

Flooding at Davitt Road South.

The Assistant Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Hayes that a scheme had been prepared to relieve flooding at Davitt Road South but that at present discussions were going on regarding the financial implications of this scheme.

Grass verges at Liam Mellows Park.

In reply to Alderman P. Kelly the Assistant Borough Engineer stated that the removal of grass verges at Liam Mellows Park were being arranged by the Borough Engineer.

Town Winning.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that an official delegation from Merson in France will visit Wexford from 22nd - 24th January, 1982. On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor J. Roche the Council unanimously decided to host this delegation and that an increase in the Mayor's allowance be authorised.

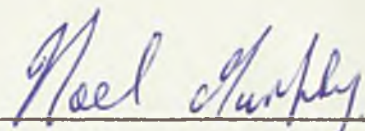
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Travelling Expenses and Subsistence Allowance for Members.

On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor K. Morris the Council unanimously authorised the implementation of revised rates of travelling expenses and subsistence allowances for members of local authorities in accordance with the provisions of Circular 66/81 dated 16th December, 1981.

This concluded the business of the the meeting.

Signed this 1st day of February, 1982.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON 19th JANUARY, 1982
AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Present:-

----- His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Noel C. Murphy, presiding.

Aldermen:-

----- 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 Alderman G. Byrne
and Councillor J. Mahoney.

In Attendance:-

----- M.N. Dillon, County Manager.
T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
E. Breen, Town Clerk.

T.D.'S Present:-

----- Mr. M. D'Arcy, Minister of State at the Department of
Agriculture.
Alderman B. Corish, T.D.
Mr. Lorcan Allen, T.D.
Mr. Hugh Byrne, T.D.
Mr. Ivan Yates, T.D.

Apologies were also received from Senator Deirdre Bolger who was unable
to attend the meeting.

MEETING WITH DAIL REPRESENTATIVES

At the outset the Mayor welcomed the Dail representatives to the meeting
and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss matters of
interest to Wexford Town and to seek their support in having important
schemes implemented. The Mayor then asked each member who had submitted
items for discussion at this meeting to make their case and he would then
enable the T.D.'s to reply.

Tenant Purchase Sub-Standard Houses.

Alderman P. Kelly pointed out that there were some houses in Wexford
Town which were not regarded as being in good structural condition and
because of this tenants were not allowed to purchase them. He said that
many of the tenants had carried out their own improvements on these houses
and that they should therefore be allowed to purchase.

Alderman P. Roche stated that the Corporation would consider improving
these houses at the estimates meeting but he would like to impress the
urgency of this matter on the T.D.'s.

Councillor J. Hayes agreed that the Corporation could put up some money
but that the Department of the Environment would have to help also.

Councillor P. Reck asked the T.D.'s also to bear in mind that the rents
of these sub-standard houses were quite high.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle added that the tenants should be allowed to
buy houses in Croke Avenue and other sub-standard housing schemes if they
so wish and asked for the support of the T.D.'s to see this implemented.

All the T.D.'s present then spoke in support of the Council's point of
view and agreed to do whatever they could to have the matter resolved.

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MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME

in Wexford

Councillor P. Reck stated that the most important development/over the next ten years would be the implementation of the main drainage scheme. He stated that the future development of Wexford, the extension of the wooden works and the harbour development all depended on this. He requested the help of the Dail representatives in having this scheme brought forward as much as possible.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle pointed out the necessity of having this scheme brought forward but reminded the Council that the extension of the Wooden Works would require the approval of C.I.E.

At the request of Alderman B. Corish, T.D., the County Manager then gave details of the scheme.

Mr. Dillon Stated that the main drainage scheme would envisage the replacement of the existing box drains, the extension of sewerage service to the rural area, the laying of an interceptive sewer and the building of a treatment plant. He stated that the first phase would cost 1.5 million pounds and that the interim report for the scheme had been submitted to the Department in 1979.

Mr. Michael D'Arcy, T.D., Minister for State agreed with the necessity for this scheme and informed the Council that 1.5 million pounds for Stage 1 had been included in the book of estimates for this year. The other T.D.'s present also promised their support in having the scheme advanced.

KINSALE GAS.

Councillor J. Hayes stated that the Corporation had passed a resolution calling on the Minister for Energy to see that Wexford is linked to the Kinsale Gas pipeline.

Alderman P. Roche also outlined the advantages of having a supply of natural gas for Wexford.

Mr. M. D'Arcy, T.D., Minister for State told the Council that he had checked with the Department of Energy that day and had discovered that no formal application had been made by the Wexford Gas Consumers Gas Company Ltd., for a connection to the Kinsale Gas line.

All members present expressed surprise at the information given by the Minister.

However all Dail representatives agreed to press for a link with the Kinsale Gas.

ENERGY PLANT, SPORTS COMPLEX, REGIONAL COLLEGE.

Councillor J. Hayes reminded the T.D.'s that the Taoiseach had given a commitment to have an energy plant, sports complex and regional college sited in Wexford prior to the elections. He then read an extract from the local newspaper of the time in support of this point. He indicated the surprise that neither the Department of Energy or the Department of Education were aware of any proposal of this nature.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle indicated her support for these projects and said that the officers in these departments should have checked first before informing the Council that they knew nothing about them.

Mr. M. D'Arcy, T.D., Minister for State, then told the Council that the type of energy plant which the Government had in mind for Wexford was to be a bio mass and when the need for this arises he gave a commitment to see that any experiments will be carried out in Wexford. He then went on to refer to the sports complex and informed the Council that there were already 21 applicants from the County for financial assistance for this type of facility. He said that he would prefer to see the Pairc Carman complex in Wexford getting a grant to enable it to be completed and that some form of assistance should also be given to the other applicants.

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On the question of a regional college he said that a meeting had been arranged with the Minister for Education for the 26th January, 1982 at which he would be present and pressing to have this college built. Mr. Ivan Yates, T.D., who was speaking on the question of a regional college said that the higher education authority had been asked to review alternative sites for colleges throughout the country. He also supported the Minister's view on financial assistance for Pairc Carman. Deputy Hugh Byrne urged the implementation of the sports complex and asked that financial aid also be given to Pairc Carman.

DECENTRALISATION OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

Alderman P. Kelly referred to the long delays in the payment of disability benefits and the hardship being caused to families because of this. He said that no legislation would be needed to decentralise the Department of Social Welfare with a local office in each town and asked that the Government arrange to have this done.

Councillor P. Reek asked that funds be given to a local office to help families who are awaiting payment of disability benefits.

Councillor J. Roche reminded the Council that regional and local offices operated in Wexford in the past and requested all party support for this move.

Alderman B. Corish, T.D., spoke of the advantages of having a local office in town.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle spoke of long delays in making payments and said that the present centralised system had become too bureaucratic.

The Minister for State informed the Council that the question of decentralising the Department of Social Welfare was being considered at present.

Deputy Yates supported the view that there should be one local office in each county.

Deputy Lorcan Allen and Deputy Byrne also supported this request.

EXTENSION OF COUNTY HOSPITAL.

Councillor P. Reek spoke of the need for an extension to the cardiac section and the need for a paediatric unit in the Wexford County Hospital.

Councillor J. Hayes agreed and expressed his disappointment that Wexford had been left out of the capital allocation for hospital extensions.

Alderman B. Corish felt that Wexford should push for a new hospital rather than try to extend the existing one.

Deputy D'Arcy, Minister for State spoke of the need for a new hospital in Wexford and pointed out that the County Hospital had suffered under regionalisation. He added that the Minister for Health, Mrs. Desmond, intended to visit the County Hospital shortly and all people interested in this project should try to see her on that occasion.

NEW LIBRARY.

Councillor P. Reek stressed on the T.D.'s the need for a new library in Wexford pointing out that with the limited service at present customers had to queue in all weather conditions to get into the library.

Councillor J. Roche said that this is a matter for the County Council and that plans are well in hand for the building of a new library and he was confident of the support of all the T.D.'s in this case.

NEW INDUSTRY.

Councillor J. Hayes outlined the difficult employment situation in Wexford and stated that Wexford would need 200 new jobs a year for the next ten years to try to solve the unemployment situation. He asked the

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some new technology industry be established in Wexford to ensure good quality jobs and continued growth. He referred to the strategic location of Wexford which is close to Rosslare and to the fact that they have a good record in industrial relations.

Alderman P. Kelly supported Councillor Hayes and asked that a greater contribution be made by foreign industries setting up here.

Councillor P. Reck said that unless some new industry was announced for Wexford shortly that the people would become about unemployment.

Councillor J. Roche agreed with the previous speakers and said that in the past public representatives had kept quite throughout the serious situation in Wexford at the request of the I.D.A. so as not to deter other industrialists from setting up here. He asked that more action be taken and called on all parties to renew their efforts to create more jobs in Wexford.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle agreed that the situation in Wexford was serious but added that it was caused by a world-wide recession.

The County Manager pointed out that unemployment figures for Wexford now stood at 2,000 for the town and 4,800 in the county. He pointed out that both the Corporation and the County Council had provided the infrastructure necessary on new industry but that no major industry had been announced for Wexford since Lifesavers over 3 years ago. He called for the establishment of several industries in Wexford to curb the problem of unemployment.

Deputy Allen complemented the County Manager and the County Council for having the foresight to buy land for new industry. He said that the I.D.A. were doing their best but that all T.D.'s would unite to try to have more jobs created in Wexford.

Deputy Yates felt that the I.D.A. could push Wexford but said that he was confident of good news on the industrial news shortly.

Deputy D'Arcy said that one of the biggest problems was that Irish industry was no longer competitive and we are therefore unable to attract foreign investment.

Deputy Byrne also spoke of this serious situation and said that Wexford was also badly hit by the slump in agriculture.

EXPORT OF LIVE CATTLE.

Alderman P. Kelly referred to the destruction of our national herd by the export of live cattle. He asked that some move be taken by the Government to prevent this.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle pointed out that the export of live cattle cannot be stopped completely but at least the E.E.C. subsidy for stores should be stopped.

The other members present also spoke in favour of curbing the export of live cattle.

The Minister for State said that it would be a bad thing for Irish farmers to prohibit the export of live cattle altogether as that would mean they would have to sell the cattle to the meat factories. He did agree that it should be restricted. He said that he intended to visit other countries such as Libya shortly in an effort to improve the position.

RAIL LINK.

Councillor P. Reck reminded the T.D.'s of their suggestion to C.I.E. the rail link between Rosslare and Dublin be discontinued and asked the support of everybody to see that this would never happen.

All T.D.'s present felt that they were committed to keeping the line.

CONCLUSION.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Mayor thanked the T.D.'s for coming to the meeting and for the contribution which they had made. The Dai representatives present also thanked the Mayor & Members of the Corporation for arranging the meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Signed this 15th day of February 1982.

Paul Murphy
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON 1st FEBRUARY, 1982 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

PRESENT:-

Aldermen:- G. Byrne, 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} His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Noel C. Murphy and Alderman B. Corish.

In attendance:-

Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Assistant County Manager.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Mayor Councillor K. Morris was nominated to chair the meeting on the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor J. Roche.

MINUTES

The proposal of Councillor J. Mahoney seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the minutes of Statutory meeting held on 4th January, 1982 and Special Meeting held on 19th January, 1982 were unanimously adopted.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The members considered the auditor's report for financial year ended 31st December, 1980 copies of which had been circulated. The Town Clerk pointed out that at the end of the year the Corporation had a credit balance on revenue account but that this had been partially offset by a large debit balance on capital account. The balance was sufficient for the day to day running of the Corporation in that year.

In proposing the adoption of the report Councillor J. Roche complimented the members of the Borough Council and its officials on the efficient management of their financial affairs.

Alderman P. Roche seconded the adoption of the report and joined with Councillor Roche in his tributes to the Council and the officials especially at a time when rate limitations were very strict.

Councillor J. Hayes also supported the adoption of the report but queried a large amount of water rates outstanding on one account. The Borough Accountant replied that this figure arose out of a dispute at reading and that the matter had now been settled.

Councillor P. Reck felt that the report showed just how well local authorities could manage their own affairs and suggested that greater powers be given to them in the future.

The report was then adopted unanimously.

RAISING OF LOANS

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On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Mahoney the Council unanimously authorised the raising of the following loans in pursuance of the provisions of Local Government No. 2 Act 1960 subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment:-

- a) £50,000 - Talbot Green Housing Scheme.
- b) £250,000 - Townparks Stage III.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

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The proposal of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle seconded by Councillor P. Roche was unanimously decided to hold the first meeting of the finance committee to consider the estimates for 1982 on Wednesday, 24th February, 1982 at 7.30 p.m.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION & FINANCE

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The proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman G. Byrne was unanimously decided to defer consideration of local government organisation and finance to a future date.

MOTIONS

Public Address System. R.29

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

That this Council be given an explanation as to why loud speaker equipment, purchased with public money are not used to warn the people of the town about water cuts which take place without warning".

Proposing the motion Alderman Roche pointed out that on 22nd January, 1982 water had been cut off in many areas in the town for up to 3 hours and no prior warning had been given of this cut off. The Borough Engineer replied that he did not consider it necessary to put a public address system on the town for this breakdown as it was only for 2 hours and that the storage in peoples houses would have carried them over the period.

Domestic Refuse. F.21

Alderman P. Roche proposed the motion regarding the collection of domestic refuse during the blizzard which read as follows:-

That when weather or other emergencies causes postponement of weekly domestic scavenging in the town, alternative arrangements be made to ensure daily collection of domestic or commercial refuse".

Alderman Roche stated that the refuse which had been left out in the snow not collected had caused litter problems on the streets and he suggested that the outdoor staff should have worked on the weekend to get it cleared. The motion was seconded by Councillor J. Mahoney and resolved. The Borough Engineer stated that in areas where they were unable to collect refuse because of the snow, refuse men called around to the houses to advise the householders.

Traffic Management Policy. R.13/1

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck:-

That this Borough Council calls on the Gardai in Wexford in co-operation with the Garda Commissioners to review its attitude towards policy making in traffic management".

Councillor Reck referred to the number of suggestions which had been made to the Traffic Management Committee particularly regarding a one-way street in the Folly/Barrack Street area and both of these had been rejected by the Gardai.

The motion was seconded by Councillor J. Mahoney.

Councillor J. Roche pointed out that the Gardai have a legal involvement in the implementation of traffic regulations.

The Town Clerk reminded the Council that many recommendations to the Traffic Management Committee had been implemented with the full co-operation of the Gardai. It was agreed that the question of the one-way street at Barrack Street

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be again referred to the Traffic Management Committee.

Alternative Entrance to County Clinic.

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

"That this Borough Council makes strong representation to the South Eastern Health Board to provide an alternative entrance to the County Clinic for the benefit of those who find it difficult to negotiate the present entrance".

Councillor J. Roche pointed out that as planning permission had now been granted he understood that this entrance would be provided.

Emergency Accommodation. C.16

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Kelly:-

"That the provision of emergency accommodation for victims of fire tragedy be considered".

Alderman Kelly stated that there had been five serious fires in the recent past in Wexford in which families were left homeless. He accepted that the Corporation provides emergency accommodation in the form of mobile homes for their tenants in this situation but that private householders had nowhere to go.

The motion was seconded by Councillor P. Reck.

Councillor J. Hayes suggested that perhaps the Convent of Mercy or some similar institution could be used for emergency accommodation for the private sector.

The Town Clerk suggested that private householders should consult their insurance companies to cover emergency accommodation in the event of fire.

Interest rates on S.D.A. Loans. C.8

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

"That this Council object to the raising of interest rates on S.D.A. loans".

Alderman P. Kelly referred to the extra burden which the increase in interest rates would place on newly married/couples wishing to purchase their own house.

All the members present spoke in favour of the motion and it was agreed to refer this matter to the Minister for the Environment.

Garage at 9a, Barrack Street. S.12

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

"That this Borough Council requests the immediate improvement of garage at 9a, Barrack Street, Wexford".

The Borough Engineer stated that this was a private matter and that he had already suggested to the householder that the Corporation would be prepared to do the work provided they would pay for it.

At the request of Councillor K. Morris the Borough Engineer agreed to report back to the Council on this matter.

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Visiting Industrialists. A.113

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

"A view of the lack of interest particularly over the last 2 years shown by foreign industrialists who come to Wexford to view suitable sites for the setting up of new industries (particularly in Wexford Town) that this Borough Council appoint a special sub-committee comprising 3 members and the Mayor to meet with these important people along with the I.D.A. to ensure that everything possible is being done to sell Wexford as one of the most suitable centres in the country".

Councillor Hayes referred to the conflicting reports from the I.D.A. on the number of industrialists who visit Wexford with a view to setting up industries here. He suggested that the Mayor and 3 members of the Corporation meet these visiting industrialists to ensure that the best possible case is made for establishing new industries in Wexford.

Councillor P. Reck felt that the pressure should be put on the local I.D.A. representatives and not the I.D.A.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle felt that such a committee might develop into a pressure group and could damage the prospects of new industry and perhaps upset delicate negotiations with industrialists. She suggested that the Deputy Mayor and other County Council officials meet visiting industrialists.

Councillor J. Roche felt that the promotion of new industry should be done on a county basis. He suggested that the Corporation should formulate a policy on the re-organisation of industrial promotion and put this to the Minister for Industry Commerce & Tourism.

Creedon, Deputy Manager, stated that there would be practical difficulties in implementing the motion as suggested. He said that industrialists visit Wexford and other centres on a confidential visit and for this reason it would not be possible to meet public representatives on these preliminary visits.

Following further discussion on the matter the Deputy Mayor decided to put the motion to a vote.

The result of this vote was as follows:-

In favour of the motion:- Councillors:- J. Hayes, J. Mahoney.
Alderman P. Kelly - 3 votes.

Against the motion:- Councillors:- K. Morris, J. O'Flaherty, Mrs. Avril
J. Roche, P. Reck. - 5 votes.

The motion was then declared defeated.

CORRESPONDENCE

Fixed Rents. (D.R.S. File)

Town Clerk read a reply dated 21st January, 1982 from the Department of the Environment stating that no reduction could be made in the £1 per week increase in fixed rents.

Loans. C.8

Town Clerk read a reply dated 21st January, 1982 regarding S.D.A. loan. The latter stated that the Council's request to relax the income limits for

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married couples had been noted and would be taken into account in the next review of the scheme.

House Improvement Grants. C.94

The Council's request for the devolution of house improvement grants in local authorities was noted by the Department of the Environment in a letter dated 27th January, 1982.

St. Selskar's Graveyard. A.147

The Office of Public Works acknowledged the request of the Council for a deputation to discuss the restoration of St. Selskar's Graveyard in a letter dated January, 1982.

Rosslare Harbour/Limerick Junction Railway Line. A.37

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 28th January, 1982 from Tipperary Town District Council requesting the Borough Council to nominate a representative to a deputation of all local authorities to meet the Board C.I.E. to discuss the future of the Rosslare Harbour/Limerick Junction Railway Line.

The Worship the Mayor, Councillor Noel C. Murphy was nominated to represent the Council on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty.

Rates Limitation. G.6

The Department of the Environment acknowledged the Council's request to publish rate limitations in 1982 in a letter dated 12th January, 1982.

These letters were noted by the Council.

QUESTIONS.

Tidy Towns. A.85(a)

In reply to Councillor P. Reck the Town Clerk stated that a meeting of those interested in forming a tidy towns committee would be arranged in the near future.

Knock at Bishopswater.

In reply to Councillor P. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that the knock at Bishopswater was private property but that arrangements had been made with Rent-a-Kill to treat the river and also to have 'no dumping' signs placed at the site. He added that the suggestion of burning off the overgrowth would need further investigation.

National Differential Rent Scheme. (N.D.R.S. File).

The Borough Accountant informed Councillor P. Reck that rents had been increased in recent weeks because of the implementation of the National Differential Rent Scheme. He added that many rents had in fact been reduced and that increases in other rents were caused because rents had not been reduced since 1980.
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The same subject the Borough Accountant informed Alderman P. Kelly that because rents were related to the income of the tenants no hardship would be experienced by the implementation of the scheme. However he said that under the scheme the minimum rent was only 30p per week so he did not envisage any hardship cases arising.

Removal of Grass Verges at Liam Mellows Park.

Borough Engineer informed Alderman Kelly that the grass verges at Liam Mellows Park would be removed in March.

Environmental Improvements Programme. R.19

In reply to Councillor J. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that the Environmental Services Improvement Programme is being continued this year and that the schemes in Wexford would commence as soon as the County Council made money available to the Corporation from their allocation.

Plates. R.14


Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Hayes that name plates for Main Avenue had been ordered and would be erected as soon as possible.

Boundary Extension. A. 6420, 71.

The Clerk informed Councillor J. Hayes that meetings between urban and County officials would be held shortly to discuss the financial implications of the proposed boundary extensions and following this report would come back to the Council.

He concluded the business of the meeting.

Resolved this 1st day of March, 1982



MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF MEETING OF HOUSING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CLOSE OF THE STATUTORY
MEETING ON 1st FEBRUARY, 1982.

Mr. O'Connor, Bishopswater.

Councillor P. Reck explained that Mr. O'Connor was a sub-tenant in Mr. Clarke's house in Bishopswater and that the Corporation had now notified him that he would have to leave the house. He asked that some consideration be given to his application for rehousing.

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that Mr. O'Connor's application in his changed circumstances would be assessed when the current housing list of 70 people had been completed.

Mr. Sean Dempsey, 2a, Green Street.

Councillor Reck asked that further consideration be given to Mr. Sean Dempsey, 2a, Green Street with a view to having them housed earlier. The Town Clerk reminded the Committee that Mr. Dempsey was placed No. 66 on the letting priority list and therefore would be housed at some time in the future. In the circumstances he accepted the fact that the case could not be reviewed.

Mr. Sean Kemp.

Councillor J. Hayes asked that the case of Mr. Sean Kemp, formerly, 6 Maudlintown be reviewed. The Town Clerk informed the Committee that

Mr. Kemp had now left 6, Maudlintown and had been living at another address for some time and because of this his application would be reviewed as soon as the housing list of 70 people had been completed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY, 1st MARCH, 1982, AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

PRESENT:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Noel C. Murphy, presiding.

ALDERMEN:- G. Byrne, B. Corish, P. Kelly.

COUNCILLORS:- J. Roche, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Alderman P. Roche.

IN ATTENDANCE:-

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager.

Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the minutes of Statutory meeting held on 1st February, 1982 were unanimously adopted.

LEASE TO WEXFORD HANDBALL CLUB

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck the council unanimously authorised the lease of premises at Emmett Place to the Wexford Handball Club in accordance with statutory notice circulated.

URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

Wexford Main Drainage Scheme.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 15th October, 1981 giving approval to the Corporation to instruct the Consulting Engineers to prepare a full preliminary report on the 1st stage of the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme consisting of a trunk interceptive sewer along the quay, treatment works and outfall. This was noted by the Council with approval.

MOTIONS

Parle/Creane/Hogan Memorial.

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

"That the County Council hand over the Parle/Creane/Hogan Memorial at Council Yard, to An Cumann Na h-Uigeann Naisiunta".

In proposing the motion Alderman Kelly stated that the National Graves Association would be in a position to keep this memorial in a clean and tidy state and therefore requested that it be handed over.

Councillor J. Roche informed the meeting that this matter had been discussed with the County Engineer and certain suggestions which he had made would be put to the Cumman for their approval.

Mr. P. Whelan said that the request would be put to the County Council but that in the meantime the memorial would be painted and cleaned up.

Industrial Development.

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

"In view of the serious and ongoing situation of unemployment in Wexford and the apathy, frustration and complacency of all that are now placed in this situation particularly our young unemployed, that this Borough Council support (this motion) to convene a special meeting as soon as possible with various organisations, Association of Wexford Industries, Reps. I.D.A.

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Trade Unions, Chairman, Rosslare Harbour Development Board, Parish Administrator and any other interested bodies, to sit down and discuss intelligently as constructive issues for the present and future development and growth of Wexford".

Councillor Hayes stressed the urgency in having such a meeting and stated that it would be important to consider the future development of Rosslare because of its importance to the industrial development of the county. He also suggested that a review of the development plan take place to ensure that all services to industry would be improved where possible.

Alderman P. Kelly formally seconded the motion.

Councillor P. Reck spoke in favour of the motion but pointed out that the I.D.A. are doing their best in the promotion of industry for Wexford. He suggested that the T.D.'S be invited to such a meeting.

Alderman G. Byrne also spoke in support of the motion and referred to the need to improve all services such as public transport, telephones, etc.

Councillor J. O'Flaherty saw merit in this type of meeting and asked that it be set up as soon as possible.

Alderman B. Corish also felt that this meeting would be well worth while, however he reminded the Council that the country is in a recession and that industrial expansion is difficult at present. He suggested that such a meeting be held in Committee.

Councillor J. Roche also agreed with the motion and suggested that the County Development Team be invited.

It was agreed to call the meeting as requested and to invite the T.D.'S, the County Development Officer and the Press.

Civic Reception - Lett's.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Hayes seconded by His Worship the Mayor Councillor Noel C. Murphy and resolved:-

"In view of the tremendous success of one of our local owned and based industries, Lett & Co., in their acquiring the prestigious Bowmaker Award sought after by so many industries, that this Borough Council as a mark of gratitude present them in this Council Chamber with some small token of our appreciation".

It was agreed that a reception and a small presentation would be given to Lett's in the Council Chamber in the usual manner on a date to be agreed.

Pollution.

Councillor Reck proposed the following motion which was seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty and resolved:-

"Can we arrange to have the toxicity of the air on Wexford's Main Street measured during a peak period of trading so that we can analyse the danger, if any, to public health".

Councillor Reck referred to the alarming levels of lead in the air in Dublin and the serious health problem which could be created by air pollution. He suggested that the air in Wexford/as a matter of urgency.
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The Borough Engineer suggested that this work be done An Foras Forbartha.

Flat development.

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

"That this Borough Council make every effort to encourage private enterprise to provide accommodation for young married couples on a profit making basis (perhaps open discussion could provide a formula acceptable to the members)."

Councillor Reck in proposing the motion stated that the housing problem had now become too big for the Corporation to solve from their own resources.

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He accepted that part of the constraints which the Differential Rent Scheme and the Letting Priority Scheme placed on Local Authorities it would not be profitable for them to build blocks of flats for young people but he suggested that it would be an attractive proposition for a private investor. Councillor J. Roche agreed with the motion and suggested that the Corporation could assist in the provision of sites even if Compulsory Purchase powers had to be used.

Alderman P. Kelly pointed out that Private Enterprise ^{was} already involved in the provision of flats in Wexford Town and these flats were not up to an acceptable standard. He suggested that houses should be built by the Corporation and let to young tenants at a fixed rent which would be based on the cost of building the house to the Corporation.

Alderman G. Byrne also spoke in favour of the motion and referred to the serious situation which young people find themselves in trying to obtain suitable accommodation in Wexford at present.

Councillor J. O'Flaherty raised the problem of landlords re-letting flats after the Corporation had housed people out of them and asked that further action be taken by the Corporation to stop this.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the new Housing Finance Agency bill had come into force and that the Corporation would be receiving applications for new loans under this scheme. These loans were up to a maximum of £22,500 and the repayments would be based on a percentage of the applicants income. It was agreed to circulate details of the scheme to the members.

Councillor J. Hayes welcomed the new loan scheme and asked that the Government be complimented on introducing it.

In conclusion on the motion it was decided to invite the major builders and bank managers to a meeting to discuss the possibility of building a block of flats in Wexford.

Alderman P. Kelly dissented from the motion.

Footpaths.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman G. Byrne and seconded by Councillor G. Hayes, and agreed:-

"That pedestrian facilities be improved from Crosstown to Ardcavan from Beechlawn to Clonard, from Bishopswater to Killeens and from the Folly to Mulgannon".

It was pointed out that these areas are the responsibility of Wexford County Council and that the motion would be referred to them to be implemented.

Correspondence.

St. Selskar Abbey.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 29th January, 1982 from the Office of Public Works regarding St. Selskar Abbey, Wexford. The letter pointed out that the Commissioners would not be empowered to make financial assistance to the Corporation for the restoration of the Abbey and that this work could only be undertaken by private resources.

This was noted by the Council with regret.

On the suggestion of Alderman G. Byrne it was decided to request the County Council to use the abbey as a site for a branch library.

Wexford Gas Company.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 16th April, 1982 from the Wexford Gas Consumers Company Ltd., informing the Council that the Company made a formal application for a supply of natural gas from the Kinsale Gas Line and that a meeting had already taken place with officials from the Department of Energy to discuss this matter. This was noted by the Council.
Councillor Reck asked that the Gas Company confirm the date of the formal application.
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Interest Rates.

The Department of the Environment acknowledged the Corporation's objection to the raising of interest rates on S.D.A. loans.

Civic Reception - Lions International.

The Council were informed of the official visit of members of the Lions Club, Lisburn on 5th/6th March, 1982 and requested that they be afforded a Civic Reception.

The members decided that a small civic reception be held in the Council Chamber on Saturday 6th March, 1982.

Irish Public Bodies Insurance Company.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck the Council unanimously nominated Alderman P. Roche to represent the Council at the fifty-sixth general meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Co. Ltd.

South East Tourism.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes the Council unanimously ^{nominated} Alderman P. Roche as the Council's representative on the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Board.

Sports Complex.

A letter dated 22nd February, 1982 from the Department of Education regarding sports complex for Wexford was read. The letter stated that all applications for financial assistance towards the provision of sports facilities had to be made to the Department of Education under their Grants Scheme.

Councillor J. Roche reminded the Council of the provision in the development plan for the provision of sports & recreational facilities at the dump site at Carcur and asked that the up to date position on this be reviewed.

Estimates Meetings.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that by circular letter dated 29th January, 1982 the period for the preparation and adoption of estimates for the current year was 16th March, to 30th April. This was noted.

Twinning Proposals - Wexford & Coueron.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a letter had been received from Coueron, France, suggesting that formal twinning of the two towns take place in Coueron on 15th/16th May, 1982 and the ceremony to be held in Wexford the following month. The members welcomed this suggestion and agreed to proceed with the twinning on that basis, however, they suggested that the Wexford ceremony should take place on 17th/18th July, 1982 to avoid a clash with the Mayoral election.

European Campaign for Urban Renaissance.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had received confirmation from the Department of the Environment that the Abbey Street/Temperance Row Housing Scheme had been selected as Ireland's entry for the European Campaign for Urban Renaissance under the heading 'The Role of Local Authority Services and Urban Management'. He added that details of the housing scheme would be considered with other national projects at a conference in Berlin to be held

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from 8th-12th March, 1982. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the Council unanimously decided to nominate Mayor and Town Clerk as delegates to attend this conference.

Planning Seminar.

It was decided to send 3 members and one officer to the Annual Conference on Central, Regional and Local Planning to be held in the Berkeley Court Hotel, Dublin, on 12th March, 1982. The 3 members nominated were, Councillor J. Roche, Alderman G. Byrne and Alderman P. Kelly.

QUESTIONS

Republican Plot.

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Kelly that he would check the position regarding the ownership of the Republican Plot at Crosstown and reply to him directly on the matter.

Knock at Bishopswater.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Hayes that the Knock at Bishopswater was in private ownership but that he would take up the question of improving the property with the owners.

Coolcotts Housing Scheme-Phase 2a.

In reply to Councillor J. Hayes the town Clerk stated that the contract documents for the erection of 50 houses at Coolcotts Stage 2a had been prepared by the National Building Agency and would shortly be advertising for tenders. Subject to the availability of finance he hoped that the scheme would start in June this year.

Apprentice Plumber.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Hayes that no allowance had been made in this years estimates for the employment of an apprentice Plumber. However he hoped that he might be in a position to include this next year.

E.S.B. Pole at Clinic.

In reply to Councillor P. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that he had arranged a meeting this week with the E.S.B. to discuss the dangerous pole at the Clinic.

Traffic Management at Pike Corner.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor Reck that a traffic island would be erected at Pike Corner to improve the flow of traffic in this area.

Road works - St. Aidan's shopping centre.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor P. Reck that the road works at St. Aidan's Shopping Centre would be completed as soon as the work which is in progress behind the centee had been finished.

Number plaques for housing estates.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman G. Byrne that he was arranging to have number plaques erected at number housing estates.

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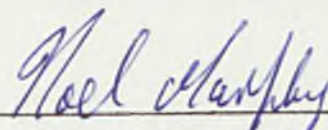
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Knock at Bishopswater.

The Town Clerk informed Alderman G. Byrne that the Corporation would not be in a position to make a recreational area out of the Knock at Bishopswater due to the cost involved.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this 5th day of April, 1982.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD

Letting Priority List.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Corporation had two vacant houses at Croke Avenue both of which had been offered to the remaining people on the housing list of 70 and all those had refused the houses. He stated that it would now be necessary to go beyond the list of 70 to fill these houses. He stated that the case of Mr. Frederick Kemp, C/o. 52, Tuskar View had been reviewed and his circumstances were such that he would warrant immediate rehousing. He informed the Council that it was proposed to offer him one of the houses in Croke Avenue. This was noted by the Council with approval.

Another case which was under re-assessment was Mr. O'Connor, 126, Bishopswater who had been a sub-tenant in a Corporation house for several years and who had now been told to leave by the Corporation. The Town Clerk stated ~~that~~ ^{subject to} Mr. O'Connor's position after re-assessment that he might be offered the other house in Croke Avenue. This was noted by the Council.

Councillor Hayes raised the question of Mrs. Casserly of High Street, who was a deserted wife with 5 children. He accepted that Mrs. Casserly had already turned down both houses in Croke Avenue but felt that her decision was justified because there are no bathrooms in either house. The Town Clerk explained that Mrs. Casserly is on the list of 70 and nothing further could be done for her until those above her on the list had been housed.

The meeting then ended.

Signed this 5th day of April, 1982.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD CORPORATION HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON TUESDAY 2nd MARCH, 1982 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Present:- His Worship The Mayor Councillor Noel C. Murphy, presiding.

Aldermen:- P. Kelly, B. Corish.

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

In Attendance:-

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

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES 1982

The Committee were circulated details of the first four programme groups in the Estimates of Expenses for 1982. The Mayor then requested the Manager to give some general details about the estimates. Mr. Whelan, Assistant County Manager stated that the revenue account for 1982 will be greatly reduced as a result of two changes at Department level. The first of these was a change in the method of charging house purchase annuities and special repayments which up to this year had been apportioned between revenue and capital account. However the Department had decided that in 1982 all of these funds would be credited to the capital account. This would mean a reduction of approximately £50,000 in revenue account for 1982. The second change concerned the Government Rates Relief Grant which the Manager estimated a shortfall of £38,500 in the amount which should be due to the Corporation from this source. The total effect of these changes was a shortfall of £93,500 in the revenue account which he had to make up by way of credit balance of that amount. He added that these factors had restricted the Corporation's activities in 1982 and asked the members to keep this in mind when considering the detailed estimates. He confirmed however that the Corporation would be able to maintain its workforce and to provide for some modest improvements which the Council requested during the year.

Councillor J. Roche then proposed that the Council request the Minister for the Environment to withdraw his decision on the annuities and to ensure that the Corporation is given total amount of Rates Relief Grant. This was seconded by Councillor J. Hayes and resolved.

PROGRAMME GROUP 1 - HOUSING & BUILDING

Housing Maintenance.

The Council considered reports from the Borough Engineer on the housing maintenance programme and then went on to consider the provision of a head for 1982. In reply to Councillor P. Reck the Town Clerk confirmed that all pre-sale repairs determined by the Minister on appeal must be carried out by the Corporation at their own expense. Councillor J. Roche then proposed that the Corporation should not have to carry out such repairs when the cost of these repairs exceeds the sale price of the house. This was seconded by Alderman P. Kelly.

The Manager suggested that the Council should devote some money from the housing maintenance provision to improving sub-standard houses and he suggested the figure of £10,000 including grants from Department of the Environment.

Councillor J. Hayes felt that this amount would be too small and that a total of £20,000 should be provided for this purpose.

Councillor P. Reck stated that the housing repairs programme was going well at present and the allocation of funds from this source to improve sub-standard houses would mean a creation of a further backlog of repairs. This would be undesirable.

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Alderman P. Kelly suggested that a loan of £1,000 be given to tenants who wish to improve their houses.

Mr. T. Fahey informed the Council that any improvement work to sub-standard houses would have to be carried out by direct labour and he felt that £10,000 including grants could be made available from the housing maintenance fund and that this could be reviewed later on in the year.

Following further discussion on the matter the members decided to defer decision and to / with the consideration of the remainder of the estimates. proceed

HEATING CHARGES

The Borough Accountant informed the Council that the cost of heating charges to tenants in John Street and Johns Gate Street flats would be increased from £4.50 to £5.50 per week and stated that all but three of the tenants in these flats are subsidised by the South Eastern/and the Corporation. This was noted by the Council.

Health Board

LOAN FEES

The Borough Accountant informed the Council that the fee for housing loans had been increased from £10 to £15. This was approved on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty.

PROGRAMME GROUP 2 - Road Transportation & Safety.

The Borough Engineer circulated his report on the roads programme for 1982 which was considered by the members. In his report he referred to the difficulty of carrying out footpath repairs on Main Street because of the objections of shop-keepers.

Councillor P. Reck suggested that traffic be taken off the Main Street and the street closed during repairs to minimise the disruption. This was agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor J. Mahoney. The Borough Engineer agreed to have this done.

Councillor J. Hayes asked if the provision for roadworks included the widening of the footpath at Temperance Row. The Borough Engineer confirmed that it did.

Public Lighting.

In reply to Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Borough Engineer stated that the sum of £2,000 had been included in the estimates for new lights and that this would finance the erection of approximately 20 additional lights.

Urban Road Improvement Grant.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor Noel C. Murphy, Mayor the Council unanimously decided to ask the Department of the Environment to increase the Urban Road Improvement Grant to £11,500.

PROGRAMME GROUP 3 - Public water supply and sewerage schemes.

The Committee considered the report of the Borough Engineer on the water supply and sewerage schemes for 1982. The report made reference to the Department approval to go to preliminary report stage with the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme Stage I. In his report the Borough Engineer also confirmed that a minor scheme to alleviate flooding in Selskar had been included in this years estimates. The culverting of the open sewer in King Street had also been included.

In reply to Councillor J. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that no provision had been made for the purchase of a stand-by generator for the waterworks because of the cost of this equipment.

Water Charges.

The Borough Accountant informed the Council that charges for meter supplies would be increased from 35p to 50 p per gallon and that the commercial consumers would continue to be charged on the basis of the valuation of the property, the rate being increased from £1.70 to £2.00 per pound valuation. This was approved by the Council on the proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor J. Roche.

PROGRAMME GROUP 4 - Development incentives
and controls.

Tourist promotion.

A contribution of £2,000 for 1982 to the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation was approved on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty.

Adoption of Programme Groups 1 to 4.

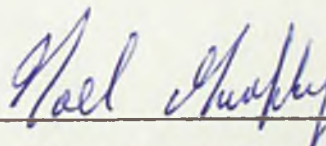
On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Council unanimously adopted the provisions in the estimates for programmes groups 1,2,3 & 4 with the exception of housing maintenance which would be decided at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting.

The Finance Committee will meet again to consider the remaining programmes in the estimates on Thursday, 25th March, 1982 at 7.30 p.m. and it was unanimously decided to hold a Statutory Estimates Meeting of the Council on Tuesday, 30th March, 1982.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this 5th day of April, 1982.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON THURSDAY, 25th MARCH, 1982 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Councillor Noel C. Murphy, presiding.

Councillors:- J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle and Councillor K. Morris.

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

PRESIDENT OF A.M.A.I.

Alderman P. Roche pointed out to the Council that the President of the A.M.A.I. had traditionally been the Chairman of the Local Authority which is hosting the Conference. However this year the President would be elected. He mentioned that neither he nor Councillor Mahoney as the Corporation's delegates to the A.M.A.I. were interested in having their name submitted for election and he proposed that the name of the Mayor of Wexford whoever that would be at the date of the Conference in September 1982 be submitted as the Council's nominee. This was seconded by Alderman G. Byrne and agreed.

PROVISION OF REMUNERATION

The Town Clerk informed the Council that sanction had been received from the Minister for the Environment to the payment of revised salary scales for officers and employees of the Corporation in accordance with the agreement on pay in the public service between the Public Service Committee of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and the Minister for the Public Service. On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Alderman B. Corish the Council unanimously authorised the payment of the revised salary scales set out in Circular EL4/82 dated 19th March, 1982 in pursuance with the provisions of Section 6 of the City & County Management Amendment Act 1955.

CIVIC RECEPTION - CELTIC FILM FESTIVAL

On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Noel C. Murphy the Council unanimously authorised that an increase in Mayor's allowance be made to finance the Civic Reception for the Celtic Film Festival to be held on Tuesday, 30th March, 1982 at 8.30 p.m.

TIME OF STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING.

On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by His Worship the Mayor Councillor Noel C. Murphy the Council unanimously decided to change the time for the Statutory Estimates Meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday, 30th March, 1982 to 7.00 p.m.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES 1982.

The Council continued their consideration of the detailed estimates of expenses of the remaining four programme groups which had been circulated to them prior to the meeting.

Sub-Programme Group 5. (Environmental Protection)

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle asked the Borough Engineer if provision had been made in the estimates for a toilet at Crosstown Cemetery. The Borough Engineer confirmed that the sum of £5,000 had been provided for a small toilet in this area.

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Councillor Reck asked if it would be possible to renovate the old cemetery lodge at Crosstown. The Borough Engineer replied that the Corporation were unable

to get a suitable site for a septic tank and that therefore there would be no sewerage facilities in the house which would make it impossible for the Corporation to use it as a dwellinghouse.

In the debate on the provisions for the fire services Alderman P. Roche suggested that the Corporation be represented on the Council's Fire Services Committee. This was agreed.

In reply to Councillor P. Reck the Manager stated that the level of charges for graves were reasonable but that they would have to be reviewed next year.

Programme Group 6 - (Recreation & Amenity).

When the estimate for the Swimming Pool was being discussed Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle asked if the entrance to the pool could be painted and she also queried the cause of the roof damage. The Borough Engineer in reply undertook to have the entrance/painted and he explained that normal condensation and deterioration in the surface of the roof made it necessary to have some repairs carried out.

The members noted with approval the improvements which were intended at Redmond Park. Councillor J. O'Flaherty asked that the fence be replaced between Parklands Housing Scheme and Redmond Park. This was agreed. The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that arrangements were being made to have the pond cleaned up.

Councillor J. Hayes asked if any progress was being made on the stocking of the reservoir at Coolree with fish. The Borough Engineer informed Councillor Hayes that this had been considered and it was found unsuitable for large quantities of fish because of the drastic reductions in water levels in the reservoir in the summer months.

Contributions to Other Bodies.

The members considered the list of proposed grants to various voluntary groups and local organisations. The Borough Accountant explained that before drawing up the list he had requested each local organisation to submit details of their financial position and that each organisation had done this except the Loch Garman Silver Band and they were therefore not included on the list.

Alderman B. Corish asked that a special case be made for the St. Patrick's Pipe & Drum Band as they were the oldest band in the town and were in a very bad way financially.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle asked that some assistance be given to the Wolfe Tone Summer Fund Scheme. The Borough Accountant pointed out that the Corporation could not do this as there was no legal basis for a contribution to such a scheme. It was suggested by other members present that the scheme be submitted to the V.E.C. and the County Council for assistance. This was agreed.

The contribution to the Wexford Arts Centre was discussed. Councillor J. Roche pointed out that the Corporation had made a significant contribution to the Arts Centre by providing a centre for them on a very generous lease. He added that there were several sources of finance open to the Arts Centre. The Council decided to reduce the estimate for the Arts Centre from £300.15 to £300.00., on the proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle.

The Council unanimously approved the estimate of £150 for the Old Wexford Society on the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Alderman G. Byrne. It was stated that this money would help towards the purchase of new blazers for the Wexford Guides.

Provision for the Pairc Charman development was reduced from £1,000 to £700 on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes.

The amount proposed for the Wexford Festival Singers was reduced from £315 to £300.

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The Council unanimously approved the provision of £365 for the Wexford Mussel Festival on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck.

As a result of the savings that had been made it was unanimously decided to increase the contribution to the Holy Family Confraternity Band from £200 to £255 and the Wexford Swimming Club from £175 to £200, the St. Patrick's Fife & Drum Band from £200 to £400 and the Wexford Golf Club from £250 to £300.

As a result of the debate the final contributions being made to local bodies were adopted as follows on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes:-

Comhaltas Ceolteoiri	..	£175.00
Y.M.C.A.	..	£140.00
H.F.C. Band	..	£255.00
St. Patrick's Fife & Drum Band	..	£400.00
C.B.S. Band	..	£ 50.00
Swimming Club	..	£200.00
Arts Centre	..	£300.00
Light Opera	..	£315.00
Festival Opera	..	£1,000.00
Old Wexford Society	..	£150.00
Pairc Charman	..	£700.00
Festival Singers	..	£300.00
Mussel Festival	..	£365.00
Golf Club	..	£300.00

Swimming Pool/Caravan Park Charges.

The Borough Accountant informed the Council that charges for the Swimming Pool and Caravan Park would be increased as follows:-

- Adults from 50p to £1.00
- Groups from £10.00 to £11.00
- Caravans from £3.00 to £4.00 per night

These increases were unanimously approved by the Council on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes.

Increase in Mayor's allowance.

The Borough Accountant informed the meeting that the provision in the estimates for the Mayor's allowance was £3,600 for 1982. This was unanimously approved on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Mahoney.

Sub-Standard Houses.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Alderman P. Roche the Committee decided to provide £20,000 out of the Corporation's resources to be spent on the upgrading of sub-standard houses.

Contribution to S.E.R.T.O.

Alderman P. Roche speaking as the Corporation's representative on S.E.R.T.O. expressed his disappointment that in the recent allocation of funds by that body that no contribution was made to the development of Wexford Harbour and he therefore suggested that the Corporation's contribution to the S.E.R.T.O. this year be given on condition that money would be made available for the Harbour. This was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Councillor P. Beck.

Planning Application - Pettits.

The Assistant County Manager informed the Council that he had received a planning application from Mr. J. Pettit & Son, Wexford, for a warehouse at St. Aidan's Shopping Centre. He pointed out that a warehouse in this location would be undesirable but that the major objection to the planning application was that it would create a traffic hazard on a busy road. He informed the Council that unless Mr. Pettit could acquire some adjoining land to widen the entrance then he would have to refuse permission. He also pointed out that this land would have to be acquired before the April meeting of the Council as otherwise there would be no time for the statutory procedure for giving permission which would materially contravene the development plan.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle felt that if this happens then Mr. Pettit's application would have to be refused and he would have to try to acquire the land in/meanwhile. The members felt that Mr. Pettit should be facilitated if at all possible.
Councillor J. Hayes abstained.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this 5th day of April, 1982.

Noel Murphy
MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON
TUESDAY, 30TH MARCH, 1982 at 7.00 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, Asst. Co. Manager.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

CIVIC RECEPTION - LETT & COMPANY

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Council unanimously decided to hold the Civic Reception for Lett & Company on Tuesday, the 6th April, 1982 at 8.00 p.m.

Councillor Morris proposed that some small presentation be made to Miss Rita Harper, who has won the Golden Voice of Ireland Competition. This was seconded by the Mayor and agreed. It was decided that this presentation would be made before the Statutory Meeting on the 5th April, 1982, and that an increase in the Mayor's salary be authorised to cover the costs.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES, 1982

At the request of the Mayor, the Assistant County Manager presented his report to the Council, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Manager pointed out that the rate in the £ required for 1982 would be £17.23p, which was an increase of 15% on the 1981 rate. He then made particular reference to Circular Letter FIN 6/82, dated the 25th March, 1982 from the Minister for the Environment, which indicated that Local Authorities would not receive their full domestic rates relief grant in 1982 and he estimated that short fall which would have to be met by Wexford Corporation would amount to £38,500. Circular letter also indicated that new legislation would be introduced which would enable Local Authorities to raise this short - fall by direct charges. The Manager informed the Council that they had three options open to them to make good this short fall:-

- (a) To finance the short-fall from Corporation own resources;
- (b) To require the amount by direct charges;
- (c) To raise the sum of £10,000 in direct charges and provide the balance of £28,500 from the Corporation's resources.

He felt that the third option would be the best compromise for the Corporation, and recommended that this course of action be adopted by making the decision in principle to levy direct charges and details of such charges to be decided by the Council at a later date. The Manager also pointed out to the Council that the Minister had decided to reverse the earlier decision made regarding the proceeds of sales of Local Authority houses and this meant that the £60,000 could now be credited to Revenue Account.

Councillor J. Roche stated that the Minister should await the outcome of discussions by all Local Authorities as to possible ways of raising additional revenue before directing Local Authorities to charge for specific services.

Councillor J. Hayes felt that the Council should not accept any directive from the Minister, which would involve an extra financial burden on the public.

Alderman P. Roche felt that the Minister should leave it up to the individual Local Authorities to decide whether or not to charge for services. He accepted that a service such as planning should be charged.

Mr. Whelan agreed that planning was an obvious service which/^{the}public should pay for and that charges should be also be made for water in urban areas.

Councillor J. O'Flaherty commenting on the Manager's suggestions for raising the short fall on domestic rates relief grant felt that the Council would be unwise to finance this short fall from their own resources and he pointed out the advantages for maintaining a healthy credit balance, which would enable the Council to buy land or to assist in the financing of a major capital scheme. He also suggested that the Minister should carry out further research into new sources of revenue before proceeding along the lines set out in the Circular.

Councillor Reck stated that any charges for services would be unacceptable to the public as/^{it}would be seen as the re-introduction of rates.

Alderman P. Kelly indicated his opposition to any direct charges and agreed with Councillor O'Flaherty that the Corporation's credit balances should be maintained at the present level.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle stated that services would have to be paid for and she felt that urban dwellers would not object to paying a small charge for domestic refuse or water.

ADOPTION OF ESTIMATES, 1982

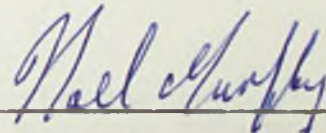
Following further discussion on the matter it was called for a proposal for the formal adoption of the estimates for 1982. Alderman P. Roche, formally proposed that the estimates of expenses set out in Tables A and B3 for financial year ending the 31st December, 1982 and the determination in accordance with the said Estimates of a rate in the £ of £17.23p as set out in Column 10 of Table B3, including the provision of credit balance of £38,500 for the short fall in domestic rates relief grant and a further credit balance of £20,000 to finance sub-standard housing. It was also agreed in principle to raising portion of the £38,500 by direct charges and that the level and scale of these charges would be discussed at the May Meeting.

DEPUTATION FROM MAUDLINTOWN RESIDENTS

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle asked the Council to receive a deputation from the Maudlintown Residents Association to put their case for an improvement in their houses at the April Meeting of the Council. This was seconded by Councillor J. Roche and agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED THIS 5th DAY OF April, 1982.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY, 5th APRIL, 1982 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

PRESENT:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Noel C. Murphy, presiding.

ALDERMEN:- 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. Fahev, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor Noel C. Murphy, Mayor, the congratulations of the Council were extended to Mr. B.J. Kerr, Jeweller, on winning first place in a world wide competition for window display.

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Mahoney the Council also congratulated the Wexford Senior Hurling Team on reaching the National Hurling League Final. However they expressed disappointment that R.T.E. had failed to show the game on television as advertised and asked that this be conveyed to the Authority.

MINUTES

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

- (a) Statutory meeting held on 1st March, 1982.
- (b) Finance Committee meeting held on 2nd March, 1982.
- (c) Finance Committee meeting held on 25th March, 1982.
- (d) Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 30th March, 1982.

RULES FOR DEPUTATIONS

Councillor J. Mahoney pointed out that deputations were being received in the Municipal Buildings with only a number of Council Members and officials present. He felt that this practice should cease and the normal rules governing deputations be strictly adhered to i.e. that deputations be received only at properly convened meetings of the full Council. This was formally proposed by Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman P. Roche and agreed.

DEPUTATION - MAUDLINTOWN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

The deputation was formed by Mr. M. Furlong

At the request of the Mayor Mr. Furlong then addressed the meeting. He stated that the present position in the Maudlintown Housing Scheme was that there were 54 houses with no bathrooms. He submitted a list of these houses adding that he had obtained the signatures of all of tenants agreeing to pay a contribution towards the provision of the bathrooms.

Alderman Roche asked that if every tenant could apply to have a bathroom built and then make a contribution in the rent. The Town Clerk replied that provision was made for this in the Housing Package 1981.

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Alderman P. Kelly said that the deputation were aware of the availability of an unsecured loan of £1,000 and also a Reconstruction Grant of £600. Mr. Furlong replied that the tenants had considered this but they felt that greater finance would be needed to build a bathroom. Following further discussions the Mayor informed the deputation that their case would be considered by the Council and that they would be notified of the outcome in due course. The deputation then withdrew and thanked the Council for receiving them.

In the debate which followed Councillor P. Reck felt that the Council should give serious consideration to the request from the residents of Maudlintown because they had indicated their willingness to pay a contribution towards the improvement of their houses.

Alderman P. Roche agreed and asked that in replying to the deputation that they be given details of the Housing Package and the loans and grants available for house extensions.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle/accepted the fact that these residents were prepared to pay for the improvements but also felt that some provision should be made for those who cannot afford to pay.

Alderman P. Kelly pointed out that the provision of £20,000 made in this years estimates was not for one specific area but was for sub-standard housing in general. He asked that a survey be done to have houses selected for improvement.

Councillor J. Hayes stated that the allocation of £20,000 /should only be spent on the provision of bathrooms and he also suggested that a deputation be sent to the Minister to obtain extra finance for this project.

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager agreed that a survey would have to be done and he also stated that the Department would be requested to provide additional funds. He undertook to report back to the Council.

CAR PARK BYE-LAWS 1982

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Morris the following resolution was passed:-

"That the Car Park Bye-Laws, 1982 made to facilitate the parking of cars at Crescent Quay Car Park and Custom House Quay/Common Quay Street Car Parks and to provide the charging of 10p per hour for parking in these car parks, be hereby adopted and that application be made to the Minister for the Environment for confirmation of these Bye-Laws."

LOAN FOR MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Council unanimously authorised the raising of a loan of £13,000 to finance the interim and preliminary reports for the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme in accordance with the provision of the Local Government No. 2 Act 1960 and subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment.

WAGE INCREASE - CRAFTSMEN & CRAFTSMENS MATES

On the proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman P. Roche the Council unanimously authorised the implementation of revised wage scales for craftsmen and craftsmen's mates in accordance with the sanction of the Department of the Environment per Circular Letter No. EI 5/82 dated 29th March, 1982 in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the City & County Management Amendment Act 1955.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT EMMETT PLACE

On the proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman P. Roche the Council unanimously authorised the disposal of a small strip of land adjoining no. 15, Emmett Place measuring 100 sq. ft. to Mr. Roche on a ten year lease for an annual rent of £100 per year, in accordance with the Statutory Notice circulated under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended by the Housing Act 1966.

COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN MUNICIPALITIES

The Town Clerk circulated a copy of the draft Constitution for the Irish Branch of the Council of European Municipalities and this was considered by the Members. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes the Council unanimously decided to adopt the draft Constitution.

NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN.

At this stage of the meeting Councillor Noel C. Murphy, Mayor, indicated that due to urgent business he would have to vacate the chair. On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Council unanimously nominated Councillor K. Morris to take the chair for the rest of the meeting.

MOTIONS

Wexford Town Development Plan.

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

"That this Council hold a special meeting to review the objectives and all other matters related to the Town Development Plan. This meeting to be held within a month".

Councillor Roche pointed out that the statutory period for reviewing the development plan is 5 years but he felt that it should be done more often because of changing circumstances which arise in towns such as Wexford.

Mr. Whelan agreed that the review of the plan was scheduled for November 1983 and it was proposed to have a draft by the end of 1982. He agreed to have the plan reviewed earlier than that but he did not expect this to happen within a month.

Finance of Local Authorities.

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

"That this Council call on the new Minister for the Environment to continue to look at ways and means of improving the financial position of Local Authorities".

Councillor J. Roche in proposing the motion referred to the study which had been commenced by the former Minister for the Environment into new sources of revenue for local authorities and he suggested that this be pursued.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doble supported the motion and stated that for local authorities to have any effective ^{power} they must have a strong financial base and therefore methods would have to be found to provide local authorities with extra income.

Councillor J. O'Flaherty also supported the motion and stated that the Minister should issue guidelines to local authorities indicating how extra sources of finance could be found.

Following further discussion on the motion it was decided to request the support of the Association of Municipal Authorities in having the motion implemented.

Action Area Plan for Wexford Quay and Harbour.

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

"That the Borough Engineer in co-operation with the County Engineer be given the go ahead to compile a Development Plan which would incorporate the Main Drainage, Quay Extension and the provision of an amenity area with car parking facilities as the main objective and that such a plan be submitted to the Minister at an arranged meeting after our June meeting with Mr. Devlin".

Councillor Reck stated that Wexford Quays could be properly developed by extending beyond the woodenworks and providing a car park in this location. He suggested that the new sewer for the Main Drainage Scheme be made in the extended area and that a overall plan should be prepared to incorporate this. He suggested that if such a plan were prepared it would be possible to apply to the E.E.C. for finance for the scheme. Councillor J. Roche in seconding the motion referred to the number of bodies working on various schemes dealing with the development of the quays and Wexford Harbour and he felt that a plan such as suggested by the motion would co-ordinate all these ideas.

Councillor J. Hayes fully supported the motion on the grounds that the proper development of Wexford Quays and Harbour are an important factor in the industrial and commercial development of Wexford.

The Town Clerk stated that approaches had already been made to C.I.E. regarding the proposed extension of the quays as this would involve another crossing of the railway line. He then read a letter dated 25th March, 1982 from C.I.E. which stated that any further control crossings of the railway line along Wexford Quays would be unacceptable. Councillor J. O'Flaherty felt that the Borough Engineer and the County Engineer should examine the proposals and discuss the matter with C.I.E. Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager informed the Council that proposals for the extension of the quay and the laying of the sewer in this extension are at present being examined by the Corporation's Consulting Engineers. However he stated that the problems with C.I.E. would have to be overcome and the suggestion to put the sewer outside the quay wall instead of in the roadway would have to be justified to the Department of the Environment.

It was agreed to await the Consulting Engineer's report on the matter.

St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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

"That this Borough Council take the necessary steps to provide a reviewing stand for the St. Patrick's Day Parade".

It was agreed to bring this matter to the attention of the Parade Organisers.

Walnut Grove Housing Scheme.

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

"In view of a number of complaints by tenants of Walnut Grove housing estate regarding severe smoking chimneys and the inconvenience which same is creating, I move that this Borough Council calls on Wexford County Council to carry out a general inspection of all houses in this area".

In proposing the motion Councillor Hayes referred to a long list of complaints which had arisen since the scheme had been occupied by the tenants. He mentioned that the most serious complaint was the question of

smoking chimneys and the disruption caused in the scheme by efforts to remedy this fault. He also referred to a gable and a retaining wall which had collapsed in the area.

Councillor K. Morris, Deputy Mayor, ruled that the motion before the meeting was out of order as it referred to a County Council Housing Scheme over which the Corporation had no control. Despite protest from many of the members present that the motion should be taken the Chairman adhered to his ruling and confirmed that the motion was out of order. He then proceeded with the business of the meeting.

Interest Rates.

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

"In view of recent increases of mortgage interest rates by banks and of the proposed increases of same by building societies, that this Borough Council support this motion calling on Independent Deputy, Mr. Tony Gregory to take immediate steps to have legislation introduced to prevent these increases that are present totally unjustified and are placing a tremendous hardship on the already overburdened people of this town and country".

In proposing the motion Councillor Hayes referred to the additional/^{financial} burden which an increase in interest rates would place on many young couples particularly those with house mortgages and he called for action to have the decision rescinded.

Alderman P. Kelly in seconding the motion suggested that the proposed increases be delayed for three months.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle proposed the amendment that the Council calls on the T.D.'s of County Wexford rather than calling on Independent Deputy, Mr. Tony Gregory, as suggested in the motion. This amendment was seconded by Alderman Corish.

The Deputy Mayor then called for a vote. The result of this vote was as follows:-

For the amendment:- Aldermen B. Corish, P. Roche - Councillors J. Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. O'Flaherty - 8 votes

Against the amendment: Councillor J. Hayes & Alderman P. Kelly - 2 votes.

The amendment was then declared carried and in a similar vote the motion was declared lost.

Medical Cards.

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

"That this Council call on the Health Board to issue medical cards more speedily when people are entitled to them".

Alderman Roche urged support for the motion because of the hardships being caused to many people in the delay in issue of medical cards.

Alderman B. Corish in seconding the motion accepted the fact that medical cards were issued very quickly in the majority of cases. The motion was carried unanimously.

Gully Trap.

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

"That a gully trap be installed at junction of Batt Street/New Lane to take surface water from this area"

The Borough Engineer agreed to have this done.

Grassed Areas.

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

"That an ongoing programme of maintenance on grassed areas be sustained throughout the summer period".

In proposing the motion Alderman P. Kelly asked that when grass is cut in large public areas that it be removed immediately and he also appealed to the public to cut the grass outside their houses. Councillor James Mahoney who seconded the motion asked the Borough Engineer to ensure that McInerney Contractors return to Bishopswater to improve the grass margins and that if this is not possible that they be tarmacadamed.

Parking Fees.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Kelly:-

"That fee paying, extended, parking facilities in relation to local business requirements be provided".

Alderman Kelly suggested that this be given to certain businessmen which would enable them to park on double yellow lines outside commercial premises and that they pay a fee for this privilege. Councillor J. Roche suggested that this motion be referred to the Traffic Management Committee for consideration before coming before the Council. This was agreed.

Speed Limits at Bishopswater.

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

"That this Council request the Garda Siochana to enforce the speed limit in the Bishopswater area."

It was agreed to refer this matter to the Gardai and to the Traffic Management Committee.

Knock at Bishopswater.

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

"That this Council insures that the dumping of rubbish at the Knock at Bishopswater be stopped immediately".

Councillor Mahoney in proposing the motion suggested that the soil which had been deposited in this area be removed and also that the gate be replaced.

The Borough Engineer agreed to contact the Contractors again about leveling off the topsoil which had been dumped on the site.

CORRESPONDENCE

Laity Week.

The members were invited to Confraternity in Rowe Street Church on Tuesday night, 27th April, 1982 at 7.30 p.m. in connection with Laity Week 1982.

Rocklands Procession.

The Mayor and Members were notified of the Rocklands Procession which would take place this year on Monday, 3rd May, 1982 from Bride Street

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Church following 7.00 p.m. mass. On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty it was unanimously decided to hold the Statutory Meeting of the Council on Tuesday night 4th May, 1982 to enable the Members to attend the Procession.

Community Radio Wexford.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 25th March, 1982 from Community Radio Wexford requesting the use of the Wexford Coat of Arms on their Letter Heading. The Council decided to refuse permission in this case on the grounds that this is an illegal radio station on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes.

Coat of Arms.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor J. Roche the Council unanimously authorised the use of the Wexford Coat of Arms on the programme for the A.S.T.I. Conference in Wexford.

Permission was also given for the Coat of Arms on an Advertising Brochure for Wexford Harbour on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor K. Morris.

Kinsale Gas.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 10th March, 1982 from the Wexford Gas Consumers Co. Ltd., indicating that they had made formal application for a supply of natural gas from Kinsale on 25th January, 1982. This was noted by the Council.

Selskar Abbey.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 9th March, 1982 from the County Secretary regarding the Council's request to have a library developed in Selskar Abbey. The letter stated that the Abbey had been examined but found unsuitable for conversion to a library.

Official Twinning - Wexford & Coueron.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that the Official Twinning Ceremony between Wexford and Coueron would take place in Coueron on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th May, 1982. On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes the Council unanimously decided to send an official delegation consisting of 3 members and 2 officials to the Ceremony and that an increase in the Mayor's salary be authorised to cover the expense involved in sending this delegation. This was agreed.

It was also agreed on the proposal of Alderman Roche seconded by Councillor Hayes that Mr. Noel Murphy as Mayor, Councillor J. Roche, Councillor J. Mahoney as former mayors who had visited Coueron be the members nominated to attend the Ceremony.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor J. Hayes the Council also nominated Councillor K. Morris to attend.

On the proposal of Alderman B. Corish seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle was also nominated to attend.

Following further discussion Councillor K. Morris proposed and Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded that Councillor J. Roche as Chairman of the County Council and the County Manager be invited to represent the County Council at this Ceremony. This was agreed.

Meeting to Discuss Unemployment.

The Council agreed to hold a special meeting of the Council to discuss the unemployment situation in Wexford on Monday 26th April 1982 at 7.30 p.m.

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QUESTIONS

Junction at Belvedere Road.

In reply to Councillor J. Roche the Borough Engineer stated that the only satisfactory solution to the improvement at the junction of Belvedere Road/Corish Park was the widening of the junction and this was difficult as there is private property on each side of the junction. He undertook to examine the possibility of a traffic island at the location.

Advertising Sign at Talbot Garage.

In reply to Councillor J. Roche the Borough Engineer stated that he had investigated the erection of an Advertising Sign at Talbot Garage and if planning permission was necessary for this sign the owner would be obliged to apply for it.

House at Hantoon Road.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Roche that the plastering of Mrs. Floods house at Hantoon Road has been carried out.

Water Charges - Coolcotts.

In reply to Councillor P. Reck the Assistant County Manager stated that the anomaly of water charges for householders in the borough area and the county area would shortly be removed by the introduction of water charges in urban areas.

Fire Escapes.

In reply to Councillor P. Reck Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager gave the up-to-date position on action taken in relation to fire escapes in flats in three storey houses.

Church Lane Car Park.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor P. Reck that he would investigate the possibility of having a way-in and way-out system of traffic movement at Church Lane Car Park.

Traffic Wardens Uniform.

The Borough Accountant informed Councillor J. Hayes that a new uniform would be supplied to the Traffic Warden.

Pedestrianisation of St. Patrick's Lane.

In reply to Councillor J. Hayes the Borough Engineer stated that the question of pedestrianisation of St. Patrick's Lane would be referred to the Traffic Management Committee.

Cul De Sac in Davitt Road North.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Hayes that the Cul De Sac in Davitt Road North would be swept.

Crosstown Graveyard.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman B. Roche that main pathways through the extension at Crosstown Cemetery would be improved. /over....

Footpaths in William Street.

Alderman P. Roche was informed that the completion of footpaths in William Street would be referred to the County Council.

Ferrybank Promenade.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman Roche that improvement work was being carried out at the promenade at Ferrybank but he pointed out that this would not be suitable for commercial traffic.

Public Reception Area.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that improvements in the Public Reception Area of Municipal Buildings would be carried out this year.

Public Phones.

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Kelly that he was still awaiting a reply from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs regarding public telephone kiosk at Townparks & Bishopswater.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED THIS 4 DAY OF May 1932.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON TUESDAY, 4th MAY, 1982, AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

PRESENT:- His Worhhip the Mayor Councillor Noel C. Murphy, presiding.

ALDERMEN:- P. Roche, P. Kelly.

COUNCILLORS:- J. Roche, Mrs. A. Doyle, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'FLaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Alderman G. Byrne.

IN ATTENDANCE:-

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

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor Noel Murphy, Mavor, seconded by Alderman P. Roche the sympathy of the Council was extended to the family of the late Mr. Nick Corish, former Mayor of Wexford, who had died recently.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor J. Roche the sympathy of the Council was extended to the family of Mr. Frank Conlon who had died /tragically recently.

PRISONERS IN PORT LAOISE JAIL

With the permission of the Mayor Councillor J. Roche raised the matter of three Wexfordmen who had been inprisoned in 1974 and were serving their sentence in Port Laoise Jail. Councillor Roche felt that the sentences at the time were harsh and that the Corporation should approach the Minister for Justice to remit the remainder of the sentences.

Alderman P. Roche agreed that the sentences in his opinion were severe and felt that all three prisoners should now be released. Alderman P. Kelly also supported the proposal. Following furher discussion it was decided to request the Minister for Justice to release the prisoners. Councillor Hayes abstained from this motion.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor J. Mahoney the congratulations of the Council were extended to Wexford Albion Football Club on their recent success in Liverpool.

RENAMING OF STREETS

Alderman P. Kelly raised the question of removal of the names of Irish Patriots from some of Wexford Streets and replacing them with the original names of the streets. He accepted that the Irish names on the streets had not been done legally and that as a result of a plebiscitetaken by the residents of the streets indicated clear preference for the original names. However he personally did not agree with this.

Alderman P. Roche stated that he had raised the matter as far back as 1968 when media coverage had shown that Wexford had two names on many of their streets. He added that a very detailed plebiscite had recently been taken by the Corporation under the law in order to regularise the position and the residents had decided in favour of the old names. He then felt that there was nothing further the Corporation could do.

The Town Clerk pointed out to the Council that the Corporation had used the full process of the law to legalise the names of the streets and as stated previously the residents had clearly shown that they /over....

wanted the original names on the streets. He added that there was now a legal obligation on the Corporation to proceed with this work and the new nameplates had been purchased and were about to be erected. The Town Clerk also mentioned certain persons had made approaches to Corporation employees regarding this matter. He reminded the Council that the decision in relation to the naming of streets was taken by the Corporation and the residents of the streets in accordance with the law and that the workmen of the Corporation had no function in the matter and he seriously objected to any pressure being put on the Council workmen/^{by} unauthorised persons. The Council agreed with this approach.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Councillor J. Roche the Council unanimously adopted the minutes of Quarterly meeting held on 5th April, 1982 and Traffic Management Committee Meeting held on 14th April, 1982.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Traffic at Hill Street.

Councillor J. O'Flaherty asked that an urgent review of the traffic situation at Hill Street be carried out by the Corporation in view of recent accidents in this location.

St. Patrick's Lane.

Councillor J. Hayes expressed disappointment at the Traffic Management Committee for not recommending the pedestrianisation of St. Patrick's Lane. In view of this he suggested that a bollard be put at the corner house to protect the gable. The Borough Engineer replied that this was suggested some time ago but the house owner was unhappy with this arrangement.

Line at the Faythe.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle asked that a white line be placed at the Yield Right-of-Way Sign outside O'Dowd's Garage as requested many times. The Borough Engineer informed Councillor Doyle that this would be done when McLoughlin's Road Lining Co., returned to town later in the year.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Councillor Reck proposed that in view of the many matters raised by the Council on traffic in recent times that a special meeting of the Council be called to discuss traffic problems. This was seconded by Councillor J. Roche and agreed.

Councillor J. O'Flaherty felt that greater progress could be made if the entire Council were on the Traffic Management Committee and he gave notice of his intention to put down a motion for the next meeting for re-organisation of the Traffic Committee.

DISPOSAL OF LAND

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Councillor J. Roche the Council unanimously authorised the disposal of small strip of land at Whitehill Road to Mr. William & Ann Hore in fee simple for the sum of £25 in accordance with Statutory Notice as circulated in pursuance of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 and Section 83 of the Housing Act 1966.

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CASUAL VACANCY - RESIGNATION OF
ALDERMAN B. CORISH.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that he had received the resignation of Alderman B. Corish on 22nd April, 1982 and that a Casual Vacancy therefore existed on the Borough Council. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Council decided to fill this Casual Vacancy at the next Statutory Meeting of the Borough Council.

Councillor J. Hayes extended his congratulations to Alderman Corish and paid tribute to the great service which he had done for the people of Wexford and mentioned the many schemes which had been established in town / ^{which} can be attributed to Mr. Corish's efforts. He concluded by suggesting that the contribution of Alderman Corish be formally recognised by the Council.

Alderman P. Roche concurred with the remarks of Councillor Hayes and also paid tribute to the services which Mr. Corish had done to the people of Wexford in his long service as a T.D., Government Minister and former Tanaiste. He wished him every happiness in the future.

Councillor J. Mahoney mentioned many of the projects for Wexford which Alderman Corish was associated with and paid tribute to his gentlemanly ways and courteous manner in which he had served the people of Wexford.

Councillor P. Reck agreed with all that had been said by the previous speakers and wished Alderman Corish well in the future. Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle described Alderman Corish as a great man who had given wonderful service to Wexford.

Councillor J. Roche recalled his long association with Alderman Corish and referred to his long service in Dail Eireann representing this constituency. He added that the greatest tribute of all had already been paid to Alderman Corish by / ^{the} electorate of Wexford by consistently returning him to the Dail for a period of 30 years.

Councillor J. Morris described Alderman Corish as a gentleman and a capable politician who had served ^{him} Wexford well during his time in the Dail and he congratulated / ^{on} the work which he had done and wished him and his family every happiness.

Councillor Noel Murphy, Mayor also extended his best wishes to Alderman Corish and stated that his resignation would be a great loss to the Council.

Councillor J. O'Flaherty mentioned Alderman Corish's many fine qualities and added that his vast experience had been of great benefit to the Council.

Alderman P. Kelly concurred with the remarks of the previous speakers and wished Alderman Corish well.

Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager, and Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk, also paid tribute to Alderman Corish and expressed their deep regret at his decision to leave the Council.

WATER CHARGES - RURAL AREA

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

"That this Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to authorise the removal of water charges on Corporation houses in the Coolcotts area".

Following a lengthy discussion regarding the anomaly being created by Corporation tenants having to pay water rates outside the urban area it was decided to request the Minister for the Environment to examine the possibility of waiving the water rates in such cases.

SOCIAL WELFARE PAYMENTS

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

"That this Council condemns the delays in payment of Social Welfare Benefits".

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In proposing the motion Councillor Mahoney referred to the long delays / over...

in the payment of Social Welfare Benefits to families who were in hardship. He suggested that this could be relieved by setting up a local social welfare office and have payments made locally. Alderman P. Kelly agreed with this suggestion and pointed out that no legislation was necessary to introduce it. He urged the Dail and Senate representatives in the region to renew their fight to bring this about.

PIPED T.V.

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

"That this Borough Council examines the possibility of providing piped T.V. in all its housing estates in future, particularly in areas of urban renewal".

Councillor Reck referred to the unsightly appearance of television aerials on Corporation houses and stated that it would be in the Corporation's own interest to encourage one aerial per housing scheme.

Alderman P. Kelly agreed and added that aerials can also cause damage to Corporation houses during storms.

The Town Clerk agreed to meet representatives of the Television Companies and to make available to them information about existing or proposed Corporation housing schemes. However he felt that little could be achieved from this as the piping of Television to towns or housing estates was totally in the hands of the commercial companies.

HONOURS LIST

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor K. Morris and resolved:-

"That this Borough Council introduces an "Honours List" for those who gave good service or deserve special acclaim and that each year a personality of the past be included".

Councillor Reck suggested that a protocol committee should be set up by the Council to form a list of people who had distinguished themselves in the Wexford Community during the year. He felt that these people should then be honoured at one Civic Reception instead of the present system of proposing people at Council meetings in a manner which has become slightly haphazard.

Councillor J. O'Flaherty felt that a meeting of the protocol committee should be called to draw up rules governing the granting of Civic Receptions. This was agreed.

DERELICT SITES

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

"That this Council adopt a positive policy towards derelict sites and buildings around Wexford".

Councillor Roche suggested that a more active policy towards derelict sites be introduced by the Council which would have the effect of making suitable building sites available and also tidying up obsolete areas in the town. He mentioned a number of Derelict Sites which were eye sores in the town.

The Town Clerk gave details of the Corporation's record to date in acquiring land under the Derelict Sites Act and stated that the acquisition of further sites such as those suggested by Councillor Roche is also in hands.

Councillor P. Reck felt the motion was timely in view of the recent suggestion by the Government to levy derelict sites in an effort to encourage owners to develop them.

The Council unanimously agreed that every effort should be made to acquire the existing derelict sites in town.

ALLOWANCE FOR YOUTH

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

"In view of the great numbers of young people between 16 and 18 years of age who find themselves without any job prospects when leaving school, also in view of the fact that when they reach this particular age they are removed from their parents social welfare benefits i.e. Childrens Allowance, Tax Concessions etc., at a time when there is greater need for these benefits, I move that this Borough Council support this motion calling on the Taoiseach, Mr. Charles Haughey to make a modest allowance for these young people or their parents in his next budget or before same to alleviate this unfair burden".

Councillor Hayes in proposing the motion declared the fact that no financial assistance or tax concession was given to parents to assist in the feeding and clothing of members of their family in the 16-18 age group who were unemployed. He felt that every effort should be made by the Government to relieve this problem.

Alderman P. Roche agreed that people in this category were a heavy burden on a household and that finance should be made available by the Government to assist parents. Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle agreed that something should be done but asked that unemployment assistance not be made available to these young people as it might act as an encouragement to them to give up school.

Councillor J. O'Flaherty suggested that an extension of the work experience programme might help to resolve the problem.

Councillor P. Reck saw the total restructuring of the social welfare system as the only answer to this difficulty.

Following further discussion it was decided to send a request to the Government along the lines as suggested in the motion.

FUTURE CO-OPTIONS TO BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

"I move that this Borough Council support this motion that in future when a co-option occurs on this Council that only people who have stood before the electorate of Wexford Town whether they be party or non party be supported for this position".

Councillor Hayes in proposing the motion referred to the existing gentlemen's agreement whereby vacancies on the Council caused by resignation of members of parties were filled by the person chosen by the party themselves. He disagreed with this on the grounds that it was undemocratic. He suggested that only a person who had stood for election in the past should be co-opted onto the Council.

Councillor J. Roche in seconding the motion stated that the more correct way of filling casual vacancies would be to offer the seat to the last person eliminated at the local elections.

Councillor K. Morris stated that the existing method of the party selecting the candidate should continue.

Alderman P. Roche mentioned that the labour party candidate for the casual vacancy on the Borough Council would be selected shortly and he understood that under the law every member of the public has a right to put himself forward for that seat.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle felt that the party is given a mandate by the people and they should therefore be entitled to select a candidate to replace one of their members who has resigned.

Councillor P. Reck recalled that he had submitted his name previously for co-option without standing for election and he felt that this should be the case.

Following further discussion on the matter the Mayor put the motion to a vote. The result of this vote was as follows:-

In favour of the motion:- Councillor J. Hayes, Councillor J. Roche - 2 votes.

AGAINST the motion:- Aldermen P. Roche, COUNCILLORS Mrs. Avril Doyle, K. Morris, J. O'Flaherty, Councillors Noel Murphy, Mayor, Cllr. J. O'Flaherty - 7 votes.

Alderman P. Kelly abstained.

The motion was then declared defeated.

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MOUNT GEORGE HOUSING SCHEME

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

"That exterior decorating be carried out to the Mount George housing scheme".

The Borough Engineer agreed to come back to the Council when he had looked into this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE

Housing Finance Agency.

The Council were informed that the Minister for the Environment had decided to allow local authorities to approve loans under the Housing Finance Agency but that the Minister intended to review the terms of the scheme at a later stage.

Bank Interest Rates.

The Town Clerk read letters which he had received from Mr. Sean Browne, T.D., and Mr. Ivan Yates, T.D., regarding the Council's request to prevent the banks from increasing their interest rates. This was noted by the Council.

Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

A letter dated 23rd April, 1982 from A.M.A.I. was read. The letter informed the Council that a deputation from the Executive Committee would be received by the Minister for the Environment shortly to discuss present financial difficulties as well as new charges for services. The Council were invited to submit any points which they would like to have discussed with the Minister to the Executive for consideration. This was noted.

Medical Cards.

By letter dated 22nd April, 1982 the Administrator Community Care, South Eastern Health Board replied to the Council's complaint of delay in the issue of medical cards. He pointed out that there was no evidence of delays in the issue of medical cards on the part of the Board and that if the Council had any examples to the contrary they should be submitted to the board for investigation.

Sports For All Day.

The Council were notified that the Cospoir Sport For All Day would be held on Sunday 30th May, 1982.

QUESTIONS.

Footpaths.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Mahoney that the footpath at Old Whites would be repaired shortly.

Flooding at Davitt Road.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Mahoney that work would commence shortly on the relief of flooding at Davitt Road.

Roads.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Hayes that the /OVER....

question of cleaning roads at Whitemill and Clonard was a County Council matter and it should be referred to them.

College View.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. Hayes that the sculpture and shrubery recently placed at College View Open Space was done by Wexford Junior Chamber and that the Corporation and some of the residents had been consulted before the work was carried out.

Borough Extension.

Councillor J. Hayes was informed that the joint meeting of Wexford County Council and Wexford Borough Council to discuss the Borough Extension would not be possible for several months pending the completion of the investigation into the extension.

Fencing at Harbour View.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that the fencing and tarmacadam at Harbour View could not be completed until negotiations had been finalised with C.I.E.

Young Irelands, G.A.A. Club.

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Kelly that the request from the Young Irelands G.A.A. Club for a site for a club house in the selskar area would be kept under review.

Slow Signs.

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Kelly that the placing of slow signs at Crescent Quay would be considered by the Traffic Management Committee.

"No left Turn" Sign.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor P. Reck that he would arrange to have a "no left Turn" Sign erected at the entrance to the Main Street from Cornmarket.

John Street Housing Scheme.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor P. Reck that the Corporation's Consultants would shortly be instructed to prepare plans for a housing scheme at Corporation land at John Street/Hill Street.

White Line.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle that the Corporation would put a white line outside O'Dowd's Garage when the Lining Contractors returned to town.

International Federation of Housing & Planning Conference.

Councillor J. Hayes raised the question of the conference of the International Federation of Housing & Planning to be held in Oslo from 24th to 28th June, 1982. The Council agreed to send two members and one official to this conference. Councillor J. Mahoney was nominated on the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor J. Roche. Cllr. K. Morris was nominated on the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Ald. P. Roche. The Manager indicated to the Council that he would nominate the official and this was agreed by the Council. The Council also nominated Cllr. Noel Murphy, Mayor as substitute delegate on the proposal of Cllr. J. Hayes seconded by Cllr. J. Roche.

Signed this 14th day of June 1982.
Noel Murphy MAYOR.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY 14th JUNE, 1982 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

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

Aldermen:- G. Byrne, 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. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the Council was extended to the family of Mr. Willie O'Neill, 2, Edenvale Avenue a former employee of the Corporation who had died recently.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the minutes of Statutory meeting held on 4th May, 1982 and recommendation of Traffic Management Committee meeting held on 4th June, 1982 were unanimously adopted.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Council proceeded to fill the Casual Vacancy on the Borough Council caused by the resignation of Alderman B. Corish. The Town Clerk stated that two nominees had given their consent to act on the Borough Council if elected; Mr. B. Howlin, 7, Upper William Street, Wexford.
Mr. N. White, 7, Talbot Green, Wexford.

Mr. B. Howlin was proposed by Alderman P. Roche and seconded by Councillor Noel Murphy, Mayor.

Mr. N. White was proposed by Councillor J. Hayes and seconded by Alderman P. Kelly.

As there were no further nominations the Mayor then called for a vote the result of which was as follows:-

For Mr. Howlin; Aldermen G. Byrne, P. Roche.
Councillors J. Roche, Mrs. A. Doyle, J. Mahoney, P. Reck,
K. Morris, J. O'Flaherty, N. Murphy - 9 votes.

For Mr. White; Alderman P. Kelly.
Councillor J. Hayes - 2 votes.

Mr. Howlin was then declared elected.

CASUAL TRADING ACT 1980

On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor K. Morris the Council unanimously proposed to designate the Market Place in the Bull Ring as a Casual Trading Area in accordance with the provisions of Sub-Section 4 of Section 7 of the Casual Trading Act 1980 and subject to the provisions of Sub-Section 5 of that section.

The Council also decided that they be informed before any allocation of spaces are made to traders on the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Councillor J. Roche.

Coolcotts Housing Scheme (Phase 2a-46 houses)

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Council unanimously adopted the layout plan prepared by the National Building Agency for Coolcotts Housing Scheme Phase 2a (46 houses).

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TEMPERANCE ROW HOUSING SCHEME

The Town Clerk informed the Council that Mrs. Cullen's garden behind Temperance Row Housing Scheme had now been purchased and it was proposed to construct approximately 4 old folk houses on this site. The layout plan for this site which was prepared by Messrs. Niall Hyde & Partners was unanimously adopted by the Council on the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty.

HOUSING CAPITAL ALLOCATION 1982

The Town Clerk informed the Council that a sum of £920,000 had been allocated by the Department of the Environment to finance the Corporation's Housing Programme for 1982. He advised the Council that this allocation would enable the Corporation to commence work on the 46 house scheme at Coolcotts Phase 2a. He also stated that a further allocation would be sought from the Department to finance further infill sites at Bernadette Place/The Faythe, Bride Street, and John Street.

Councillor J. Roche informed the Council that he had met the Minister for State at the Department of the Environment in his capacity as Chairman of the County Council and that the Minister had indicated that funds totaling four million pounds were available for additional allocations. He agreed that the Corporation should immediately seek a portion of this money. This was agreed.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Councillor J. Roche the Corporation unanimously decided to hold the first Quarterly Meeting for the election of Mayor in the Arts Centre, Cornmarket, Wexford, on Wednesday, 30th June, 1982 at 7.30 p.m.

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Noel C. Murphy thanked the members of the Council and the staff for their co-operation during his term of office as Mayor.

MOTIONS

Traffic Management Committee.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman G. Byrne:-

"That this Council rescinds its decision to establish a Traffic Management Committee of Wexford Corporation and that the entire Council of twelve members constitute a new Traffic Management Committee".

In proposing the motion Councillor O'Flaherty felt that more progress would be made if all members of the Council were represented on the Traffic Management Committee.

Councillor J. Roche and Alderman P. Roche both opposed the motion on the grounds that the existing Traffic Management Committee had proved very successful and that a larger committee would be too unwieldy. Alderman P. Kelly, Councillor J. Mahoney and Councillor J. Hayes all spoke in favour of the motion.

Councillor P. Reck agreed that some change is necessary in the Traffic Management Committee although he felt that the twelve members of the Council might be too big. He acknowledged the work done by the existing committee in the past.

Following further discussion on the motion the Mayor decided to take a vote. The result of this vote was as follows:-

In favour of the motion:- Aldermen; G. Byrne, P. Kelly - Councillors: Mrs. A. Doyle, J. Mahoney, N. Murphy, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty. -- 8 votes.

Against the motion:- Alderman P. Roche Councillors; J. Roche, P. Reck - 3 votes

The motion was then declared carried.

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Railway Entrance.

On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Alderman P. Kelly the following motion was unanimously adopted:-

"That this Corporation agree that the railway entrance to Wexford be cleaned up and made more presentable".

The Borough Engineer informed the Council that this was a matter for C.I.E. and he undertook to make approaches at local level to have the area cleaned up.

Dangerous Bend.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Mahoney seconded by Alderman P. Roche the following motion was unanimously adopted:-

"That this Borough Council call on the County Council to have the dangerous bend on the road near St. Josephs Club, Bishopswater, removed".

Councillor J. Mahoney stressed the urgency of having this matter attended to.

Councillor P. Reck mentioned that a further meeting with the County Council was necessary to discuss this and other matters.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doble indicated that the County Council had no finance available to it to carry out this work at present.

It was decided that this matter would be on the agenda for the next meeting with the Wexford District Committee.

Horse River.

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

"That this Borough Council take immediate steps to remove the effluent from the Municipal Sewerage Scheme, which is lying in the Horse River, King Street".

The Borough Engineer informed the Council that work had started on this in the past week.

Wexford Youth Group.

On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doble seconded by Councillor J. Hayes the following motion was unanimously adopted:-

"That this Council congratulates the Wexford Youth Group on reaching the National Semi Finals of the Tops of the Town".

Congratulations of the Council were also sent to the Loch Garman Silver Band on the proposal of Alderman P. Kelly seconded by Councillor K. Morris.

Trespan Rock.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck seconded by Alderman P. Roche the following motion was unanimously adopted:-

"That this Borough Council takes immediate steps to begin a process of turning the area known as the Rocks into a preserved amenity".

The Borough Engineer informed the Council that the Corporation had made an effort to resurface this entrance in the recent past but that an adjoining landowner had stopped the work. It was agreed that this work be included in future amenity schemes.

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

"That urgent steps be taken to stop the terrible practice of damaging graves in Crosstown Cemetery.

In proposing the motion Councillor Reck condemned the vandalism at the Cemetery and asked that a closer eye be kept on this area by the Corporation.

The Borough Engineer confirmed that the Caretaker was keeping this matter under observation. He also referred to the skip which was recently provided for rubbish in this area.

House Improvement Grants.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Roche seconded by His Worship the Mayor Councillor Noel C. Murphy and resolved:-

"That this Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to seriously investigate the possibility of introducing a graded scale system into the House Improvement Grant Scheme".

In proposing the motion Councillor Roche referred to the introduction of a means test as the most suitable method of allocating grants and also that the Department should take account of the value of work and age of the house.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doble suggested that the income limit for the Housing Finance Agency loan which is £9,000 should be the income limit for the grant.

It was agreed to refer the matter to the Minister for the Environment.

Roundabouts.

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

"That roundabouts and road widening be considered in areas where there is traffic congestion and confusion at present".

Following further discussion on the matter it was decided to refer this to the Traffic Management Committee.

Housing Programme.

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

"In view of the inadequate number of local authority houses which we have and are providing for our young married couples and their families, also in view of the very substantial and ever increasing numbers who have and are presently applying for same, I move that this Borough Council supports this motion to seek a meeting at the earliest possible date with Mr. Raphael Burke, Minister for the Environment to acquire extra financial aid to construct at least one hundred houses on this occasion to try and alleviate to some extent this very serious problem".

It was agreed to request the Minister for the Environment to receive a deputation. The following members of the Council were nominated to form the deputation; Councillors J. Hayes, J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, and the Mayor. The five T.D.'s the Manager and the Town Clerk.

It was agreed that the T.D.'s be requested to arrange the meeting.

Meeting with the Taoiseach.

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

"In view of the lack of capital investment also in view of the lack of interest that has been shown both in the past and present by Governments of the day when it comes to distributing the national cake that we in Wexford have so long been deprived of, now more so than ever, I move that this Borough Council support this motion calling on our five T.D.'s to call for a special meeting with Mr. Charles Haughey, Taoiseach, to put forward in the strongest possible terms a case for economic growth /over....

that we in the south east corner are justifiably entitled."

It was agreed to request the Taoiseach to receive a deputation as soon as possible.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A.M.A.I. Conference.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 2nd June, 1982 setting out the progress made by the deputation from the Association of Municipal Authorities which met the Minister for the Environment to discuss financial matters. This was noted by the Council.

Footpaths.

The Council were informed that Wexford County Council had no finance available to do footpaths in the environs of Wexford as requested by the Corporation.

Annual Conference - A.M.A.I.

The Council were notified that motions to be considered at the Association of Municipal Authorities Annual Conference must be submitted before 15th July, 1982.

Twinning.

The Council received the congratulations of Enniscorthy T.D.C. on the recent twinning between Wexford & Coueron.

Prisoners in Portlaoise.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the three Wexford Prisoners in Portlaoise thanking the members for their efforts to have them released. This was noted.

Block Grants.

The Council were notified that the Department was not in a position to increase the Block Grant Allocation for 1982, as requested by the Council.

Pre-sale repairs.

The Council were notified by the Department that it was not proposed to review the arrangements for pre-sale structural repairs to Corporation houses as requested by the Council.

Pedestrian Crossing.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Miss Catherine Byrne, 4, Westgate, Wexford, regarding the provision of pedestrian crossing at Johns Road/John Street and requested the Corporation to receive a deputation to discuss the matter. The Council decided to refer this matter to the Traffic Management Committee to receive a deputation.

QUESTIONS

Footpath - Whitemill Road.

In reply to Alderman G. Byrne the Borough Engineer stated that the acquisition of the necessary land was in progress for the provision of a footpath from Kennedy Park to Whitemill Road.

Potholes - Maudlintown.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman G. Byrne that the potholes in the Maudlintown Road would be repaired.

Maudlintown Sewerage.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman G. Byrne that the problem of Maudlintown Sewerage would be included in the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme.

Telephone Kiosks.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. Mahoney that the Department of Posts & Telegraphs had not yet decided when the telephone kiosks in Bishopswater & Townparks would be erected.

Horse River.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Mahoney that the cleaning of the Horse River had already been undertaken.

Tenant Purchase Scheme.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. O'Flaherty that the details of the Tenant Purchase Scheme for 1983 would be circulated to all tenants before the next meeting.

Assessment of building land.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. O'Flaherty that assessment of available building land had been carried out in the north end of town by the Corporation and that they were pursuing the acquisition of a one acre site approximately in the Hill Street area.

Traffic Island.

The Borough Engineer undertook to examine the possibility of providing a traffic island on the Carrigeen/Roches Road junction as requested by Councillor P. Reck.

Pothole.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor P. Reck that pothole at King Street would be filled.

Pedestrianization.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor P. Reck that the question of pedestrianization would be considered at the next meeting of the Traffic Management Committee.

Gully Trap.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Roche that the gully trap at Batt Street/Jew Lane would be installed as soon as possible.

Road Surface.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Roche that he would investigate the road surface at Corish Park/Kennedy Park.

"Children at Play" Signs.

The Borough Engineer stated that Councillor J. Hayes's request for a "Children at Play" sign at Davitt Road North would be investigated.

Tenders.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. Hayes that five contractors had tendered for Coolcotts Housing Scheme Phase 3 and that the lowest tender was accepted. He added that three tenders were received for Temperance Row Housing Scheme and the lowest tender was accepted in that case also.

Double Yellow Lines.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Hayes that double yellow lines would be laid at the entrance to the C.B.S. School.

TWINNING - WEXFORD & COUERON.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that the Twinning Committee had met to consider the return date of the Twinning Ceremony between Wexford and Coueron. He stated that the date suggested by the Committee was the last weekend in August to coincide with the Wexford Mussel Festival and that this date had been forwarded to Coueron. However it could not be confirmed until they had replied. This was noted.

SPECIAL MEETING

The Council decided to defer the special meeting to discuss job creation until the new Mayor takes office.

The Council decided not to fix a date for the special meeting to review the Development Plan until the next meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Signed this 5th day of July 1982.

Patrick J. Reek
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL, HELD IN THE
ARTS CENTRE, CORNMARKEt, WEXFORD, ON WEDNESDAY, 30th JUNE, 1982 AT HALF
PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK,

The Members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Noel C. Murphy.

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

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

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

ELECTION OF MAYOR

At the outset, the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Noel Murphy gave a brief outline of the major developments 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 Podge Reck proposed by Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor J. Mahoney.

Alderman P. Roche proposed by Councillor N. Murphy seconded by Councillor B. Howlin.

There were no further nominations. A vote was then taken the result of which was as follows:-

For Councillor Reck: Aldermen: G. Byrne, P. Kelly.

Councillors: J. Roche, J. Mahoney, P. Reck, K. Morris,
J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, - 8 votes.

For Alderman Roche: Alderman P. Roche.

Councillors: Mrs. Avril Doyle, N. Murphy, B. Howlin -
4 votes.

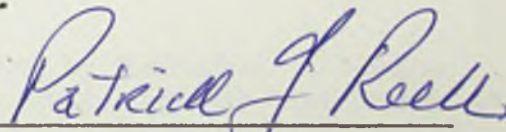
Councillor P. Reck having received a majority of votes was declared elected.

Councillor P. Reck 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 defeated candidate Alderman Roche and to the outgoing Mayor Councillor Noel Murphy 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 Murphy on his achievements during the year.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PRACTICE

Quarterly meetings for year 1982 - 1983 will be held on the first Monday in October, 1982, January, 1983 and April, 1983.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD

Dated this 5th

May 1982
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MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON 5th JULY, 1982 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Present:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Patrick J. Reck, presiding.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, M. Murphy, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin.

In Attendance:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Acting Assistant County Manager.
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

AT the outset His Worship the Mayor Councillor Patrick J. Reck appealed for the co-operation of the Members during his term of office as Mayor. He stated that while he was in the Chair he would not allow members to ask supplementary questions nor would he permit any interruptions while members are speaking. He also referred to a recent meeting which was held in Clonard after which it was reported that only one member of the Corporation had turned up. He informed the Council that he had received no invitation to this meeting. He also congratulated Councillor J. Roche on the work he had done as Chairman of Wexford County Council and pledged his co-operation to Mr. Michael D'Arcy, T.D., the new Chairman.

Alderman P. Roche and many other of the members present also referred to the meeting in Clonard and stated that they were not invited.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor K. Morris the minutes of Statutory Meeting held on 14th June, 1982 and Quarterly meeting held on 30th June, 1982 were unanimously adopted.

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

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes the Council unanimously decided to defer the filling of Casual Vacancy on the Town of Wexford V.E.C. until the next Statutory Meeting.

AMENDMENT OF WEXFORD PARKING BYE-LAWS.

On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor K. Morris the Council unanimously approved the amendment of schedule 2 to the Wexford Park By-Laws to make Barrack Street a one-way street for traffic travelling southwards.

URGENT CORRESPONDENCE.

Deputation from Maudlintown.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the residents of Maudlintown requesting that a deputation be received to discuss the sewerage problem in that area. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty it was agreed that the Borough Engineer and Town Clerk would meet the deputation to discuss the matter.

Official Opening - Townparks Stage III.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the Council unanimously decided to invite the Minister for the Environment, Mr. Raphael P. Burke, T.D., to open the 54 house scheme at townparks.

Loch Garman Silver Band.

The Council considered a letter which was circulated to them from the Loch Garman Silver Band regarding the decision not to allocate any grant to them this year. The Town Clerk explained that all applicants for grants this year had to submit financial statements and the Loch Garman Silver Band had refused to do so. Because of this they were not allocated any grant and it was also explained that the very scarce funds were re-allocated among the other applicants.

Alderman P. Roche proposed and Councillor J. Roche seconded that a financial contribution be made to the band and that the Borough Accountant examine the estimates to see where the money might be found.

Councillor J. Hayes felt that the original decision should stand and Alderman P. Kelly agreed. However after further discussion the Council decided to make a contribution to the band if possible.

MOTIONS

Non-domestic refuse.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Kelly:-

"That this Corporation initiate a programme for the collection of non-domestic refuse".

The motion was seconded by Councillor J. Roche.

The Borough Engineer suggested that residents be contacted and informed when a skip would be available in their area.

Alderman G. Byrne felt that the implementation of this motion could cause many problems.

The Mayor suggested that individuals should contact the Corporation and ask to have rubbish in their areas collected.

Councillor J. O'Flaherty felt that as private firms are providing this service residents could contact them to have their rubbish collected.

The Mayor proposed an amendment which called on the Borough Engineer to investigate this suggestion. This was seconded by Councillor B. Howlin.

A vote was then taken the result of which was as follows:-

For the Amendment:- Aldermen: G. Byrne, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors: J. Roche, P. Reck, Mayor, N. Murphy, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin.

Against the Amendment:- Councillors: J. Hayes, K. Morris.

The Amendment was declared carried.

Storm Drain at Wolfe Tone Villas.

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

"That an extra storm drain be provided at Wolfe Tone Villas."

It was agreed to have the motion implemented.

Cemeteries.

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

"That the Borough Council calls on the County Council to take immediate steps to improve access and right of way to Cemeteries at Carrig and Drinagh".

It was agreed to request the County Council to have the access improved.

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Office of Public Works.

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

"That we call on the Board of Works to make buildings which are under their control in Wexford Town area at Lambert Place and King Street safe"

The Borough Engineer informed the Council that a plan for temporary office in front of the Automatic Telephone Exchange had been submitted by the Office of Public Works and that he would request them to make the existing building safe.

Drug Abuse.

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

"That this Borough Council sets up a review body to consider what steps should be taken to counteract drug abuse, glue sniffing, and vandalism."

In proposing the motion the Mayor suggested that the Council should have a meeting with two parents, a priest, doctor, nurse, guard, two Corporation Members, two teachers, a representative of the Health Education Bureau and the local health committee and that the meeting should be held within three weeks. He also suggested that Councillor J. Hayes be invited to the meeting.

Councillor J. Roche pointed out that the sub-committee of the local health committee is also investigating ways to improve drug abuse and he felt that there should be a meeting with them first.

Councillor J. Hayes felt that very little could be done by Councillors and suggested that an advisory centre be established in Wexford Town to discuss this problem.

Following further discussion it was decided to have a further meeting on the 13th July.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Register of Electors.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that any member who wishes to make proposals on the preparation of the Register of Electors should send them to the County Council before the 23rd July, 1982.

Meeting with Taoiseach.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. Lorcan Allen, T.D., Minister of State regarding the Council's request for a meeting with the Taoiseach to discuss economic growth in Wexford. He indicated that he had discussed the matter with the Taoiseach and would write again as soon as possible. Similar letters were also received from Deputy Ivan Yates, T.D.

Meeting with Minister for the Environment.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. Lorcan Allen, T.D., regarding the Council's request for a deputation to the Minister for the Environment to seek a greater capital allocation for housing. He indicated that he had made contact with the Minister and would write again as soon as possible. A similar letter was received from Deputy Hugh Byrne.

Barrell Organ.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that an application had been received for the use of a Barrell Organ on Wexford Streets. The Council unanimously approved the application on the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the Council unanimously decided to send delegates to the Annual Conference of the National Housing and Town Planning Council to be held in Brighton from 9th - 11th November, 1982.

Motions for Annual Conference of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

Decentralisation of Social Welfare Payments.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, seconded by Alderman P. Kelly the following motion was agreed:-

"That this Conference calls on the Government to decentralise without delay the payment of Social Welfare Benefits, in particular disability Benefits to local centres".

Power of Local Authorities.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, the Council unanimously agreed to submit the following motion:-

"That this Conference calls on the Government to strengthen the powers of Local Authorities, along the lines suggested to the Minister for the Environment by Local Authorities in the recent past."

Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act 1976.

Alderman P. Kelly proposed that the following motion be sent:-

"That this Conference calls on the Government to repeal the Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act 1976."

Councillor J. Hayes felt that this motion should not be sent in the name of Wexford Corporation and Councillor B. Howlin agreed.

Councillor J. O'Flaherty proposed that the motion should be sent and that the Conference should then decide on whether it would be passed or not. This was seconded by Alderman P. Roche. The Mayor then asked for a vote on this proposal. The result of the vote was as follows:-

In Favour:- Alderman G. Byrne, Alderman P. Roche, Alderman P. Kelly, Councillors J. Roche, P. Reck, Mayor, N. Murphy, J. O'Flaherty.

Against:- Councillors K. Morris, B. Howlin, J. Hayes.

As a result of the vote it was decided to send the motion to Conference.

Specials Meetings.

It was decided to hold a special meeting of the Council to review the Development Plan on 9th August, 1982.

A Special Meeting of the Traffic Management Committee was fixed for 9th August, 1982, also.

A Special Meeting of the Council to discuss job creation in Wexford was fixed for 12th July, 1982 subject to the availability of Mr. Frank Burke, Regional Manager IDA.

Planning Applications - Amusement Centres.

The Borough Engineer informed the Council that two planning applications had been received, one for an amusement arcade in Anne Street and the other for a private club for recreation purposes in South Main Street. He indicated that it was intended to refuse both applications. This was noted by the Council.

QUESTIONS

Road Markings.

In reply to Alderman P. Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that road markings would be placed at Kennedy Park Cul-De-Sac with the approval of the Gardai.

Mount George Housing Scheme.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that the cost of repainting the front of Mount George Housing Scheme would cost £3,000 but he had arranged for the Architect and the paint suppliers to discuss the deterioration of the finish.

Kerbstones at Corish Park.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that ^{yellow} markings are being placed on kerbstones on the corner of footpaths at Corish Park.

Crosstown Cemetery.

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Roche that the cost of the car park at Crosstown Cemetery developed in 1976 was £2,500 and that the new entrance could not be opened to the cemetery because of objections of Mr. Pat La Roche.

Maudlintown Lane.

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Roche that objections have been received from Mr. Pat Killeen towards the resurfacing of Maudlintown Lane leading to the Rocks.

William Street paths.

The Town Clerk stated that the question of timber structure on William Street paths would be taken up with the County Council.

Seats at North Station.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor P. Reck, Mayor that the erection of seats at North Station would be a matter for C.I.E. but the Corporation could examine this matter.

Bride Street.


The question of making Bride Street a one-way street was referred to the Traffic Management Committee.

Keysers Lane Car Park.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor P. Reck Mayor that resurfacing of Keysers Lane Car Park had been carried out.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 6th DAY OF September, 1982.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF HOUSING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CLOSE OF THE STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON 5th JULY, 1982.

Allocation of tenancies - Temperance Row Housing Scheme.

The Town Clerk circulated the draft housing list for the allocation of tenancies for the 12 units at Temperance Row. On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Alderman P. Roche the Council unanimously decided to give priority to any resident who had been displaced from Temperance Row who wished to transfer from a Corporation house back to that area.

Mr. James Kehoe.

All the members present spoke in favour of giving Mr. James Kehoe who is on the Old Folk Housing List a house in Temperance Row. The Manager agreed to take account of the Council's recommendations.

Four-bedroomed Houses.

Councillor J. Roche asked that not too many big families be put into the four bedroomed houses because of the already large number of children in this area.

Adoption of List.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the Council unanimously recommended that the list which had been circulated be adopted subject to the amendment outlined above.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 6th DAY OF September, 1982.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON
MONDAY, THE 9TH OF AUGUST, 1982, at 8.30 P.M.

PRESENT:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Patrick J. Reck,
presiding.

ALDERMEN:- Gus Byrne, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

COUNCILLORS:- Mrs. Avril Doyle, J. Mahoney, K. Morris, J. Hayes,
J. O'Flaherty, J. Roche, B. Howlin.

IN ATTENDANCE;- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Asst. Co. Manager.
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.
Mr. C. Daly, Asst. Chief Planning Officer, Wexford Co. Council.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Councillor J. Hayes proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle on the death of her uncle, who had died as a result of injuries received during a raid on his Post Office in Dublin. He also proposed ^{that} the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of those killed during the recent bomb attack in London.

The Mayor stated that he had already written to the British Ambassador extending his own personal sympathy to the relatives of those killed in the bomb blast and also condemning this act. He then read a reply which he had received from the British Ambassador.

Councillor J. Roche felt that as the Mayor had written this letter in his own personal capacity that it was not a matter for discussion at the meeting. However, he agreed with Councillor Hayes' suggestion to extend the sympathy to the British Government and the British people.

Alderman P. Roche sympathised with Councillor Mrs. Doyle and supported the vote of sympathy to the British people.

Councillor P. Howlin strongly condemned the bomb attack in London and added his sympathy to the relatives of the dead. The Members present also supported the vote of sympathy.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle thanked the members for their sympathy and also agreed with the vote of sympathy for the victims of the London's bombings. She also suggested that a contribution of £25.00 be sent from the Corporation to the special fund being set up for the victims. This was agreed. During the discussion on the vote of sympathy Alderman Kelly interjected a number of times. He also refused to accept the Mayor's ruling in relation to these interjections and left the meeting.

MOTIONS FOR MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES CONFERENCE

The Mayor informed the meeting that the motions for the Municipal Authorities Conference to be held in Wexford this year had been discussed by the Organising Committee at an earlier meeting. He stated that the delegates for the Conference, Alderman P. Roche and Councillor J. Mahoney would have a very busy schedule during the 3 days of the conference, for that reason it was suggested that the Corporation submit no motions for conference to enable these delegates to oversee the smooth running of the facilities in Wexford. The Mayor then formally proposed that the motions which had been submitted in the name of Wexford Corporation be withdrawn. This was seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty.

Councillor J. Hayes felt that as the Host Town the motions should be submitted to conference and he formally proposed that this be done. Alderman P. Roche stated that he would second Councillor Hayes' proposal and thereby re-assure him that any motion which the Corporation wishes to submit to conference would be proposed by the Wexford Delegates.

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The Mayor then called for a vote on the amendment:-
The result of this vote was as follows:-

For the Amendment:- Councillors:- J. Hayes, Alderman P. Roche,
Councillor J. Mahoney - 3 votes.

For the Motion:- Councillor P. Reck Mayor, K. Morris,
J. O'Flaherty, Mrs. Avril Doyle, B. Howlin,
J. Roche, Alderman G. Byrne. - 7 votes.

The motion was then declared carried.

LONDON WEXFORDMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Mayor informed the meeting that he had received an invitation to the Annual Reunion of the London Wexfordmen's Association to be held in October,, and that he was arranging a coach to enable any Wexford person who wished to travel to this function. This was noted by the Council.

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN

At the outset the Mayor stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the Development Plan. He then asked Councillor J. Roche, who had proposed that the meeting be held to make his comments. Councillor J. Roche stated that although the Development Plan did not have to be reviewed until 1983, it was important to have a number of meetings to establish policies at this stage. He pointed out that the existing Development Plan was too rigid and that the 5 year statutory period for reviewing the plan is too long. He felt that strict zoning in a built ^{up} area like Wexford was difficult to enforce and he appealed for flexibility in the operation of the Plan in future.

Alderman P. Roche supported this view, he gave as an example the rapid development on the Western side of Wexford Town where the large housing areas had not been properly serviced by shops and recreational development.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle agreed that flexibility should be introduced in planning but stated that the final decision on planning applications should always be an executive one. Councillor Doyle also referred to the shopping centre at the Crescent pointing out that the present building did not maintain the building line in the area.

The Mayor welcomed the development of shops and shopping centres in Wexford Town because in his view this made Wexford a very attractive place to outsiders. He agreed that this type of development can cause traffic congestion but felt that the traffic problem at the Quay could be solved by an extension of the Quay area.

Councillor J. Hayes agreed that planning should be flexible but warned the Council that this could also lead to difficulties as in the case of two industries which were granted in John Street which is a residential area.

Mr. Clem Daly, Assistant Chief Planning Officer referred to the individual points which had been raised by the members and also agreed that corner shops should be allowed in residential areas.

Following further discussion on the matter the Council unanimously decided to proceed with the review of the plan and that a number of Council meetings be held during the review period to enable the Council to discuss policy and to review progress. This was seconded by Alderman P. Roche and resolved.

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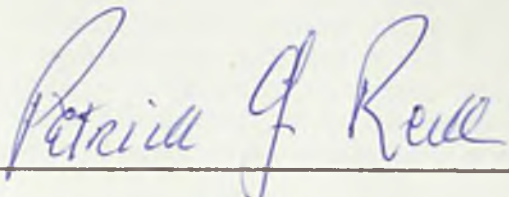
BOUNDARY EXTENSION

At the request of Alderman Gus Byrne it was decided to discuss the boundary extension at the next meeting of the Council.

SPECIAL MEETING
DRUGS AND UNEMPLOYMENT

It was unanimously decided to hold a special meeting on the 13th September 1982 at 7.30 p.m. to discuss the unemployment situation in Wexford and the representatives from the I.D.A. be invited. It was also decided to have a special meeting on the Drug Problem in Wexford immediately after this meeting.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

Signed this 6th day of September, 1982.

MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE CLOSE OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING ON THE 9TH OF AUGUST, 1982

PRESENT:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Patrick J. Reck, presiding.

ALDERMEN:- Gus Byrne, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

COUNCILLORS:- Mrs. Avril Doyle, J. Mahoney, K. Morris, J. Hayes,
J. O'Flaherty, J. Roche, B. Howlin.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Assistant Co. Manager.
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

MARK CULLEN, 11 LIAM MELLOWS PARK

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that Mark Cullen, 111 Liam Mellows Park had been appointed tenant of the vacant Corporation flat at 21 Skeffington Street, however, subsequent enquiries showed that Mr. Cullen was the registered owner of a house - a County Council cottage at Ballyslaney, Oylegate. The Corporation flat had been repossessed by the Council as a result and was being allocated to another applicant.

MRS. CLOWERY, WHITEROCK VIEW

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that an application was received from Mrs. Clowery, White Rock View but when the last housing list was being compiled, the C.M.O. was given information that this woman had in fact died. This proved to be untrue and the C.M.O. had now assessed Mrs. Clowery and awarded her 27 points, which would put her next on the Old Folks List. He indicated that the ^{Manager} was appointing Mrs. Clowery to the next vacant old folk's flat. This was noted by the Committee with approval.

MR. FRANCIS POWER, TOWNPARKS

The Committee raised the case of Mr. Francis Power, Townparks, who was at present in a new Corporation flat in this area, but because of the condition of his health, he was unable to walk into town. It was recommended that Mr. Power be transferred to a Corporation flat nearer the town.

MRS. FOWLER, 55 HANTOON ROAD

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that Mrs. Fowler, 55 Hantoon Road who is on the non-family type list had been offered a house in Maudlintown, close to where she lives at present, but that she had refused this house because it had no bathroom. She had now recently been offered a vacant Corporation house at 26 Croke Avenue and had turned that down also. He added that Mrs. Fowler was now living under the care of Epping Forest District Council ^{in London} and because of this he stated that she would be offered no further houses until she returned and resided permanently in Wexford Town. This was noted by the Council and approved.

JOHN J. DEMPSEY, BALLYBROW, TAGOAT

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that Mr. John Dempsey, Ballybroe, Tagoat, had been offered the vacant Corporation house at Talbot Green as the next person on the list. He had refused this house without giving a satisfactory explanation and because of this he was being struck off the list and will not be offered any further houses. This was noted by the Committee.

MISS KINSELLA, UPPER GEORGE STREET

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that Miss Kinsella, Upper Georges Street who was next on the old folk's housing list had refused the vacant Corporation flat at Skeffington Street and had indicated a preference for College View. Because she is blind, the Corporation has accepted this but now they had recently offered her a vacant flat in College View and she has refused this offer. Because of this the Town Clerk informed the Committee that she will be offered no further Corporation flats. This was noted.

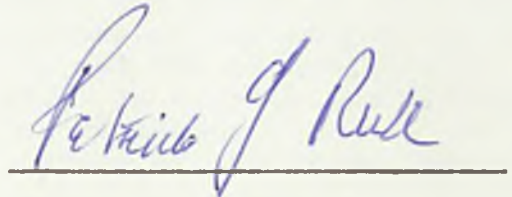
MR. MORAN, DEVEREUX VILLAS

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris, seconded by Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, the Committee recommended that the vacant Corporation flat in College View be allocated to Mr. Moran of Devereux Villas, who is on the Corporation's old folk housing list and who had recently married. The Manager agreed with the Committee's recommendation.

OTHER CASES

The Mayor raised the case of Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Kearney of Antelope Road, who are living in very bad conditions and urgently need rehousing. Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle also asked about Mr. Duggan, High Street. The Town Clerk stated that no action could be taken on these cases until those on the existing priority list had been housed. In any event the general review of all applicants would be held in the Spring of 1983.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

Signed this 6th day of September, 1982.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON THE 9TH AUGUST, 1982.**

PRESENT:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Patrick J. Reck, presiding

ALDERMEN:- Gus Byrne, P. Roche, P. Kelly,

COUNCILLORS:- Mrs. Avril Doyle, J. Mahoney, K. Morris, J. Hayes,
J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin.

Mr. D. Burke, President Wexford Chamber of Commerce
Sergeant J. Darmody, Gardai,

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Asst. Co. Manager
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk,
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

At the outset the Mayor referred to the fact that this was the first meeting of the new Traffic Management Committee, which now consisted of the full membership of the Borough Council. He paid tribute to the old Committee and in particular to the Chairman, Councillor J. Roche for the good work they had done since their formation. He also welcomed members of the outside bodies to the Committee and thanked them for their co-operation in the past.

PEDESTRIANISATION OF MAIN STREET

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that no further progress had yet been made on the acquisition of further car parks in the Quay or Main Street area. He added that the purchase of one property could not proceed because of title difficulties and the acquisition of another property in the Quay area was still in negotiation although the owner was prepared to offer only a short lease.

Councillor J. Hayes said that the sign posting of the Bride Street Car Park might improve the position.

Alderman P. Roche agreed adding that signs to say that further car parking is available in Bride Street Church would also be helpful. Mr. D. Burke, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce stated that they would oppose the pedestrianisation of the Main Street because at present the Quay could not take the extra traffic. He suggested that all access roads from Main Street to the Quay should be one way.

Sergeant Darmody in reply stated that no commitment could be given on this without serious thought.

Alderman P. Roche supported the above suggestion particularly at Anne Street. He also suggested that traffic coming onto the Quay from Common Quay Street should only turn left towards Monument Place.

Following further discussion it was decided that the Gardai would examine the suggestions made for the improvement of traffic at Anne Street and Common Quay Street and report back in four weeks.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT - FAYTHE SCHOOL

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that deputation had been received from the Traffic Safety Committee of the Faythe School at an earlier meeting and at their request the Borough Engineer had prepared a lengthy report on the improvement of traffic in this area. It was agreed that the Borough Engineer would discuss this matter with the Traffic Safety Committee at the school and that the matter would be further discussed at the next meeting of Traffic Management Committee.

TRAFFIC AT JOHN STREET

The Committee noted a letter dated 6th May, 1982 from Mrs. Christina Byrne, Secretary of the Countess Markievitch Cumann regarding traffic management at the John Street, John's Road, George's Street junction. The ~~Committee~~ requested to receive a deputation to discuss the matter. The Mayor indicated while he would be prepared to receive a deputation from the residents of this area he would not receive a deputation from any political party. It was later decided to receive a deputation from the residents of this area at the next meeting of the Committee and that this deputation would be arranged by Alderman Gus Byrne.

BRIDE STREET

The Committee were informed that a deputation from the residents of Bride Street had met the Borough Engineer to discuss the question of traffic in that area. Arising out of that meeting the residents requested that double yellow lines be placed in Bride Street between the junctions of Clifford Street and Mary's Lane. On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Gus Byrne the Committee decided to have the double yellow lines placed, subject to the approval of the Borough Engineer.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE BRIDGE

Mr. Creedon, Assistant County Manager informed the Committee that the new traffic lights at the Bridge would be in operation by the end of August.

IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT BRIDGE

On the suggestion of Alderman Gus Byrne we decided to request the County Council to improve traffic arrangements at the Bridge, while repair work is in progress.

PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS AT MAUDLINTOWN

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that the County Council were preparing proposals for the erection of pedestrian lights at Maudlintown to replace the existing pedestrian crossing in this area. This was noted.

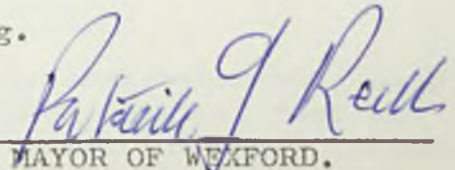
SPEEDING AT DISTILLERY ROAD

On the suggestion of Councillor J. Mahoney it was agreed to request the Gardai to make every effort to reduce the number of cars speeding at Distillery Road.

TRAFFIC AT C.B.S. SCHOOL

At the request of Councillor J. Hayes it was agreed to discuss the question of traffic improvement at the Christian Brothers School, Joseph Street at the next meeting of the Committee.

This concluded the business of the meeting.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

Signed this 6th day of September, 1982.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER, 1982 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

PRESENT:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor P.J. Reck, presiding.

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

Councillors:- J. Roche, N. Murphy, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, Mrs. Avril Doyle, B. Howlin.

In Attendance:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Acting Assistant County Manager.
Mr. T. Fahev, Borough Engineer.
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor J. Hayes the Council unanimously adopted the minutes of Quarterly Meeting held on 5th July, 1982, Special meeting held on 9th August, 1982 and Traffic Management Committee Meeting held on 9th August, 1982.

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

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Patrick J. Reck seconded by Councillor B. Howlin the Council nominated Mr. Pat Lacey, a Teachers Union of Ireland representative to fill the Casual Vacancy on the Town of Wexford V.E.C.
Councillor K. Morris dissented from this nomination.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 1981

On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor J. Roche the Council unanimously adopted the Abstract of Accounts for financial year ended 31st December, 1981 in pursuance of Article 9 of the Public Bodies Order 1946.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT HANTOON ROAD

In accordance with provision of Section 33 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended by Section 38 of the Housing Act 1966 the Council unanimously approved the disposal of small strips of land at Hantoon Road as back gardens to the following tenants for the sum of £20 on the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Alderman P. Roche:-

Miss Kathleen O'Brien
Mr. Patrick Nolan
Mr. John Layne
Mr. Christopher Kavanagh
Mr. Thomas O'Brien

CREATION OF OFFICE OF ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER

The Town Clerk explained that permanent Clerical assistance was necessary in the Traffic Warden Department and that the next Clerical Post to be created in the Corporation would be that of Assistant Staff Officer having regard to the existing number of permanent Clerical Officers at present as set out in Circular EL7/75 dated 10th February, 1975. Provision for this new office had been made in the estimates and portion of the salary would be paid in traffic fines.
On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Council unanimously approved the creation of the new office, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 6 of the City & County Management Amendment Act 1955.

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DISPOSAL OF FEE SIMPLE - HILLCREST, ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Council unanimously authorised the disposal of fee simple interest in Hillcrest, St. John's Road to Captain R.J. Delaney for the sum of £100 in accordance with the Municipal Corporations Ireland Act 1940 subject to the consent of the Minister for the Environment.

CASUAL TRADING BYE-LAWS

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Council unanimously authorised the adoption of Bye-Laws made under the Casual Trading Act 1980 for the control of trading in the casual trading area subject to the consent of the Minister for the Environment.

URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

Official Opening - Townparks Housing Scheme (Phase 3).

The Town Clerk informed the Council that Mr. Ger Connolly, T.D., Minister for State at the Department of the Environment had accepted the Corporation's invitation to formally open Townparks (Phase 3) Housing Scheme on the 28th October, 1982.

Capital Allocation.

The Council noted an increase in Capital Allocation of £150,000 to enable work to commence on twenty old folk flats in four centre-town locations following a deputation to the Minister for State at the Department of the Environment.

Environmental Improvement Schemes.

The Council were notified of an allocation of £24,000 from Wexford County Council for this years Environmental Improvements Scheme. The money is to be spent on the following projects:-

St. Mary's, St. Patrick's Burial Grounds	- £3,500
Ferrybank Wall	- £6,650
Ferrybank Promenade	- £5,600
Talbot Green Planting	- £ 750
Coolree Lake	- £7,500

This was noted by the Council with approval.

Deputation from Talbot Green.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Alderman P. Kelly requesting that a deputation from Talbot Green Residents Association be received by the Corporation. On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, the Councillor unanimously decided to receive the deputation at the next meeting.

Prisoners in Portlaoise.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Minister for Justice, Mr. Sean Doherty, T.D., in reply to the Council's request to remit the remainder of the prison sentences being served by Mr. Seamus Swan, James Finn, and Sean Kavanagh. The letter stated that the Minister is not prepared to accede to this request.

Councillor J. Roche and Alderman P. Roche felt that as Mr. Kavanagh and Mr. Finn were all due for release then Mr. Swan should be released with them. All the other members present also agreed to request the Minister to reconsider the matter in view of Mr. Swan's age.

Councillor J. Hayes agreed with the Minister and opposed any suggestion for the remission of Mr. Swan's sentence.

Following further discussion on the matter the Mayor decided to take a vote.

All those present voted in favour of requesting the Minister to reconsider the matter with the exception of Councillor J. Hayes who voted against.

Telephone Kiosks.

A letter dated 8th July, 1982 from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs was read. The Council were informed that telephone kiosks would be erected near the new automatic exchange in Distillery Road and the other in Coolcotts Housing Estate. It was also added that because of the large number of requests for such kiosks that there would be a considerable delay before they were erected.

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Roche the Council decided to request the Department to provide these kiosks as soon as possible in view of the urgent need for this facility in these areas.

MOTIONS.

Sub-Standard Houses.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Kelly:-

"That this Council utilise the £20,000 made available for sub-standard housing to modernise vacant properties in these areas".

In proposing the motion Alderman Kelly suggested that as houses become vacant in Wolfe Tone Villas they be repaired and modernized and subsequently re-let.

Councillor J. Hayes felt that the £20,000 would be best spent in providing 40 grants of £500 to enable tenants to provide additional facilities themselves.

Following further discussion on the matter it was decided to request the Borough Engineer to investigate the suggestions made by the Council and to recommend the most efficient way of utilising the £20,000 allocation and that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

LITTER BINS

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

"That this Council consider the placing of litter bins in areas other than Wexfords main shopping area".

The Borough Engineer informed the Council that he had arranged meetings with Resident Associations and they had undertook to empty the bins themselves. He agreed to contact the County Council about the bins on Clonard Road.

POLLUTION.

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

"In view of the increasing and serious pollution problem at Maudlintown and along quay area also in view of annual flooding at Selskar and of the very serious problem of main water supply that this Borough Council seek an immediate meeting with the Minister for the Environment to acquire adequate finance to initiate main drainage and water schemes".

Councillor Hayes referred to the possible health hazard being created by the condition of the quays and Maudlintown. He suggested that the I.D.A. be requested to grant aid existing industries who wished to instal effluent treatment works.

Councillor Howlin raised the question of C.I.E.'s permission to cross the railway line for the new drainage scheme. The Borough Engineer replied that he is having discussions with C.I.E. with regard to this matter. He also added that the water supply improvement scheme is at contract document stage and that the main drainage scheme is at preliminary report stage. He added that a meeting had been arranged with the County Engineer to see if Selskar and Maudlintown Sewerage could be improved as an advance stage of the Main Drainage Scheme.

Councillor J. Roche also supported the motion and pointed out that this will be a joint scheme between the County Council and the Corporation and that it was being given number one priority in the County Council. The Mayor felt that the pollution is not as bad as has been suggested and suggested that the Council should avoid adverse publicity on this problem.

After a lengthy debate the motion was passed unanimously and the following members were nominated to form a deputation to the Minister for the Environment:

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

Councillor M. Murphy, on the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor T. O'Flaherty.

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

Councillor B. Howlin, on the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor K. Morris.

Councillor J. Hayes, on the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle seconded by Councillor J. Roche.

Councillor J. Roche, on the proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman P. Roche.

The Manager, Borough Engineer and Town Clerk were also requested to attend.

Attendance of Mayor on Deputations.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the Council unanimously decided that the Mayor be an ex-officio member on all deputations from the Corporation.

Housing Finance Package 1981.

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

"In view of the many people on housing list and of the fact that we will be unable to house these people for a considerable period because of lack of finance, that this Borough Council circulate copies of Housing Finance Package to applicants, particularly to those who are entitled to special category section to try enable these people to help themselves."

Councillor Hayes referred to the need for young people to provide their own houses and felt that an expansion of the Housing Finance Agency Loan would help the building industry.

Councillor B. Howlin in seconding the motion referred to the minimum repayment of 18% of a person's income on the Housing Finance Agency loan but he reminded the Council that people in rented accommodation had to pay rent in any event.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle pointed out that one of the disadvantages of the scheme is that borrowers would not pay off the mortgage in their life-time.

Alderman P. Roche suggested that details of the scheme should be given to housing applicants.

Both Alderman Byrne and Councillor Roche felt that the scheme was fair and details should be circulated.

All present agreed with the motion with the exception of Alderman Kelly who expressed his reservations.

Water Cut-Off.

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

"That this Council ensures that water supply is not cut off to various parts of the town without adequate public notice".

Alderman Roche referred to a recent cut-off of water in the north end of town which was given without notice and again asked that the public address system be used to notify consumers of water cut-off.

The Borough Engineer replied that notice had been given by the papers for prolonged cut-offs but that short interruptions were not notified because consumers tended to run down the supply by storing water. /over....

Proposed Supermarket at Maudlintown.

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

"If any plans are submitted for the opening of a Supermarket at Maudlintown, that the members of this Borough Council be notified."

This was agreed.

Traffic on footpaths:-

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

"That this Borough Council takes immediate steps to ensure that traffic does not mount or park on footpaths, particularly on the Main Street".

On the suggestion of Councillor J. O'Flaherty this matter was referred to the Traffic Management Committee for discussion.

Medical Card Cut-backs.

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

"That this Corporation deplores the removal of essential medical items from the medical card scheme and calls on the Minister for Social Welfare, Mr. Michael Woods, T.D., to restore a comprehensive medical service to our elderly and needy people".

Both the proposer and seconder condemned the Minister for the Environment for deleting certain medical items from the Medical Card List.

However Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle felt that there was much abuse in the system and she pointed out that in most cases only non-essential items were deleted.

Following further discussion it was agreed to request the Minister to reconsider the matter.

Nuclear Free Zone.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, seconded by Councillor B. Howlin and resolved:-

"That this Corporation opposes the manufacture, positioning or temporary presence of nuclear weapons, related equipment or raw materials (e.g. uranium) on land or water within Wexford Town. It refuses transit, docking and communications facilities to any vehicle or craft carrying such weapons or equipment and expresses its support for the region by region extension of such Nuclear Free Zones as first proposed by Ireland in the UN in 1959. Also the Corporation will cite the declaration as its considered opinion where issues in town planning may require. The Council further recognise the importance of maintaining Ireland's militarily neutral position as a step toward world peace and disarmament."

In reply to Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle Councillor B. Howlin accepted that nuclear fusion technology would be acceptable but that nuclear fission should be banned.

It was agreed to declare Wexford Borough a Nuclear Free Zone on this basis.

Bass Fishing.

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

"That this Corporation unanimously requests the Department of Fisheries not to implement the proposed Bass Fishing Legislation."

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It was agreed to refer the matter to the Minister for Fisheries.

Surgical Theatre,

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

"That this Corporation unanimously requests the Minister for Health and S.E.H.B. to give top priority for the provision of first class theatre and surgical facilities at the County Hospital, Wexford".

In proposing the motion Alderman Byrne referred to Wexford's proximity to Rosslare and stressed the importance of having a proper County Hospital in this area.

Councillor J. Hayes suggested that Alderman Byrne be nominated as a member of the deputation to meet the Minister which had been arranged by Deputy Hugh Byrne, T.D.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle also referred to the need for a paediatrician. Councillor J. Roche suggested that work on the Hospital should start in phases and that other local authorities and T.D.'s should be asked to support this request.

On the proposal of the Mayor it was agreed to send a telegram supporting the S.E.H.B. invitation to the Minister for the Environment to visit the hospital.

Raising of Loan - Talbot Green.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, the Council unanimously authorised the raising of a loan of £5,500 from the Local Loans Fund for Talbot Green Housing Scheme in pursuance of the provisions of the Local Government No. 2 Act 1960.

Barry Memorial Ceremony.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the Council unanimously decided to hold the Annual Commemoration of the unveiling of the Statue of Commodore John Barry on Sunday, 24th October, 1982 at 12.00 noon.

CORRESPONDENCE

Medical Union Congress.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Dr. Pierce Maher, Secretary of the Local Branch of the Medical Union regarding their congress to be held on 14th October, 1982. The letter requested a Civic Welcome for the President and Senior Members of the Union on that day. The Council agreed to have a Mayoral welcome and small reception and presentation in the Council Chamber on 14th October, 1982 at 7.00 p.m.

National Housing Exhibition - Brighton.

The Council noted that the Annual Conference of the National Housing Exhibition would be held in Brighton from 9th to 11th November, 1982. On the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor J. Roche the Council unanimously decided to send three representatives to this conference.

Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle seconded by Councillor J. Hayes.

Alderman P. Roche was proposed by Councillor M. Murphy seconded by Councillor B. Howlin.

Councillor K. Morris was proposed by Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, seconded by Alderman G. Byrne.

Councillor J. Roche was nominated as substitute on the proposal of Councillor J. Hayes seconded by Councillor T. O'Flaherty.

Proposed Tennis Court.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. Austin Channing suggesting the provision of a lawn tennis court in Wexford. The site suggested was that of the old Redmond Hall.

The members requested further time to consider this matter and asked that it be raised again at a future meeting.

Ashfield Drive/Belvedere Grove Tenants Association.

The Council were notified that the formation of a new tenants association in the Ashfield Drive/Belvedere Grove area together with the names of the officers of the Association. This was noted.

Personal Accident Insurance.

The Members were notified of a Group Personal Accident Scheme for Members of Local Authorities being organised by the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. This was noted.

Town Crest.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, the Council unanimously approved the use of the Coat of Arms on new blazers for the Wexford Historical Society.

Favthe School Safety Committee.

The Council nominated Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, to attend a meeting of the Favthe School Safety Committee to be held on Tuesday, 7th September, 1982 at 8.15 p.m.

Local Government (PLanning & Development) Act, 1982.

The Council were informed of the passing of the Local Government (PLanning & Development) Act, 1982 the principal provision of which was the extension of existing planning permissions until 31st October, 1983. This was noted.

BOUNDARY EXTENSION

The Council decided to defer consideration of the proposed extension of Wexford Borough Boundary and that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE - A.M.A.I.

On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor K. Morris the Council unanimously authorised an increase in the Mayor's salary up to a maximum of £2,500 to defray expenditure incurred in the holding of the Association of Municipal Authorities Conference in Wexford from the 21st - 23rd September, 1982.

QUESTIONS

Maudlintown.

In reply to Alderman P. Kelly the Borough Engineer stated that the concrete stakes had been taken down in Maudlintown and the necessary road repairs were to be completed in a few weeks.

Talbot Green.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that the erection of name plates, placing of tarmacadam paths and roundabout sign would be completed in Talbot Green in the new year.

St. Patrick's Graveyard.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that work on St. Patrick's Graveyard will commence within the next few weeks under the Environmental Improvements Scheme.

Toilets at Crosstown Cemetary.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Hayes that a delay had been occurred in the provision of toilets at Crosstown Cemetary because of a percolation problem.

Coolcotts Housing Scheme. (Phase 4).

The Town Clerk informed Councillor T. Hayes of the names of the Contractors who tendered for the erection of 36 houses at Coolcotts (Phase 4).

Water Spout.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor T. Hayes that arrangements had been made to have the water spout at St. Aidan's Shopping Centre replaced by Mr. Pettit.

Gulley Trap.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Roche that the gulley trap at Common Quay Street opposite the new bank would be attended to.

Housing Repairs.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Roche that £107,000 had been spent on housing repairs in 1931 and £71,231 had been expended to 31st July, 1932.

Road Surface, Belvedere Grove.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Roche that arrangements were made to have the road surfaced at Belvedere Grove in the next few weeks.

Crescent Road.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, that the question of the opening of the Crescent Road would be referred to the County Council.

Crescent Quay.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, that arrangements would be made to clean up Crescent Quay.

Slow Signs.

In reply to Councillor B. Howlin the Borough Engineer stated that the erection of "Slow Signs" in Maudlintown/^{William Street} would be referred to the County Council.

Corporation Meetings.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor B. Howlin that it would not be possible to allow the public to attend the meetings of Wexford Borough Council.

Abbey Street/Mount George.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman G. Byrne that arrangements would be made to have the Abbey Street/Mount George Scheme painted.

Main Drainage Scheme.

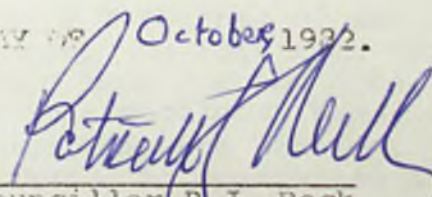
The Borough Engineer informed Alderman G. Byrne that efforts were being made to have Selskar and Maudlintown Sewerage carried out as an advanced stage of the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme.

Name-Plate.

In reply to Alderman G. Byrne the Borough Engineer stated that a name-plate would be erected at Thomas Clarke Place within the next few weeks.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 4th DAY OF October 1932.


Councillor P. J. Reck
Wexford

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER
1982.

PRESENT:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor P.J. Reck, presiding.

ALDERMEN:- F. Byrne, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

COUNCILLORS:- J. Roche, Mrs. A. Doyle, J. Mahoney, N. Murphy, K. Morris,
I. Hayes, B. Howlin.

In Attendance:- Mr. M.M. Dillon, Wexford County Manager.
Mr. F. Burke, Regional Manager, I.D.A.
Mr. W.P. Creedon, Acting Assistant County Manager.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.
Mr. W. Ringwood, County Development Officer.
Fr. Denis Doyle.
Mr. P. Lydon, Wexford Trades Council.
Mr. Bill Kehoe, Wexford Committee of Agriculture.
Mr. Liam Griffin, Rosslare.
Deputy Ivan Yates.
Deputy Hugh Byrne.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck, Mayor the sympathy of the Council was extended to Councillor K. Morris and Councillor Howlin who had suffered recent bereavements in the family and also to the Buggy family on the death of Mr. Buggy.

PRISONERS IN PORTLAISSE

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Roche the Council decided to request the Minister for Justice to receive a Deputation from the Council to request a remission of the remainder of Mr. Seamus Swan's sentence.

The members who voted in favour of this proposal were Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, Alderman P. Roche, Councillor K. Morris, Alderman G. Byrne, Councillor J. Roche, J. Mahoney, Alderman P. Kelly, Councillor B. Howlin.
Against:- Councillor J. Hayes.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle abstained.

The motion was carried.

UNEMPLOYMENT

At the outset the Mayor welcomed the guests who were in attendance at the meeting to discuss the question of unemployment in Wexford and the creation of new jobs. He then asked Councillor Hayes who had proposed that this meeting be held to give his views.

Councillor Hayes outlined the serious unemployment situation in Wexford and the necessity for urgent action on the creation of new jobs. He pointed out that no major industry had been set up in Wexford since the closure of Life Savers.

Councillor J. Roche felt that the I.D.A. could expand their grant scheme to include service industries.

Alderman P. Roche agreed that the I.D.A. pursue any development which would create jobs whether it is in manufacturing or in service industry.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle outlined the good work which had been done by the I.D.A. for Wexford but suggested that perhaps greater emphasis should be placed on Wexford's proximity to Rosslare Harbour. She also

felt that greater tax incentives should be given to existing industries to create employment.

Alderman G. Byrne also agreed that the terms of reference of the I.D.A. should be broadened to include service industry. He felt that Wexford was a black spot and should be declared a priority area for new jobs.

Councillor B. Howlin stated that there were over eighteen hundred people unemployed in Wexford Town in August. He felt that the National Development Corporation should have been given a proper chance to create new employment. He reminded the Council that all the necessary infrastructure was available

and had been provided by the Corporation to encourage the creation of new jobs.

At this stage Councillor P. Reck, Mayor asked Mr. Frank Burke, I.D.A., for his comments.

Mr. Burke accepted that unemployment in Wexford was on the increase and pointed out that manufacturing industry is responsible for only 18% of jobs whereas there is 31% in the service sector. He added that the numbers in manufacturing had risen despite the recession. He again outlined the efforts which the I.D.A. had made to promote job creation in Wexford including the purchase of 100 acres on the Rosslare Road as an Industrial Estate and the erection of a 40,000 sq. ft. factory in the Estate at Whitemill. He paid tribute to the work done by the County Development Team in creating jobs in the small industry sector and agreed that Wexford's proximity to Rosslare is a big advantage.

Mr. L. Griffin felt that there was a lack of planning and co-ordination between existing agencies. He felt that a development agency for the Wexford area was essential.

Mr. Ivan Yates, T.D., reminded the Council that the problem of unemployment was not a local but a national one and blamed the high unit cost in Ireland as one of the major factors. He felt that the expertise available in I.C.C. and C.C.T. should be moved into the County Development Team.

Mr. P. Lydon stated that unemployment had doubled in three years in Wexford and that three thousand jobs would be necessary over the next three years to redress the situation.

Mr. Hugh Byrne, T.D., asked the I.D.A. to make a special effort to promote the South East as a priority area for new jobs.

The Mayor outlined the advantages of Wexford as a centre for new projects. He pointed out that industrial sites are available, Wexford Town is close to Rosslare. He then called on the I.D.A. to allocate the advance factory as soon as possible and to redouble their efforts to market the site at Edermine and Drinagh. He also asked that a "Buy Wexford Campaign" be started.

The County Manager referred to the serious financial situation in the County Council. He did not accept that another agency was the answer to Wexford's economic problems but suggested that perhaps a joint venture with private concern and existing agencies might have potential. He welcomed Mr. Burke's statement that industry would not be lost to Wexford because of the level of grants. He then mentioned the various projects which are being carried out by the County Council and Corporation on roads, water, sewerage and amenity areas together with the development of industrial sites and felt that all those projects should make Wexford an attractive location for new industrialists to set up.

Following some further comments the Mayor then thanked Mr. Burke, The County Manager, The County Development Officer and the other guests for attending the meeting and expressed a hope that the I.D.A. would soon announce a new industry which would give large employment to Wexford.

The guests then thanked the Mayor and left the meeting.

DRUG ABUSE

The following guests attended the meeting on the invitation of the Corporation to discuss the problem of drug abuse:-

Mr. D. Doyle

Mr. C. O'Gara

Mr. P. Lydon

Supt. J. Galvin

Dr. McLaughlin

Mr. T. McDermott

Mr. S. McCauley, Health Education Bureau.

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The Mayor asked Mr. McCauley to address the meeting.

Mr. McCauley stressed the difference between drug abuse and drug addiction and stated that the latter was not a serious problem in Wexford. He added however that drug addiction was a very serious problem in Dublin and stressed the dangers of it becoming serious in Wexford because of its closeness to a large port and its density of population.

Supt. J. Galvin confirmed there is a drug problem in Wexford and he felt that a local treatment centre should be set up to treat people with such problems.

Fr. D. Doyle felt that a local information and treatment centre was essential in a town the size of Wexford to assist youth with any problems with which they may have in relation to drugs.

Dr. McKeogh stated that in his experience there were drug addicts in Wexford and pointed out that alcoholism is still the worst problem.

Councillor J. Hayes stated that Wexford has a serious drug problem and agreed that an advisory centre should be set up. He felt that adults should also be informed because parents were not aware of the dangers. He also asked for a tightening up of the laws. Councillor J. Roche also asked that a treatment centre be set up in Wexford and felt that information on drugs and drug abuse could be circulated through the local authorities.

Fr. Doyle suggested that as a first step the sale of glue should be prohibited in the hardware stores in Wexford. He also saw the lack of amenities for youth as a contributing factor to the drug problem. He agreed that an information campaign for parents was essential.

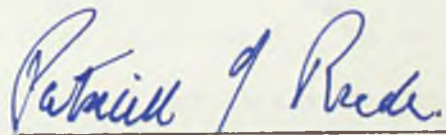
Mr. O'Gara stated that glue manufacturers should be requested to take the addictive component out of glue.

Mr. P. McDermott emphasised the necessity of having proper education in the home as a way of leading children away from drugs.

The Mayor then thanked the guests for attending and for their contributions and it was agreed that the local health committee be requested to set up a drug sub-committee to tackle this problem.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 4 DAY OF Oct. 1982.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY 4th OCTOBER, 1982 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

PRESENT:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Patrick J. Reck, presiding.

ALDERMEN:- E. Byrne, P. Roche, P. Kelly.

COUNCILLORS:- J. Roche, A. Doyle, J. Mahoney, N. Murphy, K. Morris, J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin.

In Attendance:- Mr. W.P. Creelion, Deputy County Manager.
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, seconded by Councillor J. Mahoney the sympathy of the Council was extended to Mr. J. Pettit on the death of his wife.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

On the proposal of Councillor B. Howlin seconded by Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, the congratulations of the Council were extended to the Franciscan Order on their 800th anniversary.

Congratulations were also extended to the Mayor and Members of the Organising Committee of the Annual Conference of the Municipal Authorities of Ireland and to Alderman P. Roche on his election to the executive of that body.

MESSAGE OF GOOD WILL

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, seconded by Councillor J. Roche the best wishes of the Council were extended to Mr. P. Whelan, Assistant County Manager who is ill in hospital.

a former member of the Council.
A message of good wishes were also sent to Mr. Jack Dunne/who was at present ill in the County Hospital.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the minutes of Statutory Meeting held on 4th September, 1982 and Special Meeting held on 13th September, 1982 were unanimously adopted.

Environmental Improvement Grant.

Arising out of the minutes Councillor J. Hayes raised the allocation of funds under the environmental improvement grant 1982 and he suggested that some improvement work should be carried out at Redmond Park instead of the work proposed at Coolree Lake.

The Borough Engineer suggested that the amount allocated for Coolree Dam would be reduced by £4,000 from £7,500 to £3,000 and £4,500 be spent on the improvement of Redmond Park. This was agreed.

RULES Governing Deputations.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, seconded by Councillor J. Hayes the council unanimously decided that all applications to the Council for Deputations should be made by Residents Associations themselves and not by individual Council Members.

Deputation from Talbot Green.

The Council received a deputation from Talbot Green to discuss the question of house repairs in that housing estate. The deputation was from Mr. J. White, S. Murphy, and Mrs. F. Carthy.

Mr. White pointed out that the Corporation had made the sum of £20,000 available to carry out the improvement works recommended by the I.I.R.S. on 15 houses and that would be repeated until the scheme had been completed.

He informed the Council that the work being carried out on the estate was not in accordance with that recommended by the Institute. He also stated that some houses were flooded with water again and that electrical repairs were not being carried out.
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Mr. S. Murphy stated that new panels were fitted in his house but it did not prevent water penetration.

Mrs. Carthy, 91 Talbot Green complained of fungus growing in the backroom. She confirmed that new panels had been fitted in her house but she also had a problem with rain coming in.

The deputation answered some points put to them by the members. They then thanked the Mayor for receiving them and left the meeting.

In the discussion which followed Councillor Roche suggested that the Council be informed of exactly how much money had been spent on the remedial works and the name of the firm responsible for carrying out the works and the supervisor.

Alderman P. Roche reminded the Council that they had never been informed where the responsibility for the defects lay, whether it was the contractor or with the architects. He requested that a report be given to the Council as each block of houses are being completed.

Councillor Murphy suggested that the question of replacing the panels with conventional block work should be investigated.

Alderman P. Kelly stated that the majority of people in the estate felt that the repairs were not satisfactory.

Councillor J. Hayes felt that the infill panels should be replaced with aluminium or teak.

At the request of the Mayor the Borough Engineer assured ^{the Council} that all repair work being carried out in Talbot Green was being done strictly in accordance with the recommendations of the I.I.R.S. He stated that the frames which the deputation had shown the Council as examples were the old window frames and he agreed that many of these were found to be rotten but where this was the case the Corporation had replaced the frames as part of the remedial work. He also informed the Council that 31 houses had been fully completed to date. He undertook to submit a report to the Council on the entire matter of remedial works in Talbot Green. It was agreed to await this report.

National Housing & Planning Conference - Brighton.

Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, informed the Council that he would not be able to attend the National Housing & Planning Conference in Brighton and he proposed that Councillor Mahoney be nominated as a delegate in his place. This was seconded by Alderman P. Roche and agreed. The revised delegation to the Conference is as follows:- Councillor K. Morris

Councillor J. Roche (in place of Ald. P. Roche).

Councillor J. Mahoney (in place of Cllr. P. Reck, Mayor).

Special Estimate Provision for improvement of older houses.

The Council considered the matter of the special allocation of the £20,000 provided in the 1982 estimates for the improvement of older houses. The Town Clerk informed the Council that he had received a request from Mrs. Anna Donlon requesting the Council to receive a deputation about this matter. In the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Alderman P. Roche the Council unanimously decided to receive the deputation at a special meeting to be fixed for Tuesday 26th October, 1982 at 8.00 p.m. It was also agreed that only tenants of the three areas concerned would be accepted as members of the deputation i.e. Wolfe Tone Villas, Croke Avenue, Maudlintown.

The Council also received a resolution from the Housing Action Campaign and it was also decided to discuss this at that meeting.

The Council also decided that the rewiring of old folks houses and the boundary extension would be discussed at that meeting.

MOTIONS

Internal repairs.

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

That this Council review its internal repairs policy - in respect of "sub-standard housing".

In proposing the motion Alderman Kelly said the Council should repair sinks, skirting and examine the electrical wiring in sub-standard housing.

Councillor J. Hayes suggested that the only way this could be done would be to

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provide a large sum of money in this years estimates for the improvement of these houses.

Alderman P. Roche spoke in favour of the motion.

Councillor J. Mahoney also supported the motion and stated that there was no felt in the roofs of Wolfe Tone Villas.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle also agreed with reviewing the Corporation's policy on internal repairs but reminded the Council that any change in this policy would cost the Corporation money.

Double Yellow Lines.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Kelly:-

"To prevent parking, that double yellow lines be placed on the roadway at Mr. Abbey Street".

It was agreed that this matter be referred to the Traffic Management Committee.

C.I.E. Hotels.

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

"That this Council condemn any running down on closure of C.I.E./Great Southern Hotel Group".

Alderman P. Roche made the point that the Russel Court in Belfast is costing C.I.E. half a million pounds a year and hotels like the Great Southern which are making money are being used to pay for this.

The Mayor informed the Council that he had arranged a joint meeting with County Council on Monday, 11th October, 1982 at 2.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber to discuss this matter and requested that all members of the Council would be present together with two members from the staff of the hotel, a representative of the I.T.G.W.U. and a representative of the Wexford Trades Council.

Wexford Bridge.

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

"That County Council be requested to re-assure the people of Wexford that the Wexford Bridge is safe for motorists and pedestrians".

It was decided to invite the County Engineer to the next meeting to explain the remedial work being carried out on the Bridge.

Local Government (Building Land) Bill, 1982.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle proposed the following motion:-

"That this Council object strongly to that part of the Urban Development Areas Bill 1982 which infringes on the rights of, and has major implications for, local authorities and local Councillors".

Councillor Doyle pointed out that the Bill was proposing to set up Urban Development Commissions to carry out development in Urban Areas and that these could be body corporate and open to political patronage. She also pointed out that the works of the Commissions would not be subject to planning permission and this could involve the Minister in planning once more. Councillor Doyle suggested that if local authorities were given the money that they could perform the functions of the Development Commissions. She therefore felt that these commissions were unnecessary and a further erosion of local authority powers.

Councillor J. Roche seconded the motion. He saw danger in the Bill that large cities would be given priority at the expense of towns like Wexford who had an outstanding record in the area of urban renewal.

Alderman P. Roche agreed with the previous speakers and undertook to raise the matter at the next meeting of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

On the suggestion of Councillor J. O'Flaherty it was agreed to write to the five local Dail Deputies and to the Minister for the Environment /over....

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conveying the Council's opposition to the Bill.

Committee - Housing for Elderly.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle proposed the following motion:-

"That this Council strongly object to the composition of the task force implementing the "Special Housing Aid for the Elderly" as it is superfluous and results in further erosion of the functions of local authorities".

In proposing this motion Councillor Doyle felt that it was unnecessary to set up a special housing committee for the Elderly when the local authorities had already got powers to provide houses for such persons. She requested that any money which would be made available to this committee would be given instead to local authorities to let them do the work.

The motion was seconded by Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, and it was agreed to write to the Minister for the Environment and to the Minister for Health objecting to this proposal.

Re-numbering of Liam Mellows Park.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty:-

"That this Corporation recommends the re-numbering of the Liam Mellows Housing Scheme".

Alderman Byrne stated that the existing numbers on the houses were very difficult to follow and he suggested that a more simplified numbering system be worked out. The Town Clerk informed the Council that changing of the numbers of the houses at this stage would cause a legal difficulty for the houses which had already been sold but he agreed to investigate the possibility of complying with the Council's request.

Housing Rents:-

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

"In view of the recent announcement by the Minister of State, Mr. Ger Connolly to increase Local Authority Rents, that this Borough Council support this motion and sincerely and unanimously reject in the strongest possible terms this unrealistic decision by the Minister that would inflict increased hardships on the already overburdened section of our community".

The proposer and seconder of the motion spoke against any proposal to increase housing rents.

The Mayor pointed out that no information had yet been received from the Minister on this matter and the only information on it was reported in newspapers. He then proposed the amendment that the Council defer commenting on this until official direction had been received from the Minister. This was seconded by Alderman G. Byrne.

A vote was then taken the result of which was as follows:-

For the amendment:- Cllr. P. Reck, Mayor, Ald. G. Byrne, Cllr. K. Morris, Cllr. Mrs. A. Doyle - 4 votes.

For the motion:- Alderman P. Roche, P. Kelly, J. Roche, Cllr. J. Mahoney, Cllr. J. Hayes, Cllr. J. O'Flaherty, Cllr. N. Murphy, Cllr. B. Howlin - 8 votes.

The motion was then declared carried.

Industrial Development:

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

"In view of the recent and to my mind fruitless meetings which were held in the Chamber on job creation, and of the complacency of certain people on this serious and increasing problem in our town that this Borough Council support this motion calling on the Minister for Industry and Commerce to meet us as soon as possible for a deputation to discuss new industries for this region".
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It was agreed to request a deputation as soon as possible.

Restoration of Bishopswater.

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

"That this Council call on McInerney Building Contractors to return to Bishopswater and make good the damage they did to the roads and footpaths there".

The Borough Engineer informed the Council that the Contractors, McInerney, Civil Engineering Ltd., had now left the site and he had got legal advice that it would be unlikely that the Corporation could force them to return to make good the damage.

Councillor N. Murphy suggested that in all future contracts proper restoration should be included and also that the area be kept clean during construction work.

White Line - St. Aidan's Crescent.

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

"Owing to the heavy flow of traffic in the St. Aidan's Shopping Centre and Devereux Villas area that this Council provide a white line on the road from the footpath at St. Aidan's Crescent to the footpath at Devereux Villas and also that they put a pedestrian crossing from the footpath at St. Aidan's Crescent to the St. Aidan's Shopping Centre".

It was decided to refer this matter to the Traffic Management Committee.

Housing Loans.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor B. Howlin seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty and agreed:-

"That Wexford Corporation regrets the exclusion of single people from full participation in Corporation House Loan Schemes, under the terms of Circular H6/82 and calls on the Government to extend the scheme to all eligible people regardless of marital status".

Amenity Areas.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor B. Howlin seconded by Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, and agreed:-

"That Wexford Corporation requests the Borough Engineer to draw up a plan of recreational facilities available to young people within the Borough, taking into account how our current landstock could best be used to provide urgently needed recreational and play facilities".

Old Age Pensioners.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, seconded by Alderman G. Byrne and agreed:-

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Social Welfare to pay double pensions to Old Age Pensioners at Christmas".

BARRY MEMORIAL CEREMONY.

In the proposal of Councillor P. Reck, Mayor seconded by Councillor J. Roche the Council unanimously decided to hold the Commemoration Ceremony to the unveiling of the Statue of John Barry on Sunday 24th October, 1982 at 12 noon. It was also agreed that Mr. John Dillon a member of the Hayes family who are descendents of Commodore Barry be invited.

INCREASE IN MAYORS ALLOWANCE

In the proposal of Councillor P. Reck, Mayor seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the Council unanimously authorised an increase in the Mayor's allowance of £2,500 to cover the cost of hosting the Annual Conference of A.M.A.I.

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QUESTIONS

Footpath at Wolfe Tone Villas.

In reply to Alderman P. Kelly the Borough Engineer undertook to repair footpath at Wolfe Tone Villas from house no. 12 to 20.

Fencing at Harbour View.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that the concrete stakes would be removed from Harbour View the following week.

Road Markings.

In reply to Alderman P. Kelly the Borough Engineer undertook to investigate the possibility of providing road markings and signs indicating a right of way at Kennedy Park Cul-De-Sac.

Derelict house.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle that the Corporation had commenced action under the Derelict Sites Act 1961 to have derelict house at 8, Peter's Street repaired.

Public Toilets.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle that toilets at South Main Street were being kept in a reasonable state of cleanliness.

House Repairs.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle that repairs to the stairs at 2, Antelope Road would be carried out in November.

Through Road at Crescent Quay.

Mr. Creedon informed Alderman Byrne that the consent of C.I.E. is still awaited to the opening of the Through Road at Crescent Quay.

Public Lights.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman G. Byrne that new lights at Crescent Quay would be included in the 1982 order.

Infill Sites.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. Hayes of the tender figure and names of the contractors who tendered for 16 flats on three infill sites in Wexford.

Footpath Repairs.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Hayes that repairs would be carried out to the footpath at Davitt Road South.

"Children at Play" Signs.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Hayes that "Children at Play" signs would be directed at the Cul-De-Sac in Davitt Road North. He also informed Councillor Honey that similar signs would be investigated for Bishopswater.

Litter Wardens.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor B. Howlin that a Litter Warden had been appointed for Wexford Town.

Bus Shelters.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor Howlin that the question of providing bus shelters for children using school transport would be investigated.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 8 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1982.

Peter J. Hall
MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

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MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY, 8th NOVEMBER, 1982 AT HALF PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.

PRESENT:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Patrick J. Reck, presiding.

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

Councillors:- J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin.

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, Councillor J. Roche, K. Morris, J. Mahoney.

In attendance:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy 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. O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the minutes of Quarterly meeting held on 4th October, 1982 were unanimously adopted.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Alderman P. Kelly seconded by Alderman G. Byrne the sympathy of the Council was extended to the family of Mr. M. Mullen, General Secretary, I.T.G.W.U. who died recently in Germany.

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor P. Reck, Mayor the sympathy of the Council was also extended to the family of Mr. James Byrne, Carrigeen Street.

The Manager on behalf of the staff was also associated with the votes of sympathy.

DEPUTATION TO DISCUSS IMPROVEMENT OF OLDER TYPE CORPORATION HOUSES.

The Council received a deputation from residents of older type Corporation housing schemes to discuss the special estimates provision of £20,000 to carry out improvement work in these schemes.

The deputation was formed by Mrs. Anna Fenlon, Wolfe Tone Villas, Mr. Jimmy Murphy, Croke Avenue, Mr. Michael Furlong, Maudlintown and Mrs. Fran O'Grady, Chairperson, Womens Action Group. At the outset the Mayor explained that he could not have Mrs. O'Grady present on the deputation as she was not a tenant of any of the various schemes. Councillor B. Howlin and Alderman P. Roche requested the Mayor ^{to} reconsider his decision in this matter and to allow Mrs. O'Grady to address the meeting. Councillor O'Flaherty also agreed with the suggestion.

The Mayor explained that the members of the Council had decided at an earlier meeting only to discuss this matter with tenants of the areas concerned and he was there ^{fore} not in a position to change his ruling on the matter.

Mrs. O'Grady explained that she was only present as a member of the deputation in the interests of impartiality as she was not representing any individual housing scheme but was merely present as a democratically elected chairperson of the Womens Action Group.

The Mayor again repeated his ruling on the matter and asked Mrs. O'Grady to leave.

Mrs. Anna Fenlon and the other members of the deputation then informed the Council that if Mrs. O'Grady was not permitted to address the meeting the deputation would withdraw.

following a further brief discussion the deputation then withdrew.

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DISPOSAL OF LAND

On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor John O'Flaherty the Council unanimously authorised the disposal of two acres of land to National Aluminium Ltd., at the Council's industrial estate for the sum of £16,000 in accordance with Statutory Notice circulated pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 88 of the Housing Act 1966.

LOAN FOR INFILL HOUSING

On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Alderman P. Roche the Council unanimously authorised the raising of a loan of £200,000 for infill housing schemes at The Faythe, Bride Street and Lr. John Street in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government No. 2 Act 1960 subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment.

DESIGNATION OF CASUAL TRADING AREA

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor J. Hayes the Council unanimously designated part of the Market Place in the Bull Ring, Wexford, as a Casual Trading Area in accordance with the provisions of Sub-Section 4 of Section 7 of the Casual Trading Act 1980. The Corporation already having complied with the provision of Sub-Section 5 of Section 7 of that act.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the 7 existing traders had applied for permits under the Casual Trading Act and it was the Corporation's intention to grant these. This was approved on the proposal of Alderman P. Roche seconded by Alderman G. Byrne.

FLOODING AT DAVITT ROAD SOUTH

The Mayor referred to the serious flooding at Davitt Road South which happened over the weekend and asked the Borough Engineer to give the Council a report.

The Borough Engineer explained that the Corporation had a scheme in progress to relieve flooding in this area but that the scheme is being carried out in three sections and two of these sections have been completed and worked well during the heavy rain over the weekend. However the third section of the scheme was being delayed because of difficulties in getting wavelaves from two householders in the area. The Borough Engineer felt that a further meeting this week could resolve the problem and if not compulsory acquisition would be commenced. He added that Mrs. Kirwan's house had been particularly badly flooded but a contributing factor here was that the boundary wall between her house and the College land had been breached.

He also made reference to some flooding in the Bishopswater area which he felt was being caused by the surcharging of a sewer.

In reply to Alderman P. Roche the Borough Engineer confirmed that the new culvert in Distillery Road was perfect during flood conditions.

The Mayor then thanked the public for their understanding of the situation and the Fire Brigade and staff of the Corporation for the quick response to the emergency.

Motions.

Industrial Promotion.

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

"In view of the recent announcement by the Minister for Industry, Mr. Reynolds of the 30 or more new foreign companies which will be setting up industries in this country in the very near future also taking into account that Wexford was totally ignored by the Minister when various centres were mentioned for the initiation of same including the Edermine site, also in view of the situation that Wexford town is now to my mind a deprived area with unemployment way above the national average, I now move that this Borough Council appoint a deputation comprising of (1) The Mayor, (2) the County Manager, (3) the Development Officer, (4) the President of Association of Wexford Industries to take the initiative to go abroad to promote Wexford in the best possible manner as one of the most lucrative centres for industrial development in the Country at this present time".

In proposing the motion Councillor Hayes outlined the good qualities which Wexford has to offer as an industrial base, he mentioned in particular good industrial relations, an industrial estate, an excellent site at Edermine and our proximity to Rosslare Harbour.

All the others members present spoke in favour of the motion and stressed the need to take some action to try and relieve the unemployment situation in the town.

Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Assistant County Manager informed the Council that a recent circular had been issued to Local Authorities by the Minister for the Environment expressing the Minister's concern at the amount of money spent on foreign travel by local authorities and he felt there could be a problem therefore for officers going abroad in the form of a delegation as suggested in the motion.

Councillor J. Hayes rejected this and felt that the Council should make their own decision on the matter.

After further discussion the motion was agreed.

IMPROVEMENT OF OLDER TYPE CORPORATION HOUSES

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

"In view of the lack of commitment by the Government to provide finance to improve sub-standard dwellings I move that this Borough Council use the autonomy that they still possess as a finance committee to input 50% of the housing maintenance allocation for 1983 and onward to improve these houses to an up-to-date liveable standard".

Councillor Hayes referred to the recent provision of £20,000 in the 1982 estimates and felt that this amount was inadequate to make any impression on the amount of improvement works to be carried out in the older Corporation housing estates. He proposed that at least half the Corporation's allocation for housing maintenance should be spent in these areas.

Alderman P. Kelly seconded the motion and suggested that the sum of £65,000 be made available in the 1983 estimates to tackle this problem.

Councillor B. Howlin agreed that this was the Corporation's most serious problem and felt that substantial financial contributions would have to be made by the Corporation to overcome it.

Alderman P. Roche also supported the motion and felt that assistance should also be received from the Government as the problem is too great for the Corporation to tackle alone.

Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, pointed out that the allocation of 50% of the Corporation's maintenance money to the older housing estates would mean that sufficient funds would not be available for the remainder of the houses and this would be unacceptable to the majority of tenants and would create a back-log of repairs in these areas.

Alderman G. Byrne asked if the Corporation would have the workforce to carry out major improvements as was proposed.

The Town Clerk suggested that the £20,000 allocated could be used as loan charges to repay a larger amount which would be borrowed for this purpose.

Alderman P. Kelly suggested that because of the delay in allocating houses in Wolfe Tone Villas that one should be kept vacant and improvement works carried out on it before reletting.

Alderman G. Byrne agreed with this.

Alderman P. Roche suggested that each individual housing application form should contain an indication from the applicant as to whether he would accept a house in Wolfe Tone Villas or not.

Following further discussion on the matter it was decided to put Councillor Hayes's motion to the meeting.

The result was as follows:-

In favour:- Councillor J. Hayes, Alderman P. Kelly, Alderman G. Byrne, Alderman P. Roche and Councillor B. Howlin - 5 votes.

Against:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor P.J. Reck, - 1 vote.

Abstained:- Councillor J. O'Flaherty.

The motion was then declared carried.

FOOTPATHS AT TRINITY STREET.

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

"That County Council be requested to make good all damaged footpaths in Trinity Street/William Street Areas".

Alderman Roche stated that the residents of this area requested the same type of new footpath on both sides of the road. It was agreed to refer the matter to the County Council.

Gulley Trap at Batt Street.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman P. Roche seconded by Councillor B. Howlin and resolved:- "That this Council is disappointed that promised gulley trap at bottom of Batt Street was not installed".

Alderman P. Roche added that the area where the Gulley Trap was to be located was at the bottom of Batt Street and he accepted that one had already been installed in Batt Street beside Mrs. Scahil's house. The Borough Engineer pointed out that Lett's were causing a problem in this area but have agreed to co-operate with the Corporation to solve this matter.

Temporary Car Park at John Street.

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

"That the Borough Surveyor be requested to prepare a plan and cost of utilising waste ground at top of John Street as a temporary car park".

It was agreed to put this matter on the agenda for the next meeting of the Traffic Management Committee.

Name Plate at Sean McDermott Terrace.

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

"That a plate name be erected at Sean McDermott Terrace".

The Borough Engineer stated that the name plate had been ordered.

Price of Building Land.

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

"That Wexford Corporation calls for immediate legislation to control the price of building land, in order that young couples may be given the prospect of owning their own home at reasonable cost".

In proposing the motion Councillor Howlin stressed the urgency of having the building land controlled to avoid speculation caused by rezoning of land simply because of its location and also to make it easier for young couples to provide their own house.

Alderman P. Kelly requested that legislation should also be introduced to control old leases held by absentee landlords and this was agreed.

Provision of Youth Facilities.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor B. Howlin seconded by Councillor P.J. Reck, Mayor and resolved:-

"That Wexford Corporation is concerned with the lack of provision for unattached youth in the town and recognises this as a cause of the high level of vandalism and delinquency".

Councillor Howlin explained that there was a necessity to provide some facilities for unattached young people in the town which are not members of clubs and added that the lack of such facilities were giving rise to some of our most serious social problems at present.

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I.S.P.C.C. Family Centre.

The following motion was proposed by His Worship the Mayor Councillor Patrick J. Reck seconded by Alderman P. Roche:-

"That Wexford Corporation is extremely concerned at the threat of closure of the I.S.P.C.C. Centre at Christmas due to a major withdrawal of funding by the South Eastern Health Board. We recognise that the I.S.P.C.C. has been working on behalf of Wexford children since the start of this century and that the family centre which was set up in January 1980 has pioneered new and valuable services in Wexford for very disadvantaged families and children. We urge the Minister for Health, Dr. Woods, to investigate the matter so that these disadvantaged children, the most vulnerable members of our community can be protected during a time of economic cutbacks."

The Mayor outlined the good work which was being done by the Centre and the necessity to keep it open at all costs in Wexford. The other members present also condemned any proposal to cut back finance to this centre. It was agreed to approach the Health Board on the matter.

QUESTIONS

House Building Programme.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. Hayes that the next phase of Housing Scheme at Coolcotts and the infill sites in Wexford Town would commence as soon as Department sanction had been received.

Road Sweeping.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Hayes that the Corporation had no special arrangements for sweeping around chip shops in town.

Public Light at Maudlintown.

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Roche that the damaged pole and public light at Maudlintown would be repaired on official order from the County Council.

Youth Employment Scheme.

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Roche that special allocation of monies from the Department of the Environment under the Youth Employment Scheme was confined to persons under 25 years of age.

Resurfacing Rocks Lane.

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Roche that provision would be made in the 1982 Estimates for the resurfacing of rocks lane now that the local objection had been overcome.

Corporation Houses at Mannix Place.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. O'Flaherty that the Corporation had recently reached agreement with the Hughes Estate for the purchase of the fee simple of the Mannix Place Housing Scheme which would enable them to sell the houses to the tenants. Some minor legal complications had arisen since, but it was expected that these would be resolved in the very near future.

Housing List.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. O'Flaherty that there were 5 remaining applicants on the non-family type housing list and 9 on the old folk type list.

Traffic Management at The Faythe.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that proposals submitted by the Traffic Safety Committee of the Faythe School would be discussed at the next meeting of the Traffic Management Committee.

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Special Parking Discs.

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Kelly that his proposals for special parking discs would be considered at the next meeting of the Traffic Management Committee.

Traffic Lights at Bridge.

The Town informed Councillor B. Howlin that the County Council had no proposals to improve access from the Bridge Service Station onto the adjoining road junction as they were satisfied that the traffic lights were working satisfactorily in this area.

Main Drainage Schemes.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor B. Howlin that C.I.W. had accepted in principle the Council's proposals for the laying of an interceptor sewer along the Quay.

Rave Chutes on Main Street.

The Town Clerk informed Alderman G. Byrne that the Corporation would be taking action against the owners of property on the Main Street where these chutes were in need of repair.

Name Plate - Thomas Clarke Place.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor E. Reck, Mayor that a name plate for Thomas Clarke Place was on order.

Increase in Mayor's Allowance.

On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor J. Hayes the Council unanimously authorised an increase in the Mayor's allowance of £200 to cover the cost of the Barry Memorial Ceremony this year.

Candidates for General Election.

Councillor E. Reck, Mayor wished all members of the Council who were candidates in the forthcoming General Election every success. The candidates thanked the Mayor for his kind remarks.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 6th DAY OF December 1982


MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF MEETING OF HOUSING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CLOSE OF THE
STATUTORY MEETING ON 8th NOVEMBER, 1982.

PRESIDENT:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Patrick J. Reck, presiding.

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

Councillors:- J. Hayes, J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin.

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, Councillor
J. Roche, K. Morris, J. Mahoney.

In Attendance:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Assistant County Manager.
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Account.

VACANT HOUSES AT WOLFE TONE VILLAS

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a recommendation from the County Medical Officer for the three vacant houses at Wolfe Tone Villas and the persons recommended by the C.M.O. were as follows:-

1. Michael McMahon, 32, Wolfe Tone Villas.
2. Patrick Connors, The Caravan, Piercestown, Wexford.
3. William O'Connor, St. Aidan's Crescent and 1, Harbour View, Wexford.

He informed the meeting that the Manager intended to appoint the tenants as recommended by the C.M.O. This was noted by the Committee.

Councillor J. Hayes also felt that something should be done for Mr. Connors of Croke Avenue, although he accepted that he had refused a house in Wolfe Tone Villas earlier, he felt that this was because of mental stress and that he would now accept such an offer.

Alderman P. Kelly agreed with Councillor Hayes that this case should be especially looked at. It was agreed to consider the matter again at the next meeting of the Committee.

MR. KELLY, THE FOLLY, WEXFORD.

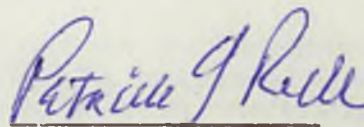
The Mayor raised the case of the Kelly's who are at present living in the Folly and felt that they should be given special consideration for an old folks flat. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that no suitable accommodation was available at present and in any event they were not on any of the existing lists. He could see little opportunity of making special provision until the overall review of the old folks housing list.

MR. MCSWEENEY, C/O., 97, BELVEDERE GROVE.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. McSweeney had not been considered for a vacant house in Wolfe Tone because he has only returned from England in the past few months. The Mayor and the other members present felt that this applicant was in such bad circumstances that some consideration should be given. However, the Town Clerk pointed out that under the scheme of Letting Priorities a twelve month residency clause existed and therefore nothing could be done in the immediate future. On the request of the Council he undertook to raise the matter again with them should another vacant house become available in Wolfe Tone Villas.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED.

SIGNED THIS 6 DAY OF December 1982.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON THURSDAY 6th DECEMBER, 1932

PRESIDENT:- His Worship the Mayor Councillor P.J. Reck, presiding.

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

Councillors:- P. Roche, A. Doyle, T. Mahoney, K. Morris, J. Hayes, T. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin.

In Attendance:- Mr. W.P. Creedon, Acting Assistant County Manager.
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

VIOLENCE IN WEXFORD

Before commencing the business of the meeting the Mayor stated that he felt obliged to make a statement of condemnation at the recent acts of violence in Wexford which saw two very elderly ladies attacked on the streets. He added that the mugging of old people in this fashion was a cause of great concern to all the people of the town and he suggested that a deputation of Councillors be sent to the Garda Síochána in Wexford to see what support can be given to them in combating this kind of crime.

Councillor J. Roche supported the Mayor and referred to the serious manpower difficulties in the Garda Síochána having to patrol as far as Curracloe on one side to Kilurin on the other including Wexford Town.

Alderman P. Kelly felt a call should also be made to the parents to keep greater control on teenage children.

Alderman G. Byrne referred to the terrible act in the past week and hoped that the criminals would be brought to justice.

Councillor Mrs. A. Doyle, T.D., agreed that the parents must accept some responsibility and supported the Mayor's statement.

Councillor Howlin described those who had carried out this act as thugs adding that the vulnerable sections of our community such as the old and the young must be protected from this type of criminal.

Councillor T. Mahoney agreed that a discussion with the Gardai would be helpful.

Councillor K. Morris reminded the Council that the people of the town would have to become more civic minded and report such acts of violence should they witness them.

Councillor J. Hayes mentioned social injustices such as unemployment as being at the root cause of many of these problems.

Councillor T. O'Flaherty agreed with the previous speakers and welcomed the suggestion to meet the Gardai on the matter.

A deputation to the Gardai was then nominated;

His Worship the Mayor Councillor P.J. Reck, Deputy Avril Doyle, Councillors; P. Roche, B. Howlin, J. Mahoney and Alderman G. Byrne.

CONGRATULATIONS

Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, on behalf of the Council extended his congratulations and good wishes to Deputy Avril Doyle on her recent election to Dail Éireann. He also congratulated the other T.D.'s who had been elected and praised the defeated candidates on their hard working campaigns. The other members present also congratulated Mrs. Doyle who thanked the Mayor and Members for their kind remarks.

Councillor P. Roche proposed a vote of congratulations to Alderman P. Roche on his recent election as PRD for the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. The Mayor and the other members present also congratulated Alderman Roche on his appointment. Mr. Creedon on behalf of the Staff extended his congratulations to Mrs. Doyle and Alderman Roche.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Alderman G. Byrne seconded by Councillor J. Hayes the minutes of Statutory meeting of the Council held on 8th November, 1932 were unanimously adopted.

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Improvement of older Corporation Houses.

The Mayor pointed out that at the October meeting the Council had decided to receive a deputation from the residents of three older type housing estates to discuss improvement of houses in these areas but that only the tenants of these areas be received. At the November meeting the three tenants had arrived at the meeting with Mrs. Fran O'Grady, Chairperson, of the Wexford Housing Action Committee and that in accordance with the Council's decision he as Mayor had refused to allow Mrs. O'Grady to address the meeting. A further deputation had been invited to this meeting and he stated that if Mrs. O'Grady was a member of this deputation then he would allow her to address the meeting only if the majority of members decided to reverse the decision taken at the October meeting.

Councillor Howlin stated that while he accepted that the Mayor acted correctly at the previous meeting in implementing the Council's decision he was of the opinion that any group had the right to elect their own spokesperson.

Councillor K. Morris disagreed and felt that the Council had taken a decision to receive tenants only and that this should be strictly adhered to.

Councillor J. Roche agreed that the Mayor had acted correctly and condemned any attack in the public press on his own personal position but added that the Council should accept the deputation as presented and he supported the suggestion of Councillor Howlin.

Councillor J. Hayes opposed the suggestion to allow Mrs. O'Grady to address the meeting and added that the 12 members of the Council were elected to represent the people.

Alderman P. Roche felt that the deputation should be held as presented and reminded the Council that as this was the last month of the year that a decision would have to be taken on how the £20,000 provided in the Estimates would be spent.

Deputy Avril Doyle also condemned the personal attack on the Mayor but pointed out that if the tenants have elected someone to represent them then this person should be heard.

Alderman P. Kelly agreed that Mrs. O'Grady should be allowed address the meeting.

Councillor J. Mahoney supported the Mayor's view that the original decision should be adhered to.

The Mayor then decided to take a vote on Councillor Howlin's motion which was to receive the deputation and their elected spokesperson and to allow them to address the meeting. The result of this was as follows:-

In Favour :- Councillor B. Howlin, Cllr. J. Roche, Ald. P. Roche, Ald. P. Kelly, Deputy A. Doyle - 5 votes.

Against:- Cllr. P. Reck, Mayor, K. Morris, J. O'Flaherty, J. Hayes, J. Mahoney, Ald. G. Byrne - 5 votes.

The motion was then declared defeated.

The Council's decision was conveyed to the deputation. Following a brief delay the three Corporation tenants who were members of the deputation (Mrs. Anna Tenlon, Mr. Furlong and Mr. Murphy) made a brief statement in the Council Chamber objecting to the Council's decision not to allow Mrs. O'Grady to address the meeting. The Mayor invited the deputation to submit their case and they refused to do so in view of the Council's decision and left.

A discussion then took place regarding how the £20,000 special estimates should be spent.

The Borough Engineer informed the Council that the following works were necessary in the houses:-

Electrical rewiring - £350 per house.

Dry-lining of exposed houses - £300 per house. (Gable Houses only).

Installation of inside bathrooms - £2,500.

The Borough Engineer recommended the rewiring and dry-lining of exposed gables. The Mayor agreed that re-wiring was the most essential repair work to be done. Councillor J. Hayes pointed out that the tenants had asked for bathrooms and he felt that these should be provided and were more urgent than re-wiring.

Alderman P. Roche agreed that re-wiring was essential repair work and this should be done.

Alderman P. Kelly felt that many tenants/avails of the £1,000 unsecured loan could and would be prepared to do a lot of work themselves.

The Town Clerk suggested that the £20,000 provided be spent on re-wiring and dry-lining suggested by the Borough Engineer and vacant houses which arise in these estates not be re-allocated until improvements works had been carried out including bathrooms. The Borough Engineer agreed with this.

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor P. Reck then formally proposed that the special estimates provision of £20,000 be spent on the re-wiring and dry-lining of gable houses and that vacant houses be improved before reletting including the provision of bathrooms.

This was seconded by Councillor J. Roche.

The Mayor then called for a vote on this proposal the result of which was as follows:-

In Favour:- Councillors K. Morris, Ald. G. Byrne, Cllr. J. O'Flaherty, Cllr. J. Mahoney, Deputy A. Doyle, Cllr. B. Howlin, Ald. P. Roche, His Worship the Mayor Councillor P. Reck, Cllr. J. Roche - 9 votes.

Against:- Councillor J. Hayes.

Abstained:- Alderman P. Kelly.

The motion was then declared carried.

RAISING OF LOANS

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Council unanimously authorised the raising of 1) loan of £1,000,000.00 for the building of 46 houses at Coolcotts Phase 2A - 2) loan of £500,000 for making advances under Section 39 and 40 of the Housing Act 1966, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government No. 2 Act 1960 subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment.

REPAIRS TO WEXFORD BRIDGE

The Mayor welcomed Mr. G. Forde, County Engineer, to the meeting and thanked him for coming and asked him to explain the repair work which is being carried out on Wexford Bridge.

With the aid of sketches Mr. Forde explained that the Bridge was designed and constructed by Ascon in 1959. It was a pre-stressed concrete bridge with 6 piers and a balanced cantilever with joints in mid span. He stated that the joints were grooved and lined with steel. Wear had developed over the years in these joints and in 1973 the Council got a report from their Consultants on stress fatigue likely to be created in the joints. He then explained in detail the repair work to the joints which is being carried out at present and assured the Council that the bridge is structurally sound and the repair work now being carried out would alleviate further difficulty with the joints where some minor design adjustments were necessary on the original design of the bridge.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Forde for his presentation to the Council and particularly welcomed the news that the bridge is structurally sound. The other members paid tribute to Mr. Forde's presentation.

MOTIONS

Fuel Scheme.

The following motion was proposed by His Worship the Mayor Councillor P. Reck seconded by Alderman G. Byrne and resolved:-

"That this Borough Council calls on the Minister to review the present Free Fuel Scheme to ensure that those in real need are not left out".

At the request of the Mayor the Borough Accountant explained the cases which are dealt with in the Corporation and in the Health Board. On the suggestion of the Mayor it was decided to write to the Clinic and ask how decisions are made and when this Council should consider sending a deputation if necessary to the officer responsible in the Health Board. It was also decided to request the Department of Social Welfare to be more flexible with the scheme.

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Councillor J. Roche suggested that the Department of Social Welfare be requested to provide proper manning levels for the administration of the National Fuel Scheme.

Prisoners in Port Laoise.

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

"That this Council requires an explanation as to why a motion requesting a deputation with a Government Minister was not followed through by our officials".

The Town Clerk explained that he had written to the Minister for Justice on 15th October, 1982 but had omitted to request the Minister to receive a deputation. He had however sent this request on 9th November, 1982 but to date had not received a reply. The Council accepted this explanation and it was decided to request the new Minister for Justice to receive a deputation when he takes office.

Speed Limit Signs.

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

"That clearer signs be erected in Maudlintown (Magdalens Terrace), William Street and Trinity Street requesting Drivers to observe speed limits".

It was decided to invite Mr. Noel Casey, B.E., to the next meeting of the Traffic Management Committee to discuss some of these items.

White Line at St. Aidan's Crescent.

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

"Owing to the heavy flow of traffic in the St. Aidan's Shopping Centre and Devereux Villas area that this Council provide a white line on the road from the footpath at St. Aidan's Crescent to the footpath at Devereux Villas and also that they put a pedestrian crossing from the footpath at St. Aidan's Crescent to the St. Aidan's Shopping Centre".

This was seconded by the Mayor and after a brief discussion it was decided to refer the matter to the Traffic Management Committee for discussion.

Housing Finance Agency.

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

"That the allocation of the Housing Finance Agency loans be given totally to the Corporation".

In proposing the motion Councillor Mahoney pointed out that the Housing Finance Agency Loans Scheme was being administered from Dublin and the interpretation of the rules was proving very restrictive for applicants. He felt that if this scheme were operated locally that the officials of the local authority would be more flexible.

Alderman P. Kelly felt that the entire scheme should be abandoned because the minimum payment of 18% income was far below the actual repayments on the loan.

Councillor J. Hayes pointed out that the special category section is not workable under the present rules and asked that this be revised.

Councillor Mrs. A. Doyle supported the motion on the grounds that this was a function which should have been given to the local authorities.

Kinsale Gas.

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

"In view of the recent decision by the Minister for Industry, Mr. Reynolds to supply Carlow and Kilkenny with Kinsale Gas and that Wexford Town, the capital of a region of 100,000 people has been left out in the cold, that this Borough Council condemn this decision and call for an immediate meeting with the Minister to have Wexford included in this scheme".

In proposing the motion Councillor Hayes stated that the supply of Kinsale Gas to Wexford would be a crucial factor in attracting new industry and in assisting existing industry. He asked that a deputation be sent to the Minister to discuss the matter.

Alderman P. Roche felt that it would be advisable to ask the Gas Company what steps they have taken to ensure that a supply of natural gas will be given. Councillor J. O'Flaherty stated that there was no firm evidence yet that Wexford would not receive a supply of gas and asked that this be clarified from the Department of Industry & Commerce.

The Town Clerk undertook at the request of the Council to request the Department for clarification on the supply of natural gas to Wexford and also to ask the Gas Company what proposals they had submitted in support of their case.

S.D.A. Loans.

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

"That a review of the S.D.A./Mortgage be undertaken with a view to increasing same to a realistic figure".

Decentralisation of Social Welfare Payments.

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

"That urgent consideration be given to the localising of disability benefit payments".

Facilities for disabled persons. The following motion was proposed by Cllr. B. Howlin seconded by Ald. P. Roche and resolved:-

"That this Corporation notes the problems faced by disabled persons and resolve to facilitate them as far as possible by having sloping rather than sheer-sided footpaths and by improving access to public buildings".

At the request of the Council the Borough Engineer agreed to prepare a report on the matter for the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Medical Services.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 26th October, 1982 from the Department of Health regarding the Council's resolution condemning the recent cut-backs in Health Services. It was decided to circulate the letter to each member of the Council.

Townparks Phase 2a (46 houses).

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 23rd November, 1982 from the Department of Health conveying the Minister's approval to the commencement of a further 46 houses at Coolcotts Phase 2a. This was noted with approval by the Council.

Deputation to Minister for Industry & Energy.

A letter dated 25th November, 1982 from the Private Secretary to the Minister of Industry & Energy was read. The letter set out the promotional activities which the IDA are undertaking to attract new industry for Wexford and accordingly felt that the Minister would not be prepared to receive a deputation from the Corporation. The members rejected the terms of this letter and it was decided to write to the new Minister when he takes office asking for this deputation.

Portrait of Dr. Hadden.

A letter dated 16th November, 1982 from the Wexford Historical Society was read. The Society requested the Corporation to accept the portrait of Dr. George Hadden which is hanging in the Arts Centre and have it re-hung in the Municipal Buildings as Dr. Hadden was a Mayor of Wexford. The Council accepted the Society's suggestion.

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UPT Awards for Tourism.

The Mayor informed the Council that he had received a letter from U.D.T. Bank Ltd., requesting a nomination for this years Endeavour Awards for Tourism. He proposed that the local Tourism Committee be nominated. This was agreed.

Surgical Facilities at Wexford County Hospital.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 3rd December, 1982 from the Department of Health regarding surgical facilities at Wexford County Hospital. The letter set out the improvements which had been approved for the hospital. This was noted by the Council.

Tennis Court in Redmond Memorial Park.

The Town Clerk again read the correspondence from Mr. Austin Channing regarding his proposal for a Tennis Court in the Redmond Memorial Park. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting of the Council.

MEETING OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle seconded by Councillor J. Hayes it was unanimously agreed to hold a meeting of the Traffic Management Committee on Monday, 13th December, 1982 at 7.30 p.m.

One-Way Street at Barrack Street.

On the proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor K. Morris the Council unanimously resolved that Barrack Street be designated a one-way street with traffic travelling in a southwards direction and that the Wexford Traffic & Parking Bye-Laws be amended accordingly.

Over-Expenditure.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor K. Morris the Council unanimously authorised over-expenditure in the sum of £26,000 on Programme Group 7 for over-expenditure on the Cheap Fuel Scheme in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act, 1973. This amount to be fully recouped by the Department of Social Welfare.

QUESTIONS

Meeting with District Committee.

In reply to a question by the Mayor, Councillor P.J. Reck it was agreed to hold a meeting with the Wexford District Committee on Monday, 10th January, 1983 at 7.30 p.m.

Lights in Crescent Quay Car Park.

In reply to Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, the Borough Engineer stated that the public lights would be provided at Crescent Quay Car Park before Christmas.

Knock at Bishopswater.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor P. Reck, Mayor, that the I.D.A. had taken over the Knock at Bishopswater as part of the Pierce property.

Stop Cock Covers.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Roche that the Corporation is responsible for the replacement of stop cock covers in footpaths.

House Repairs.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Roche that any necessary repairs to doors and windows at 2, Kennedy Park would be carried out shortly.

Club Playing Facilities.

The Town Clerk informed Alderman P. Roche that permission for Club Houses on the vacant site at Liam Mellows Park had been refused on the grounds that this land is zoned for housing.

Children at Play" Signs.

The Borough Engineer informed Councillor J. Mahoney that the County Council would be requested to provide "Children at Play" signs at Bishopswater.

Public Telephone.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. Mahoney that the Department of P&T had not yet indicated when the public telephones would be installed at Bishopswater and Coolcotts.

Talbot Green Name-Plates.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that the name of Talbot Green had been erected in a name plate in the area and that the question of the tarmacadam footpath across the Main Green would be discussed at 1933 Estimates.

Footpath at Killeens.

The Town Clerk undertook to refer the matter of the completion of the footpath at Killeens to the County Council as requested by Alderman P. Kelly.

Decoration of Mount George Housing Scheme.

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman P. Kelly that the question of redecorating Mount George Housing Scheme would be discussed at the 1933 Estimates.

Casual Traders.

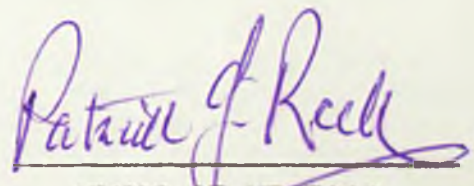
The Town Clerk informed Councillor T. O'Flaherty that Casual Traders which had been admitted to the Corporation's Casual Trading Area had been given licences from the Department of Industry & Energy and permits from Wexford Corporation.

Sale of houses at Mannix Place.

In reply to Councillor T. O'Flaherty the Town Clerk explained that the legal difficulties in acquiring the fee simple of the houses at Mannix Place were being completed by the Solicitors.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 10th DAY OF JANUARY, 1933.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF HOUSING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD ON MONDAY 13th DECEMBER, 1982, AT THE
CLOSE OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor P. J. Reck, presiding.

Aldermen: P. Roche, P. Kelly.

Councillors: Mrs. A. Doyle, T.D., J. Mahoney, K. Morris, J. Hayes,
J. O'Flaherty, B. Howlin.

In Attendance: Mr. W. P. Creedon, Deputy Assistant County Manager,
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk,
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer,
Mr. G. Griffin, Borough Accountant.

VACANT HOUSE AT WOLFE TONE VILLAS

Mr. McCarthy, 49 Talbot Green.

The Town Clerk confirmed to the Committee that he had again raised the question of the McCarthy family of Talbot Green with the C.M.O., and the C.M.O. had explained the urgency of rehousing this family, on the grounds of the existing serious psychiatric problems of both families living in this house.

Some of the Members of the Committee did not support the C.M.O. in this case and raised the question of Mr. Michael Connors, 30 Croke Avenue, who had been placed No. 2 on the priority list. Following a lengthy discussion on the matter, in which each Member expressed his view, the following proposals were made:

Councillor J. Mahoney proposed that the Council accept the C.M.O.'s recommendation and appoint Mr. McCarthy to the vacant house. This was seconded by Councillor K. Morris.

Councillor J. Hayes proposed that Michael Connors, 30 Croke Avenue be appointed tenant of the vacant house (No. 2 on the priority list). This was seconded by Alderman Kelly.

The Mayor then called for a vote, the result of which was as follows:

For the Amendment : Councillors :- J. Hayes, B. Howlin,
Aldermen:- P. Kelly, P. Roche - 4 votes

For the Motion: Councillors:- P. Reck, K. Morris, J. Mahoney. - 3 votes

Abstained: Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, T.D.

The Mayor then declared the Amendment carried and indicated that the Council recommended the rehousing of Mr. Michael Connors. The Manager had indicated that he would not accept the Councillors decision in this case and that he intended to proceed with the appointment of Mr. McCarthy as recommended by the C.M.O.

Councillor J. Hayes then suggested that the Council would direct the Manager to appoint Michael Connors in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Manager Act, 1955.

Mr. Creedon, Deputy County Manager pointed out to the Committee, that a Section 4 passed directing the Manager to appoint a tenant contrary to the recommendations of the C.M.O., was not legal in his opinion and he proposed to get legal opinion on the matter.

A Section 4 resolution was then drafted and signed by Councillor J. Hayes, Alderman P. Kelly, and Alderman P. Roche and served on the Manager. It was decided to consider the terms of the resolution at the Statutory Meeting of the Council to be held on 10th January, 1983.

EUGENE DUGGAN, 55 WOLFE TONE VILLAS

The Mayor raised the case of Mr. Eugene Duggan, 55 Wolfe Tone Villas, who has recently been appointed tenant of that house. He pointed out that there was some smoke damage in the house prior to the allocation and he suggested that as Mr. Duggan was unemployed, that some gesture be made by the Corporation to the tenant to enable him to carry out some redecoration to the house. Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, supported this view and added that the house was in a very bad state of decorative repair when it was allocated. The Borough Engineer explained that many structural repairs were carried out prior to the letting, including new toilet pan, new sink, new locks on internal doors, new toilet door, etc. However, He agreed that the house was in bad decorative repair, but it was not the policy of the Corporation to carry out decoration to houses, prior to letting.

Following further discussion, the Mayor proposed that the materials to the value of £50 be made available by the Corporation to the tenant to carry out some redecoration work. This was seconded by Councillor Avril Doyle and agreed.

The Manager agreed to consider the Councils request in this case.

This concluded the Business of the meeting.

Signed this 10th day of January, 1983.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.